



# Spread the Word

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## Our Lord Jesus Christ, King of the Universe

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

### Reflection by Greg Sunter

This week's gospel is the final passage in Matthew's gospel before the passion narrative – the death and resurrection of Jesus. As such, it provides a powerful end point to the teaching ministry section of the gospel. In many ways this passage can be seen as a summary of Jesus' vision for the Kingdom – a world in which the hungry, the thirsty, the stranger, the naked and the imprisoned are treated with respect and dignity as a child of God. This is exactly what Jesus himself did throughout his ministry and it is what all Christian people are called to do.



Like the virtuous people of the passage, there are many times when we do not know the good work that we do. There are many times when our positive interaction with another person can be the difference between hope and despair for that person – and we may never know the difference we have made in their life. The challenge presented by Jesus is that whenever we see a person in need our response to them should be as if we were responding to Jesus himself.

But what of the times we fail to respond to the hungry, the thirsty, the stranger, the naked and the imprisoned? Who are they for us? ... That irritating person who we've never been able to get along with? ... That person who's just arrived in the country and can't speak the language properly? ... That kid who always looks dirty and nobody talks to? ... That girl who's no good at relating to other people and everyone avoids her? ... The homeless man in the street who asks for money? ... The asylum seeker fleeing their country who didn't go through all the right channels to immigrate? ... Lord, when did we see you, and not come to your help?

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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

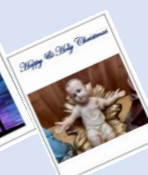
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#### Parish Shop

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 26 November

- 8.00am Baptism Preparation – Church & Library
- 9.00am Children's Liturgy of the Word – Library
- 12noon Baptisms – Church
- 2.00pm Jesus Youth – Library

#### Monday 27 November

- 10.30am Funeral: Paul McKean – Church
- 7.00pm Italian Prayer Group – Church

#### Tuesday 28 November

- 9.30am Japanese Language Playgroup  
– Hospitality Area
- 6.00pm St Martin's Year 6 Graduation Mass  
– Church
- 7.00pm St Vincent de Paul – Aquinas Room

#### Wednesday 29 November

- 9.45am Novena: OLPH – Church
- 6.30pm Legion of Mary – Library

#### Thursday 30 November

- 9.00am St Martin's End of Year Mass – Church

#### Friday 1 December

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

#### Saturday 2 December

- 9.30am Jesus Youth – Church, Library &  
Hospitality Area

#### Sunday 3 December

- 9.00am Baptisms in Mass – Church
- 2.00pm Jesus Youth – Library

**Let us remember in prayer all those who are sick**  
*Fr Antonio Rosseberg, Thomas Antony, Olivia Campbell, Liam O'Brien, Ancilla Richards, Peter Cartwright, Michael Dalton, Jocelyn Bonney, Ciaran Ayres, Caroline Massa, Marie Atkinson, Elliott Jones-Perrin, Pamela O'Reilly, Noah Riley* **those whose anniversaries occur around this time** *Ornella Facini, Liliana Cucchiaro, Dolores Reay, Rita Wilkinson, Sharon Grau, Chas Steele, Maureen Ryan, Peona Family, Rostagno Family, Beatrice & John Saunders, Patrick & Devika, Leonard Pashen, Jay Elbourne, Mark Roff, Antoniette Paolucci, Norah Convine, David Di Mascio* **and the recently deceased** *Paul McKean, Fr David Halstead OP, Lynette Choe, Br Terry Kelly.*

### 2024 Planned Giving Envelopes

The Planned Giving Envelopes for 2024 are available near the main door of the Church for our envelope givers. Please collect your envelopes to save the parish the time and cost of posting them out. Please note that some givers may have a new envelope number due to a reduction of envelope givers. If you cannot find your envelopes, please contact the parish office on 3398 2977 or [carina@bne.catholic.net.au](mailto:carina@bne.catholic.net.au).

Available with the 2024 Planned Giving Envelopes will be Direct Debit and Credit Card forms. This is for any of our envelope givers who may wish to move across to giving via either Direct Debit or Credit Card. Please note that moving across to Direct Debit or Credit Card giving is completely optional, and that you are still welcome to use envelopes if this is still your preferred way of giving.

### Parish Shop Volunteers

We are looking for volunteers who would be willing to open-up and sell items from the Parish Shop at the **Saturday 6.00pm Mass** and the **Sunday 5.30pm Mass**. If you are interested in volunteering in the Parish Shop at either of these Masses or for further information, please contact the Parish Office.

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



### St Vincent de Paul Meeting



The next meeting of St Vincent de Paul will be held this Tuesday, 28 November, 7.00pm in the Aquinas Room (room underneath the Church). New members are more than welcome to attend.

### St Martin's School End of Year Mass

The End of Year Mass for St Martin's School will be held this Thursday, 30 November, at 9.00am Mass. Parishioners are still more than welcome to attend this Mass and seating will be provided. However please be aware that Mass will go for approximately one hour.

### 500 Card Group

The 500 Card Group will not be playing cards next Friday, 1 December, as they will be having their end-of-year dinner.



The 500 Card Group first night for 2024 will be on Friday 12 January, 7.00pm, in the Aquinas Room (room underneath the Church). All are welcome.

**Social Justice Group** will meet on Tuesday, 5 December, 5.30pm in the Parish Library. **Please note the new earlier start time of 5.30pm.** New members are more than welcome to attend.

**Hour of Grace** will be held on Friday 8 December, 12noon-1pm, for the Solemnity of the Immaculate Conception of the Blessed Virgin Mary.

### Parish Working Bee

A Parish Working Bee, in preparation for Christmas, will be held on Saturday 10 December from 7.00am onwards. Please mark the date and time in your diary.



### 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.

### 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.

## 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@bnc.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

### Sixteen Days of Activism for Prevention of Violence against Women and Children.

*Silence hides Violence!*

In the fast approaching season of Advent, where we hear the cries of John the Baptist, *Prepare the way of the Lord! Make a straight path for our God!*, we might also be more attentive to the cries of the poor and abused amongst us.

Daily, it seems, our news feeds report yet another woman being killed or injured by an intimate partner or ex-partner. For each of these, there are many more which go unreported or unacknowledged as many women and children suffer in silence and fear, in their own homes. The parish Social Justice Committee is working to raise awareness and offer support for those in our own community who might be in this predicament.

Queensland Churches Together Commission for Prevention of Domestic and Family abuse has prepared resources to assist churches to raise awareness of the plight of many families who experience abuse behind closed doors. for further information go to <https://www.qct.org.au/resources-links/domestic-family-violence-resources>

Consider the 5 Ds of Bystander intervention.

- **Distract:** Take initiative to indirectly confront and de-escalate the situation.
- **Delegate:** Seek out a person of authority to intervene.
- **Document:** If possible (safe), document the incident (filming on your phone). Be sure to include the time, date and location in the recording.
- **Direct:** If safe, address the perpetrator directly and ask them to stop.
- **Delay:** If safe, talk to the victim after the incident is over.

### Maintenance Update

#### Waterhousea Trees

Last Monday, 20 November, two Waterhousea Trees were planted in place of the Leopard Wood Trees that were removed a month ago from behind the Statue of Our Lady.

#### Church Skylights

In the next couple of weeks, prior to Christmas, we should have the new Polycarbonate Sheeting installed in the Church Skylights. This sheeting will replace the Perspex that was removed a couple of months ago and therefore reduce the amount of light and heat currently coming through the skylights. The colour selected for the sheeting throughout all four skylights is Grey Tint, which to the eye looks more of a Blue colour. This is the middle option in the samples that have been above the main door of the Church the last few weeks. At the same time of the sheeting being installed, the yellow panels in the atrium of the skylights will be painted white. This will complement the Grey Tint sheeting that will be installed.

However to allow for this work to be completed, the Church itself will have to be closed. **We do not have a start date yet, but it will be sometime in early December at this stage.**

When this work is being done, the 6.30am & 9.00am Weekday Masses, as well as Prayer / Devotional Groups will be held in the Parish Library. Some groups that meet in the Parish Library may have to be relocated to the Aquinas Room.

Weekend Masses will still be able to be held in the Church at this stage.

We also won't be able to accommodate any Funerals while the Church is closed.

### COMMUNITY NEWS

#### Brisbane Fair Trade Christmas Market

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- Saturday 25 November, 8.00am - 7.00pm
- Sunday 26 November, 8.00am - 3.00pm

Queensland Sports and Athletic Centre (QSAC) Western Stand, corner Kessels Road & Mains Road, Nathan, Qld, 4111. Free Entry and Free Parking.

**Caritas Australia - Service of Solidarity with Gaza and the Holy Land:** In a time of deep sorrow and anguish for us all, we look for hope and healing. Let us come together in love, prayer and support. All welcome!

Monday 27 November, 3.30pm – 4.00pm, via Zoom

Please register in advance for this webinar: [https://caritas.zoom.us/webinar/register/WN\\_DWj-zzzhRoGN8QOifg61Zg](https://caritas.zoom.us/webinar/register/WN_DWj-zzzhRoGN8QOifg61Zg). After registering, you will receive a confirmation email containing information about joining the webinar.

#### Cathedral of St Stephen Advent Concert Series

- Sun. 3 Dec., 5.00pm – Dominic Perissinotto (organ)
- Sun. 10 Dec., 5.00pm – Christopher Trikillis (organ)
- Sun. 17 Dec., 5.00pm – Susan Collins (violin)

Tickets available through [www.trybooking.com/CNGCC](http://www.trybooking.com/CNGCC)



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