



OFFICE HOURS

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

Address: 100 Mayfield Road
Carina Qld 4152
Postal: PO Box 305,
Carina Qld 4152
Phone: (07) 3398 2977
Email: carina@bne.catholic.net.au
Website: www.carinacatholicparish.org.au
Facebook: Our Lady of Graces Catholic
Parish, Carina

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

Parish Priest: Fr Alex Vickers O.P.
Assistant Priest: Fr Maurice Keating O.P.
Pastoral Associate: Shelly Stone
Email: sc.carina@bne.catholic.net.au
Parish Secretary: Chris Larter
Email: carina@bne.catholic.net.au
Finance Officer: Chris Larter
Email: fo.carina@bne.catholic.net.au
Italian Chaplain: Fr Luis Antonio Diaz
Lamus CS
Phone: 0403 948 967

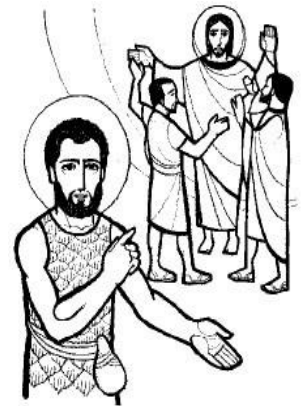
Spread the Word

Vol. 39 No. 2 2nd Sunday in Ordinary Time 14 January 2024

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

Reflection by Greg Sunter

Jesus' invitation to 'Come and See' is a powerful image in this week's gospel. It is not a simple reply to the question of where Jesus is living; in some ways it is a summary of his whole ministry – come and see what I am on about and become part of it. It is typical of the invitational nature of Jesus' ministry. Throughout the gospels, Jesus offers and invites, he does not force his ministry onto anyone. When he invites us to 'Come and See' it is an invitation to 'give it a go'; take a chance; let go of what we know.



To 'Come and See' is exactly what Jesus invited the apostles to do. In this week's reading, Andrew, Simon Peter's brother, takes up the invitation and becomes a follower of Jesus. He is so impressed with what he sees in Jesus that he finds his brother and tells him that they've found the Messiah and that Simon should come and join them. Jesus immediately gives Simon a new nickname: the Rock (Peter). There are many instances throughout the Bible of people taking or being given new names. Abram became Abraham; Jacob became Israel; Saul became Paul. This change of name is used as a sign that they have encountered God in a special way and have taken on a new life – a new commitment to God. In this instance, Simon is becoming a disciple of Jesus, a trusted and influential one at that.

Unlike the call of Samuel in today's first reading, in which the call to discipleship is heard as a booming voice, Andrew and Simon experience the call through personal encounter with Jesus. A booming voice from the sky might be helpful, but for most of us the call comes in much more subtle ways through our prayer and reflection on interaction with others.

Living the Gospel – Vocation

These days, the word 'vocation' seems to be applied to whatever job someone happens to find themselves in. More traditionally, the word carries with it a sense of undertaking work that has a deliberate purpose about it and that is outwardly focused. Usually, there is a sense that there is 'importance' to the work and that it is linked to God's dream for the world. The Church has tended to use vocation in reference to religious life. The word comes from the Latin, *vocare*, meaning call or name. Realising to what it is we are called can be one of the great challenges of life.

PARISH HAPPENINGS

LOOKING AHEAD

Sunday 14 January

- 9.00am Baptisms in Mass – Church

Monday 15 January

- 10.30am Funeral: Bob Ryan – Church

Tuesday 16 January

- 7.00pm St Vincent de Paul – Aquinas Room

Wednesday 17 January

- 9.45am Novena: OLPH – Church

- 6.30pm Legion of Mary – Library

Thursday 18 January

- 6.00pm Alpha Young Adults – Library

Saturday 20 January

- 3.00pm Dominican Laity – Library

Let us remember in prayer all those who are sick
Fr Antonio Rosseberg, Thomas Antony, Olivia Campbell, 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** *Jean Canavan, Beatrice Cece, Noel Lehn, Adrian Power, Veronica Lambert, Mary Marrinan, Sean Duffy, Annette Robinson, Samuel Privitera, Lyle Watson, John Ward, Robyn Mallon, Michael O'Mara, Bill Cummins, Paula Gregg* **and the recently deceased** *Bob Ryan, Mary Farrell, Margaret Retford, Joan, Ruby, Roland, Kathleen Benes, Et Tu, John McDermott.*

Sick List

The sick list above will be refreshed next weekend with the removal of all the current names listed. If there is a name on the list that you wish left on the sick list, please let the Parish Office know this week.

Welcome Through the Waters of Baptism

God's blessings to Beau and Dante who will be baptised this weekend into our faith community. We warmly welcome them into our Parish Family and the Family of God. Congratulations and blessings to their families.

Transport - Sunday 9.00am Mass

We have a long-time parishioner, living in Fursden Road Carina, who is looking for transport to and from Sunday 9.00am Mass each week. For further information, please contact the Parish Office.

Weekday Masses

A reminder that the Weekday Masses return to the times of 6.30am & 9.00am this Monday, 15 January. Thank you to parishioners for your understanding over these last three weeks while we have had a combined Mass time of 8.00am each weekday.

St Vincent de Paul Meeting

The first St Vincent de Paul meeting for 2024 will be held this Tuesday 16 January, 7.00pm, in the Aquinas Room (room underneath the Church). New members are more than welcome to attend.



Are you someone aged 18-25 who is curious about life, purpose and faith? Then ALPHA Young Adult is the program for you.

Our parish has successfully completed ALPHA Youth in 2021 and 2022 and we are currently preparing for ALPHA Young Adult in January 2024.

When you're available, come join us every Thursday for free food, fellowship, discussions and question-asking. We hope to see you for our first session this **Thursday, 18 January, 6.00pm-8.30pm in the Parish Library.**

For further information, contact the Parish Office on 3398 2977 or carina@bne.catholic.net.au.

Schools Are Back on Tuesday 23 January

The students of St Martin's and San Sisto begin the school year on Tuesday 23 January. Once the schools are back, please display some patience for the first couple of weeks, particularly with parking. A reminder also that the 40kph zone along Mayfield Road will be enforced between 7am-4pm on school days.

Australia Day

Mass on Australia Day, Friday 26 January, will be celebrated at 8am only. The Parish Office will also be closed for the Public Holiday.

First Religious Profession

- Br Joseph & Br Kolbe

Some good news!

At the 9.00am Mass on Sunday 28 January, our two Novices, Br Joseph and Br Kolbe, will make their first Religious Profession.



The Ceremony will be presided over by our Provincial, Fr Dominic Murphy OP. After Mass, parishioners and friends are warmly invited to celebrate the occasion with the newly professed brothers and their families partaking of Morning Tea in the Parish Grounds.

Fr David Willis OP
Novice Master

First Religious Profession - Morning Tea

Following the 9.00am Mass on Sunday 28 January, we will continue the celebration with Br Joseph and Br Kolbe and their families. We invite parishioners to bring along a small plate of food to share for Morning Tea in the Parish Grounds.

Parish 500 Card Group will next meet at 7.00pm on Friday 2 February, in the Aquinas Room (room underneath the Church). All are welcome.



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.

Book Launch "From News to Good News"

You are Invited to a
BOOK LAUNCH

Date: Sunday 4 February 2024
Time: 4.00pm
Venue: Our Lady of Graces Parish
100 Mayfield Road, Carina, Qld

For Further Information
Phone: (07) 3398 2977
Email: carina@bne.catholic.net.au

About the Author: Prof. Dr. Francis Arackal is a Dominican priest serving in India with expertise in Philosophy, Journalism and Media. This is Francis' 9th book in which he provides in-depth reflections on how to relate News (Information) provided by Media to the Good News (Word of God).

FRANCIS ARACKAL, OP

FROM NEWS TO GOOD NEWS

THE WORD OF GOD IN DAILY LIFE
VOLUME 1

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.

The Parent Information Evening will be held on Tuesday 6 February, 7.00pm-8.00pm, the Church.

Key Dates for the Sacramental Program: 2024

Penance (Year 5 / 10 years old)

- Thur. 8 Feb - Penance Preparation begins
- Confirmation (Year 3 / 8 years old)
- Tue. 6 Feb - Confirmation Parent Meeting
- Mon. 12 Feb - Confirmation Enrolments close
- Tue. 7 May - Sacrament of Confirmation
- First Holy Communion (Year 4 / 9 years old)
- Tue. 18 Jun - 1st Communion Parent Meeting
- Sun. 14 Jul - Communion Preparation begins
- Sat. 7 & Sun. 8 Sept } First Holy
- Sat. 14 & Sun. 15 Sept } Communion Masses



Children's Liturgy of the Word will recommence on Sunday 11 February during 9am Mass. All primary school aged children are welcome to attend.

Parish Shop

On the look out for religious items including cards & gifts. Look no further than our Parish Shop, which has been restocked this week. The Parish Shop is open before & after most Masses each weekend.

The Catholic Leader

A reminder that the print edition of the Catholic Leader has moved to a subscription-only model. To subscribe, envelopes are available from the table near the main church door, call (07) 3324 3555 or go online to <https://catholicleader.com.au/subscribe/>

COMMUNITY NEWS

Parish Secretary, Cannon Hill Parish

Cannon Hill Parish invites applications for the part-time position of Parish Secretary (20 hours per week, working Tuesday to Friday – 5 hours per day).

The job description details can be found at <https://brisbanecatholic.org.au/careers/?ja-job=826579>

The Archdiocese of Brisbane has standards of conduct for workers to maintain a safe and healthy environment for children. Our commitment to these standards requires that we conduct working with children checks and background referencing for all persons who will engage in direct and regular involvement with children and young people (0 - 18 years) and/or vulnerable adults. The organisation is fully committed to child safety and has a 0 tolerance to abuse of children or vulnerable adults.

Join the Iona Passion Play

Experience the Passion, death, and Resurrection of Jesus like never before! The Iona Passion Play is seeking cast and crew, no experience necessary. Auditions on Sunday 14 January, 12:30pm-4:30pm and Sunday 21 January, 11.00am-12 noon at Iona College, 85 North Road, Lindum. Rehearsals start 21 January.

Family-friendly and performed for over 66 years, join this incredible production in Hervey Bay this year on 22 & 23 March.

For more details and the audition package, visit www.passionplay.org.au or email info@ipp.org.au

State Primary School RI Program

At our local State Primary Schools for 1-2 hours per week, to help students, consented by their parent / carer, learn about **JESUS**. New volunteers are placed with experienced Instructors. Training is free, with full support. An easy curriculum ensures Bible stories engage students and give an understanding of **God's love**. Just in the Carina/Cannon Hill/Camp Hill area we estimate around 800 students miss out on RI because there are not enough volunteers to provide a Christian RI program in these schools. Our goal is to have a Christian RI program in every state school. If you can help, please contact Sam Buckley on 0403 270 258 / sam.buckley@christainri.org.au

Cathedral Guides & Welcomers Information Day

Information Day For Cathedral Guides & Welcomers

Thursday
1st February 2024

9.30am - 1:00pm
Hanly Room,
Francis Rush Centre.

Refreshments provided.

An information day for anyone who would like to find out more about becoming a guide and/or a welcomer at The Cathedral of St Stephen



RSVP: 25 Jan 2024 ☎ 3324 3030 ✉ cathedral@bne.catholic.net.au

COSMO ELECTRICS

"Proudly supporting your church"

For All Installations & Repairs

When caring matters ask Rob, over 40 yrs local experience

3274 3600 rob@cosmoelectrics.com.au LIC: 4719

Australian Unity

Real Wellbeing



Join our retirement and aged care community that celebrates aging. St Luke's Green provides you with a great lifestyle, community connections, independence and peace of mind.

Book your tour today

Lynny Walsh - Sales & Transitions Manager
0460 941 693

43-46 Taylor Street, Woollongabba QLD 4102

St Luke's Green Retirement Village Pty Ltd ACN 160 154 192 © Australian Unity 2023

Celebrating 140 years of family tradition.

1883-2023

K.M.SMITH
FUNERAL DIRECTORS since 1883

Ph. 3252 2031 kmsmith.com.au



LIVE LIFE THE WAY YOU WANT

With connected retirement communities, compassionate aged care homes and home care services to help you live at home for longer, we can help you live the life you want.

southern cross care
sccqld.com.au
1800 899 300

Retirement Living | Community Home Care | Residential Care

Take your business to the next level...

Enquire about advertising on this parish's newsletter.

1800 245 077
advertising.austnews.net.au

San Sisto College

TAKE A TOUR

Experience how San Sisto College embraces agile and innovative education, equipping students with contemporary skills and traits to succeed.

97 Mayfield Rd Carina | 3900 9800 | www.sansisto.qld.edu.au

Lourdes Hill College

Inspiring young women

lhc.qld.edu.au



Holy Cross FUNERALS

An Outreach of the Catholic Church. Funerals with Faith.

For however you choose to say goodbye.

The caring staff at Holy Cross Funerals assist families at the death of their loved ones, to ensure that the Funeral Services are conducted with dignity & compassion.

- Not for profit
- Burials, Cremations
- Repatriations
- Pre-Arrangements
- Funeral Bonds

www.holycrossfunerals.com | 07 3293 0555 | info@holycrossfunerals.com Find us on f

In time of need, let us serve you.
Legacy Funerals is a Catholic Funeral Home.
Family owned, with over 20 years of experience.

Funerals & Cremations
Pre Planning & Funeral Bonds
Phone 24 hours : 3447 0452
Director Massimo Nodari



LEGACY FUNERALS

brisbanelegacyfunerals.com.au

