



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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Monday: 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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Reflection by Nick Brodie

According to Pope Francis, 'Jesus did not mince words'. Any way you look at it, Christ's proclamation was a turning point in history with phenomenal ramifications. The moment has arrived! The Kingdom of God is close! There is Good News to be heard!

This was Jesus' message about himself. 'He was the salvation,' the Pope notes, who entered human history in a powerfully new way.

When we look at this Gospel, Jesus also had another component of his message: the way of discipleship. Its elements are straightforward: repent, believe, follow.

As the Pope elaborates, Jesus 'invites us to recognise ourselves as in need of God and his grace; to have a balanced attitude with regard to earthly goods; to be welcoming and humble toward everyone; to know and fulfil ourselves in the encounter with and service of others.' This is how we can change our lives to follow more closely the one in whom we believe.

And, as the Pope further suggests, each phase of our life 'has its own value, and can be a privileged moment of encounter with the Lord.' Therefore, we should be open to welcoming Jesus again and again in new places and situations. Whether in our parishes, homes or workplaces, our lives are full of encounters that can change us and those we meet. This is the way.



Congratulations to Br Joseph & Br Kolbe on the occasion of their First Religious Profession

Following their First Religious Profession, Br Joseph & Br Kolbe will move to Melbourne to begin their Academic Studies.



Prayer for Australia

God of all peoples, Lord of the journey who always walk with us, in this land you have blessed us with the first inhabitants of the land who have loved it through the ages: for them we give you thanks. You have blessed us in the settlers who made this land their home, and forged a nation with their toil: for them we give you thanks. You have blessed us in the many peoples of different languages and cultures who have found a new home here: for them we give you thanks. We ask that you make a home among us, so that justice and truth may flourish here and all Australians may walk together into the future you are preparing: for that we give you thanks. Through Christ our Lord. Amen.

PARISH HAPPENINGS

LOOKING AHEAD

Sunday 28 January

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

Tuesday 30 January

- 9.30am Japanese Language Playgroup
– Hospitality Area

- 3.30pm RCIA – Library

- 7.00pm St Vincent de Paul – Aquinas Room

Wednesday 31 January

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

Thursday 1 February

- 10.30am Funeral: Shirley Horwood – Church
- 6.00pm Alpha Young Adults – Library

Friday 2 February

- 7.00pm 500 Card Group – Aquinas Room

Sunday 4 February

- 9.00am Baptisms in Mass – Church
- 4.00pm Book Launch – Library & Hospitality Area

Let us remember in prayer all those who are sick Maureen Duffy, Hein van der Heide, 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** Shirley Horwood, Carol Cameron Jackson, Bob Ryan, Mary Farrell, Margaret Retford, Joan, Ruby, Roland, Kathleen Benes.

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.

St Vincent de Paul

The next meeting of St Vincent de Paul will be held this Tuesday, 30 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 on a Thursday evening, 6.00pm-8.30pm, in the Parish Library for free food, fellowship, discussions and question-asking.

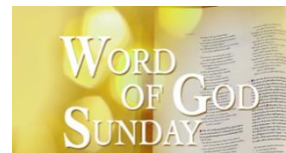
For further information, contact the Parish Office on 3398 2977 or carina@bne.catholic.net.au.



Parish 500 Card Group will meet at 7.00pm this 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.



This year, Word of God Sunday's theme is "Remain in my Word" (John 8,31)." Recalling the importance given by the Second Vatican Council to rediscovering Sacred Scripture for the life of the Church, Pope Francis explains the celebration has "ecumenical value, since the Scriptures point out, for those who listen, the path to authentic and firm unity."

As part of celebrating Word of God Sunday next weekend, 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

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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).

Parish Pastoral Council Meeting

A reminder to Parish Pastoral Council members that the first meeting of 2024 will be held on Monday 5 February, 7.00pm, in the Parish Library.

Italian Prayer Group

The Italian Prayer Group will commence for 2024 on Monday 5 February, 7.00pm, in the Church.

Social Justice Committee

The Social Justice Committee will meet on Tuesday, 6 February, 5.30pm onwards in the Parish Library. New members are more than welcome to attend.

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.

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

World Marriage Day

World Marriage Day will be celebrated on the weekend of 10-11 February. For married couples present at Mass on 10-11 February, there will be a simple blessing after Communion.

Children's Liturgy of the Word

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 Finance Council Meeting

A reminder to Parish Finance Council members that the first meeting of 2024 will be held on Monday 12 February, 7.00pm, in the Parish Library.

Ash Wednesday Mass Times

14 February 2024

6.30am, 9.00am & 7.00pm

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.



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The Archdiocese has **zero tolerance** for all forms of abuse & is committed to safeguarding everyone involved in its activities, ministries & services.

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Australia Day Message

Australia Day is marked in different ways by the different peoples who form the rich tapestry of this nation lying beneath the Southern Cross.

For some it is a moment to look back with pride on the many achievements of Australia since 26 January 1788. What began as a penal colony became in a relatively short time a peaceful and prosperous nation. It also became a stable democracy, sealed by Federation. None of this was easy, and Australia Day can be a time to give thanks for the sacrifices made.

For others who have come to this land more recently, often escaping the horrors of war, persecution and poverty, it is a moment to give thanks for the new home they have found in this country where they have been able to recover hope and rebuild their lives. Australia has given them much, but they too have given Australia much; and for that we all give thanks on the national day.

For the first inhabitants of the land Australia Day looks different. We cannot forget the injustice and dispossession they have known since 1788. Often they were displaced from their land; and Australia has slowly come to understand that to break the bond between Aboriginal peoples and the land was to do them great violence, communally and individually. The cornerstone of Aboriginal cultures was shaken, with devastating consequences for Aboriginal peoples' sense of identity. This was made worse when children were removed from their families. To this day, we see the effects of this, described at times as intergenerational trauma.

We who are not culpable are nonetheless responsible to do what we can to heal the wounds of injustice, since until those wounds are healed the claim that "all are equal" in this land will be little more than empty words. From 1788 until now, all have not been equal here; and they never will be until we remember in a way that reckons truthfully with the past and commits to doing what is necessary to heal the wounds. Until they are healed our national potential will never be fully realised, and Australia Day will not be the time of shared celebration it is meant to be.

A national day can be for us all a moment of deeper reflection when we recognise that Australia, with its many peoples, is capable of great compassion and of a wisdom that understands the truth. It can be a day to recognise what this country can be, a land where all are in fact equal and can walk together into the future God is preparing.

+ Mark Coleridge
Archbishop of Brisbane

COMMUNITY NEWS

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.

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