



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.

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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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Reflection by Greg Sunter

This week's Gospel shows us clearly that those Jesus chose to follow him closely were the most ordinary of people. Anyone today wanting to enter into some sort of public life would gather around them a team of advisers, an image stylist, a public relations expert, a market analyst and probably a guard or two. Who did Jesus choose to be 'entourage'? A few fishermen, some friends of friends and even a tax collector – one the most despised occupations of his time. The very ordinariness of these disciples was a deliberate action on the part of Jesus. It was a clear statement that his message was not for the learned scholars and interpreters of the Torah but rather for the everyday person. Throughout the gospels we see that the vast majority of encounters and interactions that Jesus has are with common, everyday people. When he encounters the officials of the Jewish faith – the scribes and Pharisees – it is inevitably in a conflict situation. Those to whom he directs his ministry are the common people – those who have felt the brunt of Roman oppression and the strict interpretation of Jewish Law.



The gospel passage also gives us an insight into what a charismatic figure Jesus must have been. Fishing was a good solid livelihood. Fish was a staple in the diet of Galileans and so supplying that staple would have provided a regular income. But on encountering this man Jesus, the fishermen abandon their nets and begin to follow him. They must have immediately seen something in him that impressed them. It seems hard to believe that physically tough men such as fishermen would have been easily impressed – much like today. So the impact that Jesus made on these men must have been quite special to make them walk away from everything that they knew.

First Religious Profession Br Joseph & Br Kolbe

Sunday 28 January, 9.00am Mass

Parishioners are invited to bring along a small plate of food to share for Morning Tea in the Parish Grounds following Mass.



PARISH HAPPENINGS

LOOKING AHEAD

Tuesday 23 January

- 9.30am Japanese Language Playgroup
– Hospitality Area

Wednesday 24 January

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

Thursday 25 January

- 6.00pm Alpha Young Adults – Library

Friday 26 January

- 8.00am Mass ONLY & the Parish Office Closed

Sunday 28 January

- 8.00am Baptism Preparation – Church & Library
- 9.00am First Religious Profession – Church

Let us remember in prayer all those who are sick *Jocelyn Bonney, Elliott Jones-Perrin, Pamela O'Reilly* **those whose anniversaries occur around this time** *Rochelle Keen, Noel Boyle, Robert Kelly, Jean Canavan, Beatrice Cece, Noel Lehn, Adrian Power, Veronica Lambert, Mary Marrinan, Sean Duffy, Annette Robinson, Samuel Privitera, Lyle Watson, John Ward* **and the recently deceased** *Carol Cameron Jackson, Bob Ryan, Mary Farrell, Margaret Retford, Joan, Ruby, Roland, Kathleen Benes.*

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. If you are available to assist or for further information, please contact the Parish Office.

Schools Are Back

The students of St Martin's and San Sisto begin the school year this Tuesday, 23 January. Please display some patience over the next few weeks, particularly with parking. A reminder also that the **40kph zone** along Mayfield Road is enforced on school days between 7am-4pm.

Japanese Language Playgroup

A playgroup in Japanese is held Tuesdays, 9.30am-11.30am, during School Term in the Hospitality Area. The group is suitable for families who communicate in Japanese. All are welcome.

Brisbane East Deanery Scripture Group



The Brisbane East Deanery will begin **Hebrews: The New and Eternal Covenant**, an 8-week study by Dr Andrew Swafford and Jeff Cavins, in the **week starting Monday 22 January** with daytime sessions on Wednesdays and Thursdays and evening sessions on Tuesdays and Fridays. The course will finish in the week ending Friday 22 March.

This study will highlight the critical distinctions between the Old and New Covenants and give participants an appreciation of the riches God has given them in the New Covenant.

For more information or to register your interest, speak to Louise Simento or contact the Parish Office.



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 on a Thursday evening, 6.00pm-8.30pm, in the Parish Library for free food, fellowship, discussions and question-asking.

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

Australia Day

Mass on Australia Day, this 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

St Vincent de Paul

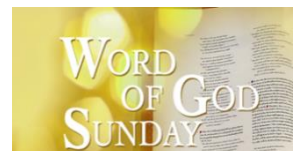
The next meeting of St Vincent de Paul will be held on Tuesday 30 January, 7.00pm, in the Aquinas Room (room underneath the Church). New members are more than welcome to attend.



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.

Word of God Sunday

The Church in Australia celebrates Word of God Sunday on the 1st Sunday in February each year. Pope Francis established the day, which is devoted to "the celebration, study and dissemination" of the Word of God.



As part of celebrating Word of God Sunday on the weekend of 3-4 February, there will be a short Blessing & Renewal of Commitment for all our Sunday and Daily Mass Ministers of the Word (Readers), and Children's Liturgy of the Word Leaders.

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
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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).



February Date Claimers

- Parish Pastoral Council
 - Monday 5 February, 7.00pm, Parish Library
- Italian Prayer Group
 - Monday 5 February, 7.00pm, Church
- Social Justice Group
 - Tuesday 6 February, 5.30pm, Parish Library
- Parish Finance Council
 - Monday 12 February, 7.00pm, Parish Library

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 9.00am 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.

Recent Activity of Scams Targeting Parish Volunteers

The Archdiocese recently wrote to all Parishes to advise that there continue to be reports from a number of Parishes that scammers are continuing to target Parish Volunteers whose contact details (email address or phone number) are listed in the Parish Newsletter.

Scammers look for Parish Newsletters online and use the contact details in the newsletter to contact volunteers pretending to be the Parish Priest asking them to purchase gift cards or send money.

The Archdiocese has recommended that Parishes do not publish volunteer phone numbers or email addresses in the Parish Newsletter going forward. Instead, it is suggested that parishioners contact the Parish Office by email or phone call, and the Parish Office can release the contact details of volunteers as appropriate.

COMMUNITY NEWS

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

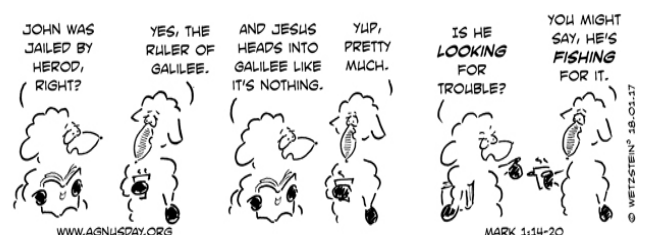
RSVP: 25 Jan 2024 ☎ 3324 3030 ✉ cathedral@bne.catholic.net.au



Catholic Charismatic Renewal Brisbane - Healing of the Family Mass

Where: St John's Church, 688 Nudgee Rd, Northgate
When: 11.00am, Saturday 3 February
Prayer Support Teams available after Mass, followed by BYO Lunch.

Agnus Day – The Lectionary Comic Strip



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St Vincent de Paul Carina Conference

St Vincent de Paul Our Lady of Graces Carina
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