



# Spread the Word

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The community of Our Lady of Graces acknowledges the Traditional Custodians of the land on which our parish stands.

### OFFICE HOURS

Monday: 8.30am - 12.30pm  
Tuesday - Thursday: 8.30am - 3.30pm  
Friday: 8.30am - 12.30pm

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### MASS TIMES

Saturday: 6pm  
Sunday: 7am, 9am & 5.30pm  
10.30am (Italian)

Weekday: 6.30am & 9am  
Monday - Friday  
8am Saturday  
& Public Holidays

### RECONCILIATION

Saturday: 8.30am - 9.00am  
5.30pm - 6.00pm  
or by appointment

### PARISH TEAM

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### Reflection by Greg Sunter

The three gospel accounts from the final three weeks leading up to the season of Advent all come from Chapter 25 of the Gospel of Matthew. They can be seen together as an extended treatise on living life in response to Jesus' message and preparing for the end of time. This week's gospel starts out as a Kingdom parable and becomes a bit more of a metaphor for living a Christian life.

The gospel parable relates to ten bridesmaids – five foolish and five wise – who are participating in a wedding ritual that involves meeting the bridegroom and



escorting him the last part of his way to the wedding reception. The foolish bridesmaids have not brought sufficient reserves of oil for their lamps and have to leave at the critical time to try to obtain more. When they eventually arrive at the reception hall they are turned away because they have shamed themselves as well as the bride and groom by not fulfilling their duty.

Some of the original audience of Matthew's gospel, along with many of the early Christian followers, had an expectation that Jesus was going to return and usher in the end of the world in their lifetime. The message of this gospel is captured in Jesus' final words, 'So stay awake, because you do not know either the day or the hour.' The timing of Jesus' coming cannot be predicted and so all Christian believers, like the bridesmaids, need to continue to act with hope and expectation; being prepared for the fact that it may be further off than anticipated. Many early Christians were living their lives as though the world would end at any time. The gospel warns them, and us, to continue to follow the example of Jesus and not to become complacent – expecting that everything is about to come to an end.

### Parish Shop

The following are available for purchase from the Parish Shop until sold out.

Advent & Christmas Daily Reflection Books: \$6

Parish Christmas Cards: \$5 for a pack of 5

2024 Columban Calendars: \$10



## PARISH HAPPENINGS

### LOOKING AHEAD

#### Sunday 12 November

- 9.00am Children's Liturgy of the Word – Library

#### Monday 13 November

- 7.00pm Italian Prayer Group – Church  
- 7.00pm Parish Finance Council – Library

#### Tuesday 14 November

- 9.30am Japanese Language Playgroup  
– Hospitality Area  
- 7.00pm St Vincent de Paul – Aquinas Room

#### Wednesday 15 November

- 9.45am Novena: OLPH – Church  
- 10.30am BED Scripture Group – Library  
- 6.30pm Legion of Mary – Library

#### Thursday 16 November

- 9.45am Two Hearts Prayer Group – Church

#### Friday 17 November

- 4.00pm Consecration to Jesus Through Mary  
[Spanish Kids' Group] – Library  
- 6.00pm TCS Choir – Church

#### Saturday 18 November

- 3.00pm Dominican Laity – Library

#### Sunday 19 November

- 5.30pm Kids' Mass – Church

**Let us remember in prayer all those who are sick** Thomas Antony, Olivia Campbell, Liam O'Brien, Ancilla Richards, Peter Cartwright, Michael Dalton, Jocelyn Bonney, Robert Balmer, Ciaran Ayres, Caroline Massa, Marie Atkinson, Elliott Jones-Perrin, Pamela O'Reilly, Noah Riley **those whose anniversaries occur around this time** Leonard Pashen, Jay Elbourne, Mark Roff, Antoniette Paolucci, Norah Convine, David Di Mascio, Rosa Orsetto, Mary King, Frederick Lanskey, Venera Sorbello, Fay Mollison, Ferdinand Duskovic, Gabriele Di Felice, John Matson, Zita Parolin, Colin Canavan, Scott Hughes, Nelia Amante, Guillermo Amante **and the recently deceased** Helena Carr, Frank Hughes, Br Ted Walker, Tracey Forrest, Alan Lowndes, Maurisu Martiueez,.

### Prison Sunday



Prison Sunday commenced in 2016, during the Year of Mercy, as an initiative of Pope Francis to observe the Jubilee for Prisoners. *"We need to nourish the roots of our hope so that they can bear fruit ... despite whatever evil we have done. There is no corner of our heart that cannot be touched by God's love,"* Pope Francis said at the time.

Each year on the 32nd Sunday in Ordinary, the Catholic Church in Australia marks Prison Sunday, bringing attention to the plight of prisoners and highlighting the important work that prison chaplains undertake.

**Children's Liturgy of the Word** will be held TODAY, Sunday, 12 November, during 9.00am Mass, and then on Sunday 26 November. All primary school aged children are welcome to attend.



### November - Month of Remembrance

#### - November Mass Offering Envelopes

November Mass Offering Envelopes (yellow envelopes with red print) are available from the tables near the church entrance. When you fill in the envelope, **please print clearly** so they can be easily read. Envelopes can be returned via the basket in front of the Book of Remembrance, or at either collection at Sunday Mass, or to the parish office.

#### - Book of Remembrance

The Book of Remembrance, which lists the names of your departed loved ones, will be displayed on the sanctuary during the Month of November.

Similar to the last few of years, please do not enter names into the Book of Remembrance. Instead, fill in a November Mass Offering Envelope and return via one of the ways listed above. The parish office staff will then type up the names from the returned envelopes and place them into the Book of Remembrance.

### Wall of Remembrance



In 1998, a Wall of Remembrance was established behind the church as a way for parishioners to have a permanent memorial for their loved ones.

For further information, including the reserving of a space and/or ordering of a plaque, please contact the parish office.

### Parish Finance Council Meeting

A reminder to Parish Finance Council members that the next PFC meeting will be held this Monday, 13 November, 7.00pm in the Parish Library.

### St Vincent de Paul Meeting

The next meeting of St Vincent de Paul will be held this Tuesday, 14 November, 7.00pm, in the Aquinas Room (room underneath the Church). New members are more than welcome to attend.



### IMPORTANT: Car Park - Friday 9.00am Mass

17 November

Parishioners are advised that parking may be limited for 9.00am Mass on Friday 17 November. This is due to St Martin's holding their Dominican Pillar Awards Ceremony at 8.40am in the Dominic Centre.

We will do our best to ensure that the majority of the car parks marked CHURCH are left for those attending 9.00am Mass on Friday. However you may wish to give yourself an extra few minutes, just in case you need to park down the street.

### Sunday 5.30pm Kids' Mass

The 3rd Sunday of the Month 5.30pm Kids' Mass will be held next Sunday, 19 November.

Children can participate by reading, taking up the collection, handing out newsletters, or bringing up the gifts. You need to be available to bring them to the church around 5pm for a little coaching. To take part, go to [www.schoolinterviews.com.au](http://www.schoolinterviews.com.au) and using code **6tg2y**, register for the ministry of your choice.

## Pre-Alpha Young Adult Day

- What: A pre-Alpha Young Adult activity with Praise and Worship, short talk, group discussion, games and fellowship.
- Who: 18 years old and above
- When: Saturday 25 November, 10.00am – 3.00pm
- Where: Our Lady of Graces Parish Library



For more information, please contact either:

- Vilma – 0433 514 634
- Sammy – 0420 375 148
- Paw – 0468 682 060
- Denzell – 0435 301 958

## Parish Working Bee

A Parish Working Bee, in preparation for Christmas, will be held on Saturday 10 December from 7am onwards. Please mark the date & time in your diary.

## Advent Adventures 2023

Wed, 13 & Mon, 18 Dec

8:45am-12:30pm



\$5 per child or \$10 per family

Primary age children (can drop and go)

Younger welcome with a parent/caregiver

Includes:

- fun craft and sports-based activities
- sausage, bread and zooper dooper for lunch
- facilitated by registered teachers

Where? Our Lady of Graces, Carina, 100 Mayfield Rd

What to bring: morning tea, hat, drink bottle

To register, contact Shelly:

sc.carina@bne.catholic.net.au or 3398 2977

\*if your child is participating in the Christmas Eve Mass tableau, a later pickup time may be required for 18 Dec

## Camp Hill Aged Care Visitations

Over the last month, weekly visitations to Camp Hill Aged Care have commenced, in addition to Mass which is celebrated monthly. The visitations have involved a volunteer taking Holy Communion to the residents of the facility on a Monday morning.

We would welcome any additional people who would like to volunteer on a weekly, fortnightly or monthly basis with these visitations.

If you feel you would like to assist in this area, please contact the Parish Office for further information.

## St Vincent de Paul Carina Conference

St Vincent de Paul Our Lady of Graces Carina  
BSB: 064 786 Account Number: 100026584

To donate non-perishable food, you are welcome to leave in the baskets at the church door.

## New Assistant Principal Community Engagement and Mission: San Sisto College

The community of San Sisto College, Carina, is pleased to announce the appointment of Eleni Greenaway to the position of Assistant Principal Community Engagement and Mission from the commencement of 2024.



Eleni is currently an Education Officer Religious Education at Brisbane Catholic Education. She has previously held senior and middle leadership roles in various schools throughout the Archdiocese including most recently as Assistant Principal Religious Education at Chisholm Catholic College, Cornubia

San Sisto College also takes this opportunity to acknowledge the contribution of Dona Archer in the role of Assistant Principal Religious Education at San Sisto College and Gerardette Green in the role of Acting Assistant Principal Religious Education.

## The Catholic Leader is transitioning to a home delivery subscription-only model

From 2024 the print edition of the Catholic Leader will move to a subscription-only model. You will no longer be able to purchase The Catholic Leader at the Parish Shop from 2024. Once you have subscribed, the paper will be conveniently delivered to your door each month. Subscribe now to take advantage of the special offer!

To subscribe, there are envelopes available with the November edition of the Catholic Leader and also on the table near the front door of the Church. You can also call the Catholic Leader on (07) 3324 3555 or go online and log onto <https://catholicleader.com.au/subscribe/>

## Sacramental Program 2024

### Penance (Year 5 / 10 years old)

The session dates handout for Penance, in February and March 2024, has been emailed out to families of children who completed their First Holy Communion this year. The School Interviews Portal for Penance Preparation sessions are now open. Please refer to the handout for the links and booking codes.

### Confirmation (Year 3 / 8 years old)

Enrolment forms are available from the parish office. Enrolments close on Monday 12 February 2024 at 3.30pm.

## Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults

An invitation for anyone who would like to know more about the Catholic Faith. People who have not been baptised, those baptised in other faith traditions who wish to be received into the Catholic Church and baptised Catholics who have taken time out and wish to reconnect are warmly welcomed.

For further information or to register your interest, please contact Shelly Stone at the Parish Office on 3398 2977 / [sc.carina@bne.catholic.net.au](mailto:sc.carina@bne.catholic.net.au) or speak to either Adrian Hellwig or Shelly Stone at Mass.



