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MASS TIMES:

Weekend:
Saturday: 6pm Vigil
Sunday: 7am, 9am and 5.30pm
Italian Mass: 10.30am

Weekday: 6.30am & 9am
Monday to Friday
8am Saturday
& Public Holidays

Reconciliation:

Saturday: 8.30am - 9.00am
5.30pm - 6.00pm
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Spread the Word

Vol. 34 No. 21 The Most Holy Body & Blood of Christ 23 June 2019

Reflection by Greg Sunter



The feast of the Body and Blood of Christ celebrates the central celebration of Christianity – the Eucharist. All three readings relate to this Eucharistic theme. In the second reading, we have the first written account of the Last Supper and what came to be seen as Jesus instigating the Eucharist. Paul's account, written well before the gospels, was entrenched in the tradition by the time the gospels of

Matthew, Mark and Luke echoed these words of Jesus at the Last Supper. Of course, it is these same words that are spoken by the priest at the consecration in the Eucharistic Prayer each Mass. The words used today are the very same words that have been used in the Church for two millennia.

Rather than a gospel account of the Last Supper to celebrate the feast of the Body and Blood of Christ, we are presented with what is widely regarded as another 'Eucharistic' story from the gospel of Luke. The feeding of the five thousand with five loaves and two fish is regarded as a Eucharistic story because it was a clear example of God's presence in a miraculous meal. All of the meal stories in the gospel of Luke are instructive for the audience. Whenever the gospel writer refers to a meal, the meal is used to teach about the reign of God. The gospel writer uses meals to demonstrate who is welcome in the reign of God. Like in today's gospel, the author of Luke's gospel was keen to show that the reign of God is available to anyone who wishes to be a part of it. The reign of God is inclusive and welcoming; no one will be turned away.

LOOKING AHEAD

Sunday 23 June

- 9.00am St Martin's Led Mass (Yr 4)

Monday 24 June

- 7.00pm Italian Prayer Group – Church

Tuesday 25 June

- 9.30am Playgroup – Hospitality

Wednesday 26 June

- 6.30pm Legion of Mary – Library

Thursday 27 June

- 9.30am Playgroup – Hospitality

Saturday 29 June

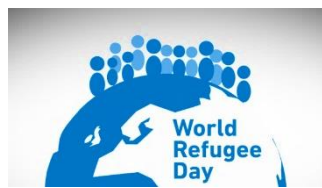
- 7.15pm AA – Library

Let us remember in prayer all those who are sick Carmel Olive and those whose anniversaries occur around this time Freda Hill, Joe Hill, Colin Patrick Senior, Tony Nobilo, John Sullivan, Patricia Bergin and the recently deceased Jonas Asido and Irene Gur

Change to Office hours 23 June to 3 July 2019

Due to the absence of the Parish Secretary for the period of 23 June to 3 July, the office hours will change to 8.30am to 12.30pm, Monday to Friday. This will be in effect as of Monday 24 June. We apologise for any inconvenience.

Social Justice – World Refugee Day



During the weekend 22/23 June 2019, Our Lady of Graces Parish is asked to 'welcome, protect, promote and integrate migrants and

refugees in recognition of World Refugee Day. We should reflect and recognise the lamentable situation of many migrants and refugees fleeing from war, persecution, natural disasters and poverty. It is important to express the Church's concern for migrants, displaced people, refugees and victims of human trafficking.

Scripture Group News

The BED Scripture Study will commence on July 2nd and 3rd 2019 and will run for 8 weeks. 'Unlocking the Mysteries of the Bible', presented by Jeff Cavins, will explore how the sacraments, the church and our entire Catholic faith are rooted in scripture and tradition. It will also show how the Old Testament and New Testament are connected as well as how the bible relates to every day life. Please read the following for more information:

Evening sessions: Tuesday's 6.30pm (starting on 2/7) at St Thomas's Church, Camp Hill

Morning sessions: Wednesdays 10.30am (starting on 3/7) at Our Lady of Graces Parish

Where to sign up: There will be a form at the back table to write your information down.

Contact: For more information, please contact Louise Simento on 0456700040.

Finance Matters

This is the first of a series of notes that will appear in the coming weeks providing feedback on Planned Giving matters. A new Planned Giving Continuation Committee has been formed by the Parish Finance Council (PFC) as a small group whose aim is the maintenance of the Parish's Planned Giving program.

First, thanks and appreciation from Fr Alex, the Parish community and the PFC to those who have honoured their pledge over these past twelve months. Your contributions to the Parish finances ensure the important ministries of Our Lady of Graces continue.

However, it is concerning that the collections reported each month have been steadily declining and worryingly, are not meeting Budget expectations. This message therefore is to encourage all who have made pledges to review their contributing practices. We know that times are difficult for all, but no less so for the Parish.

If perhaps you have fallen behind we encourage you to either:

- Examine your circumstances and return to contributing the amount pledged in June last year (If you cannot remember your pledged amount please call the Finance Officer on Monday, Wednesday or Thursday)
- Ask the Parish Office for a new pledge form and notify the amount that you believe you will be able to honour.

Having this information helps the PFC in its decision-making and the provision of funds for our ministries.

A final message for this week. The payment of pledges by Direct Debit is encouraged, especially as contributions come in a more consistent order allowing for better financial planning. Direct Debit is easier for you too - no need to chase money each week and it saves the counting team tallying, recording and banking each Monday.

The Sacraments are a privileged way in which nature is taken up by God to become a means of mediating supernatural life. Through our worship of God, we are invited to embrace the world on a different plane. Water, oil, fire and colours are taken up in all their symbolic power and incorporated in our act of praise.

Laudato Si (2015) 235

SAFEGUARDING NEWS

The Archdiocese of Brisbane now has a new reporting service if you need to report harmful behaviour or misconduct by clergy, employees or volunteers.

We also have our own Parish Safeguarding Representative, Carmen Kee. Carmen has been a member of our parish for a number of years and is involved in the Parish Pastoral Council and operates the Tuesday Playgroup. If you have any questions or concerns regarding the safety of children or vulnerable adults, you can contact Carmen on 0405 883 479 or you can email safeguardolog@gmail.com. Please know that in reporting an incident, you can remain anonymous.

You can also find more information in the Archdiocese of Brisbane Prevention and Protection Policy booklet as well as the Safeguarding Strategy pamphlets, all located at the back tables of the church.

...for it is to such as these that the kingdom of God belongs. Mark 10:14

Children, young people and vulnerable adults are a gift from God with an intrinsic right to dignity of life, respect and security from physical and emotional harm. They are to be treasured, nurtured and safeguarded.

“The Church loves all her children like a loving



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mother, but cares for all and protects with a special affection those who are smallest and defenseless. This is the duty that Christ himself entrusted to the entire Christian community as a whole. Aware of this, the Church is especially vigilant in protecting children and vulnerable adults.”

Apostolic Letter issued `motu proprio` by the Supreme Pontiff Francis (4 June 2016)

COMMUNITY NEWS

THIS A MUST ATTEND EVENT FOR MEN hosted and run by menALIVE.

The menALIVE MAX 19 weekend is an Annual National Catholic Men's Conference Event.

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The theme this year is “INTO THE BREACH”. The material and experience on the weekend is all NEW to previous years and comprehensively different to the parish weekends run nationally.

The Details:

WHEN: BRISBANE 7.30 pm FRIDAY 12 th to 2 pm Sunday 14th July 2019

WHERE: Women's College, University of Queensland, Brisbane

COST: from \$275 per person includes 2 nights' accommodation 6 meals and a great event.

REGISTER NOW— <https://cvent.me/Koql2>

Contact: mail@menalive.org.au

Peter Carrigan - 0404 496 405

Robert Falzon - 0412 745 734

SOMETHING FUNNY

MEANWHILE, AT CASTEL GANDOLFO...



CATHOLIC LEADER

Catholic leaders are available at the back of the church for \$2.

- Leading Catholic bioethicist Margaret Somerville warns about 'the slippery slope of death'
- Inspiring Marian Sisters of the Eucharistic Love Sister Stan Therese Mario Mumuni visits Brisbane to share her mission in overcoming hatred and evil in northern Ghana
- Brisbane Catholic social justice advocate speaks out against the proposed Adani
- Centacare Pastoral Ministries provides support to help seafarers

Become a part of the parish Planned Giving Program to help your Parish grow.

We thank, sincerely, all Parishioners who contribute to Planned Giving. Your ongoing commitment and contribution assists the parish to budget for operating expenses (wages, rates, electricity, phones, maintenance etc) as well as parish pastoral planning (faith education, sacramental preparation, resources etc). To obtain Planned Giving Envelopes or to contribute by direct debit, complete this form and place on the plate, or contact the Parish Office. Planned Giving contributions are not Tax Deductable.

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