



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
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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

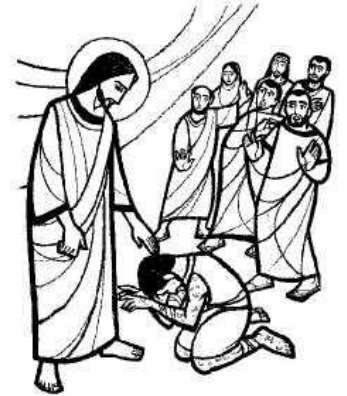
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Gospel Reflection by Greg Sunter

It is hard to imagine a person in 1st Century Palestine who would be more of an outcast from society than the leper. Unfortunately, any form of skin disease was categorised as leprosy (known as Hansen's disease today). It was regarded as one of the greatest forms of uncleanness and seen as a physical manifestation of God's punishment on the person.

For a person like this to even approach Jesus is a huge risk and an enormous act of faith. He trusts that Jesus will not reject him like everybody else in his life has done. His request to Jesus is almost a demand; it is certainly filled with an utter conviction of Jesus' ability and good will: 'if you want to, you can cure me'. Jesus' reaction is one of equally strong emotion – he is so moved by this man's plight that he reaches out his hand and touches the man. To touch a person with leprosy was to break every rule of the clean/unclean social structure that dominated Jewish society. In this one action, Jesus challenges the entire basis on which Jewish society is constructed – the purity code. For Jesus to touch this man, according to the purity code, is to become unclean himself. But Jesus ignores these social rules and responds out of love and heals the man with word and action. However, Jesus knows that if the man is to be accepted back into society he needs to conform to the rules that dominate his world. He must present himself to the local priest who is the only one with the authority to declare someone cured of their disease and thus able to become ritually clean and welcome back into worship and back into everyday life.



Project Compassion

Project Compassion boxes and donation envelopes will be available from Ash Wednesday to support Caritas Australia this Lenten season and help support vulnerable people around the world, now and **for all future generations**. With your support, Caritas Australia has been able to support vulnerable communities around the world to tackle poverty, food security, education, water and sanitation and disaster-risk reduction to build a better future for all.



Together, we can help vulnerable communities face their challenges today and build a better tomorrow **for all future generations**.

You can donate through Project Compassion donation boxes and envelopes, by visiting caritas.org.au/project-compassion or by calling 1800 024 413.

PARISH HAPPENINGS

LOOKING AHEAD

Sunday 11 February

- 9.00am Children's Liturgy of the Word – Library
- 2.00pm Penance Session 1 – Church

Monday 12 February

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

Tuesday 13 February

- 9.30am Japanese Language Playgroup
– Hospitality Area
- 3.30pm RCIA – Library
- 7.00pm St Vincent de Paul – Aquinas Room

Wednesday 14 February

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

Thursday 15 February

- 9.45am St Martin's Yr 6 Leadership Badge
Liturgy – Church
- 9.45am Two Hearts Prayer Group – Library
- 6.00pm TCS Choir – Church
- 6.00pm Alpha Young Adults – Library

Friday 16 February

- 7.00pm Stations of the Cross – Church

Saturday 17 February

- 3.00pm Dominican Laity – Library

Let us remember in prayer all those who are sick Jocelyn Bonney, Riley Dwyer, Elliott Jones-Perrin, Caroline Massa, Pamela O'Reilly, Hein van der Heide **those whose anniversaries occur around this time** Neil Costello, Mary Axisa, Vincenzino Cavallaro, Paolo Faini, Mollie Dalton, Joan Druery, Maureen Birbeck, John Moss, Bob Marino, Rochelle Keen, Noel Boyle, Robert Kelly **and the recently deceased** Maureen Duffy, Shirley Horwood, Carol Cameron Jackson.

World Marriage Day

World Marriage Day began in 1983 and is celebrated every second Sunday of February in dioceses across the country. In 1993, Pope John Paul II imparted his Apostolic Blessings on World Marriage Day.

For married couples present at Mass this weekend, there will be a simple blessing after Communion.

Children's Liturgy of the Word

Children's Liturgy of the Word recommences TODAY, Sunday 11 February, during 9.00am Mass. All primary school aged children are welcome.

Parish Finance Council Meeting

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

Sacramental Program 2024

Confirmation (Year 3 / 8 years old)

Enrolments for the Sacrament of Confirmation close on **this Monday, 12 February 2024, at 3.30pm.**

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 on Tuesday 13 February, 7.00pm, in the Aquinas Room (room underneath the Church). 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.

Ash Wednesday Mass Times

14 February 2024

6.30am, 9.00am & 7.00pm

Stations of the Cross

Friday evenings during Lent, 7.00pm, in the Church, commencing on Friday 16 February.

Lenten Books

Pieta (Diocese of Wollongong): \$10

A Resurrected Life (Archdiocese of Brisbane): \$7
Available from the Parish Shop & Parish Office.

Project Compassion Boxes and Envelopes

Available in the Church from Ash Wednesday.

OLOG Diners will meet at 6.00pm on Wednesday, 14 February, at the Camp Hill Hotel Bistro (724 Old Cleveland Road, Camp Hill). There is parking at the front & rear of the hotel. All parishioners are welcome.

St Martin's Year 6 Leadership Badge Liturgy

This Thursday, 15 February, the Year 6 students from St Martin's will be receiving their leadership badges as part of a liturgy at 9.45am in the Church.

Rosary and the Two Hearts Prayer Group will be held in the Parish Library after Mass instead of the Church.

Thank you for understanding and sorry for any inconvenience caused.

Alpha Young Adult

The Alpha Young Adult group, for 18-25 year olds, continues on Thursday evenings, 6.00pm-8.30pm, in the Parish Library with free food, fellowship, discussions and question-asking.

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

Sacrament of Confirmation - Rite of Enrolment

Next weekend, 17-18 February, across the Sunday Masses we welcome the children and their families for the Sacrament of Confirmation Rite of Enrolment.

New Mass Setting for Lent

With the change of Season, we will be introducing a new Mass Setting for Lent. The Mass Setting chosen is *Heritage Mass* by Owen Alstott. We will be singing the *Holy, We Proclaim Your Death, Amen and Lamb of God.*

You can go online to YouTube to have a listen to *Heritage Mass* in preparation for Lent: www.youtube.com/watch?v=YX6cZ8uEP6A&list=PLNyN1zEFWg3jHo7zpCrSMzPdiRKE4xm3q

Message Stick - 150th Anniversary of the Cathedral of St Stephen

This past week, the Message Stick as part of the 150th Anniversary of the Cathedral of St Stephen, visited Our Lady of Graces Parish, St Martin's School and San Sisto College.

The journey of the Message Stick is designed to herald the 150th Anniversary of the completion and opening of the Cathedral of St Stephen on the sacred lands of the First Nations Peoples of Meanjin Brisbane. The Message Stick holds an invitation for parishioners across the Archdiocese to come together on Pentecost Sunday, 2024, at the Cathedral to celebrate this momentous occasion.



Parish Social Justice Group



St Martin's School Students



San Sisto College Students



IMPORTANT INFORMATION

Work on Replacing the Church Roof

As highlighted in Spread the Word last weekend, works on the replacing the Church Roof will commence from **Monday 19 February**. This work will be done in stages and take approximately 6 months to complete.

There may be sections of the Church blocked-off at times as an exclusion zone, as the contractors will be working on the section of roof above the exclusion zone.

Following an onsite meeting that took place this week, we can confirm the following:

Saturday & Sunday Masses

Masses will be held in the Church, as per usual.

Monday-Friday Masses

6.30am & 9.00am Masses, as well as Prayer / Devotional Groups after Masses, will be held in the Parish Library with an overflow into the Hospitality Area.

Funerals

We will not be able to accommodate Funerals at Our Lady of Graces Church on Weekdays when work on the roof is taking place. The Parish Office is currently liaising with the other local Parishes in the Brisbane East Deanery for use of their Church for Funerals.

Church Use - Weekdays

The use the Church on Weekdays will be very limited while the work is happening on the Church Roof. The Parish Office will be in contact with each group that uses the Church on Weekdays to discuss appropriate arrangements over the next 6 months.

Parish Library Use

Groups that currently use the Parish Library for their meetings will need to be aware that the Library will be set-up for Weekday Masses over the next 6 months.

We will work with each group as to if they are able to continue to use the Parish Library or if a particular group will need to relocate to an alternative location.



Feast of San Gabriel of the Sorrowful Mother

The 28th Anniversary Feast of San Gabriel of the Sorrowful Mother will be celebrated on Sunday 25 February, 10:30am, at Our Lady of Graces Church with Mass and Procession.

In preparation for the Feast, there will be a Triduum on Tuesday 20, Wednesday 21 and Thursday 22 February at 7:30pm. Everyone is most welcome.

St Martin's School Open Day

Prospective families are warmly invited to join us on campus on *Friday 23 February, 9.00am onwards*. Enjoy a guided tour, explore our modern facilities and learn about our unique St Martin's Carina school community.



Have questions about the enrolment process or extra-curricular offerings?

Come along and meet our staff. Limited places. Book online now: www.stmartinscarina.qld.edu.au

World Day of Prayer

This year our Parish is hosting World Day of Prayer for our local area. The Ecumenical Service for this year has been prepared by the Christian women of Palestine.

Due to the upcoming Roof Works, the World Day of Prayer service will be held on **Saturday 2 March, 10.00am, in Our Lady of Graces Church.**



COMMUNITY NEWS

Friday Evening Prayer during Lent

Pope Francis has asked that we dedicate 2024 to Prayer in preparation for the Jubilee Year in 2025. Let's help ourselves for living our prayer life!

You are invited to Regina Caeli Catholic Church (81 Waverley Rd, Camp Hill) for the six Friday evenings during Lent, 6.00pm – 6.40pm.

Each gathering will focus on the upcoming Sunday Gospel, using a range of great prayer traditions we have received from both the scriptures and great saints including St Benedict, St Ignatius of Loyola and St Francis of Assisi. You'll be welcome!! There is plenty of space onsite for parking.

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