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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
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Spread the Word

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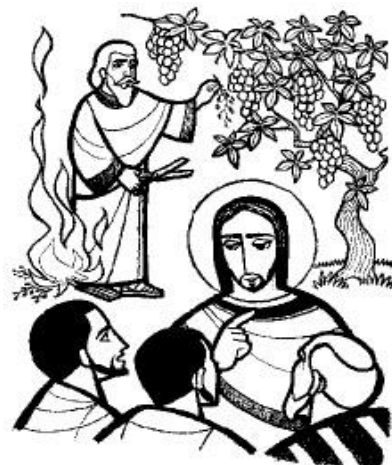
The community of Our Lady of Graces acknowledges the Traditional Custodians of the land on which our parish stands.

Gospel Reflection by Greg Sunter

The Lectionary of this Easter season draws out some of the 'classic' gospel passages, particularly some of the discourses from the Gospel of John. Like many 'famous' or familiar passages, it can be true that familiarity breeds contempt – we think we are so familiar with the passage that we don't need to pay it much attention.

At first glance, it appears that there is a certain ruthlessness about the image of the vinedresser pruning the vine: perform or perish! However, the process of cutting away and pruning branches is an incredibly nurturing action; it is removing the unproductive portions of the plant so that the vine has an even better opportunity to produce fruit in the next season. It is an act of love; not an act of economic rationalism. Within our own lives we are called to make decisions about which of our thoughts and actions are life-giving (fruit-bearing) and which are unproductive; negative; crippling; life-diminishing. If we are able to 'prune' our life-diminishing thoughts and actions we allow ourselves the freedom and the ability to really flourish. Feelings of jealousy, greed, resentment, self-doubt and lack of confidence can limit our ability to be fully alive just as addictive and harmful behaviours can physically take away our ability to perform at our best.

I am reminded of the old *Karate Kid* movie when the boy, Daniel, is introduced to the art of bonsai. He is told to close his eyes, imagine the perfect tree and then start clipping and shaping the plant to make real the perfection that lies within it. It is only through a process of cutting away and pruning that we can nurture ourselves to realise the beauty of our potential.



Living the Gospel – Bearing fruit The vinedresser of this passage cuts away the dead branches and prunes back those that are not bearing fruit. In what way do we bear fruit? When we strive to reach our fullest potential in whatever we do, we bear fruit. When we act out of motivation for the other person rather than ourselves, we bear fruit. When we strive to bring about the reign of God in our small part of the world, we bear fruit. Sometimes we too need to have some of our thoughts and actions pruned so that we might better bear the fruit that we are truly capable of producing.

PARISH HAPPENINGS

LOOKING AHEAD

Sunday 28 April

- 8.00am Baptism Preparation – Church & Library
- 9.00am Children's Liturgy of the Word – Library
- 12.30pm Prayers to End Abortion – Church

Monday 29 April

- 7.00pm Italian Prayer Group – Church

Tuesday 30 April

- 9.30am Japanese Language Playgroup
– Hospitality Area

Wednesday 1 May

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

Friday 3 May

- 7.00pm 500 Card Group – Aquinas Room

Sunday 5 May

- 9.00am Baptisms in Mass – Church
- 12.30pm Prayers to End Abortion – Church
- 2.00pm Confirmation Practice (5.00pm) - Church
- 4.00pm Confirmation Practice (7.00pm) - Church

Let us remember in prayer all those who are sick *Graham Allen, Kim Simpson, David Eaton, Liam O'Brien, Ancilla Richards, Jocelyn Bonney, Riley Dwyer, Elliott Jones-Perrin, Caroline Massa, Hein van der Heide* **those whose anniversaries occur around this time** *Rosetta Jorgesen, Greg Perkins, Rosa Copani, Barry O'Connor, Lawrie Sutherland, Colleen Rossow, Kay Whitby, Kathy Stone, Jean Nolan, Frances Long, Carmelo Gugliotta, Peter Storey, Eileen Sweeney, Marie McMillen, Jacqueline Falcon-Green, Mary Sue Carroll, Gerald Cummins, Ron & Mavis Steele* **and the recently deceased** *Eduardo Sason, Pamela O'Reilly, Keith Druery, Fr Marty Larsen*

Easter Holy Water is available from the container in front of the Baptism Font. You are more than welcome to bring a bottle to collect some Easter Holy Water to bless your homes.

Children's Liturgy of the Word

Children's Liturgy of the Word will be held TODAY, Sunday 28 April, during 9am Mass and then on Sunday 12 May.

All primary school-aged children are welcome to attend.



Parish 500 Card Group

The 500 Card Group will next meet on Friday 3 May, 7.00pm, in the Aquinas Room (access via the Church and down the internal stairs). All are welcome.

Sacramental Program 2024

Confirmation (Year 3 / 8 years old)

Practices for the Sacrament of Confirmation

- Sunday 5 May 2.00pm for the 5.00pm Confirmation Liturgy on Tuesday 7 May
- Sunday 5 May 4.00pm for the 7.00pm Confirmation Liturgy on Tuesday 7 May

Parish Shop News

Are you looking for a gift/card for a family member who is celebrating a Sacrament this year?

Look no further than the Parish Shop. There are a number of gift options and cards for the Sacraments of Baptism, Confirmation & First Holy Communion that are available for purchase.

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.

Labour Day Public Holiday

Mass on Monday 6 May will be celebrated at 8.00am in the Church (no 6.30am or 9.00am) due to the Labour Day Public Holiday. The Parish Office will also be closed on this day.

Sacrament of Confirmation

On Tuesday evening 7 May, the children who have been preparing for the Sacrament of Confirmation will be confirmed and anointed with the Holy Sacred Chrism. Please keep the children in your prayers over the next couple weeks.

OLOG Diners

The OLOG Diners will next meet on Wednesday 8 May, 6.00pm, at **Pacific Golf Club (430 Pine Mountain Road, Carindale)**. All parishioners are welcome.

Unlocking the Mystery of the Bible

The Brisbane East Deanery will begin the **Unlocking the Mystery of the Bible** study by Jeff Cavins in the **week starting the 3 June** with daytime sessions on Wednesdays and Thursdays and evening sessions on Tuesdays and Fridays, and will run for **8 weeks**. Through the fourteen narrative books of the Bible, this foundational study traces Salvation History from Adam and Eve to Christ and the Church.

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

Sunday 5.30pm Kids' Mass

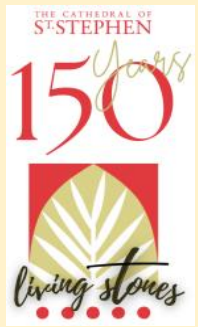
The next 5.30pm Kids' Mass will be held on Sunday 19 May (Pentecost Sunday). Children can participate by reading, taking up the collection, handing out newsletters, or bringing up the gifts. To take part, go to www.schoolinterviews.com.au and using code **6tg2y**, register for the ministry of your choice. Alternatively, contact Shelly at the Parish Office on 3398 2977 or email sc.carina@bne.catholic.net.au.

St Vincent de Paul

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To donate non-perishable food, you are welcome to leave in the baskets at the church door on weekends or drop into the Parish Office during the week.

150th Anniversary of the Cathedral of St Stephen



A Message from Archbishop Mark about upcoming celebrations:

Easter this year was as early as it gets. That's why we're celebrating the 150 years of the cathedral on the last weekend of the Easter season which concludes on Pentecost Sunday. It's a happy coincidence that the cathedral's sesquicentenary (and my 50 years of priesthood!) fall on that weekend, because the celebration looks both back and forward. It looks back on a long journey through a tumultuous time, and it looks forward to a future where a Spirit-driven missionary Church will look quite different from it did in the past. On the Friday we'll celebrate the cathedral's 150 years; on Saturday we'll celebrate my 50 years; and on Sunday we'll celebrate Pentecost. On Monday we'll need a breather.

You will find an event guide to all of the upcoming 150 year celebrations at the Cathedral, available from the table near the main door of the Church. Details also appear below.

- **Organ Recital by world renowned organist Dong-ill Shin**
Sunday 5 May, 5pm. Tickets: www.trybooking.com/CPULH
- **QLD Symphony Orchestra – Mozart's Mass in C Minor**
Friday 10 May, 7.30pm & Saturday 11 May, 1.30pm & 7.30pm. Tickets: www.qsp.com.au/events/2024
- **Return of the Message Stick & Commemoration of 150th Anniversary**
Friday 17 May, 12.30pm Mass. Light refreshments will be provided following 12.30pm Mass.
- **Ecumenical Prayer of Thanksgiving**
Friday 17 May, 6pm. Light refreshments will be provided following the service.
- **Golden Jubilee of Priestly Ordination – Archbishop Mark Coleridge**
Saturday 18 May, 11.30am Mass
- **Vigil of Pentecost: Saturday 18 May, 6pm Mass**
- **Pentecost Sunday – 150th Celebration: Sunday 19 May, 10.30am Mass.** Light refreshments will be available in the precinct following 10.30am Mass.

Year of Prayer Cards

Pope Francis has invited the whole Church to celebrate a Year of Prayer to prepare for the Year of Jubilee next year. We are being called by Pope Francis to go deeper into the experience of listening to God, speaking to God, being one with God in silence.



As a way into a deepening experience of prayer, Archbishop Mark has written a prayer that comes from his own listening to God. The Archdiocese has produced Archbishop Mark's prayer onto prayer cards, which are available from the table near the main door of the Church.

The Corpus Christi Procession will be held at the Cathedral of Stephen and the surrounding streets in the Brisbane CBD from 2.00pm on Sunday 2 June.

Flyers are available from the table near the main door of the Church with details about the Procession as well as the Eucharistic Miracles Exhibition and Vigil Night Adoration. A Petition Booklet will be available in the Church during May for Parishioners to write their intentions.

Agnus Day – The Lectionary Comic Strip



COMMUNITY NEWS

Catholic Mission - May Rosary Prayers sessions

Embrace the power of prayer with the World Mission Rosary Prayers throughout May, a time to honour Mother Mary. Join us online as we unite in faith and mission, praying with the Catholic community.

- When: Monday to Friday during May, 2pm
- Join Zoom Meeting: <https://tinyurl.com/cmprayer>
- Meeting ID: 893 8798 2280
- Password: 876574

Synodality and the Life of the Parish

The Jesuits in Brisbane are holding a talk on Synodality and the Life of the Parish on *Friday 24 May, 7.30pm-9pm at St Ignatius Church, Kensington Terrace, Toowong*. Hear from a leading African theologian and 2 local experts! There will also be plenty of time for Q&A

- **Key Speaker**

Fr Agbonkhianmeghe E. Orobator, S.J.

member of the Roman Synod on Synodality. Dean of the Jesuit School of Theology in California.

- **Joined by two of our finest local theologians**

Fr Orm Rush

Author of *The Vision of Vatican II: Its Fundamental Principles*, he was invited to address the last session of the Synod in Rome.

Associate Professor Maeve Heaney

Director of the Xavier Centre for Theological Formation at Australian Catholic University, author of *Suspended God: Music and a Theology of Doubt* & a participant in the recent Plenary Council.

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