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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
or by appointment

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Spread the Word

Vol. 35 No. 24**12th Sunday in Ordinary Time****21 June 2020****Scripture Commentary by Dianne Bergant CSA**

Jeremiah is the innocent victim of slander, entrapment and vengeance. Still he is confident, for God is on his side as a mighty champion who will fight for him. This military imagery calls to mind the cosmic war that God victoriously waged against evil (see Ps 24:9-11). Jeremiah believes that God will turn upside down the plans of his assailants. They watched for him to mis-step, but God will cause them to stumble; they hoped to prevail over him, but they will not triumph; they tried to take vengeance on Jeremiah, but God will take vengeance on them. They will be put to shame and confusion, a fate sometimes worse than death.



Elements of a lament can be detected in the psalm: the cry of lament (vv.14, 17); reasons for the lament (vv.8-10); expressions of confidence (vv.33-34); and praise for having been heard (v.35). We may not be accustomed to complain to God, but a lament is a statement of profound faith. Acknowledging that God has power over the circumstances of life, it is an expression of humble faith that God will come to the aid of those who cry out. This passage contains covenant vocabulary: lovingkindness; truth; salvation; and passionate love. The psalmist brings the strength and the personal dimension of the covenant to the plea for deliverance.

Paul proclaims the incomparable nature of God's salvific grace by contrasting the actions of Adam and Christ. Though the contrast appears to be between Adam and Christ, it is really between the epochs that each inaugurated. Adam brought in the era of sin and death; Christ established the eschatological era of acquittal and life. Paul points to the first offence (Gen 3:6) and the common experience of all people to explain the pervasive presence of sin and death in the world. All die, therefore all must have sinned. However, as death for all entered the world through the sin of one – Adam, so grace was won for all through the gift of one – Christ.

Jesus exhorts: Fear no one! Neither those who resist the gospel, nor those who might put you to death. Rather fear total destruction in Gehenna and rejection by God. It is now time for the gospel to be proclaimed openly and boldly. The doors have been flung open:

what was concealed, must be revealed;
what was secret, must be made known;
what was said in darkness, must be spoken in light;
what was whispered, must be shouted.

Jesus encourages the disciples to trust in God despite hardships. Suffering is not proof that God is disinterested. Rather, if God cares for the insignificant sparrows, how much more will God care for them? If God can count the hairs on their heads; how much more does God know their needs?

PARISH HAPPENINGS

Let us remember in prayer all those who are sick and those whose anniversaries occur around this time
Tony Whitby, Levina White, and the recently deceased Alice Mollison, Colin Anthony Salm.

Alice Mollison, Rest in Peace

Long-standing Our Lady of Graces Parishioner, Alice Mollison, passed away last Monday, 15 June.

The Mollison family lived down the hill in Risley Street for at least 40 years. Alice and Stephen (dec.) were both heavily involved in the Parish and St Martin's Primary School where all seven children in the family attended.

The Funeral Mass for Alice will be held this Monday, 22 June, 10.30am at Our Lady of Graces.

The family have been contacting friends of Alice, however they are worried that there will be parishioners who would like to attend the Funeral Mass. Due to the current restrictions, we ask that anyone who would like to attend to please contact Madonna (daughter) on 0409 125 611 or via mctaylor@bne.catholic.edu.au

COVID Safe Plan for Places of Worship in Qld

Churches have been in dialogue with the Queensland Government and now have an *Industry COVID Safe Plan for Places of Worship in Queensland*.

The plan allows for up to 100 people for Mass, weddings and baptisms in those churches that have the space to accommodate larger gatherings.

This means we can cater for more attendees at Our Lady of Graces Church.

As part of the COVID Safe Plan, we need to comply with the following:

- Stay at home if you are vulnerable or unwell.
- Appropriate physical distancing.
- Record the contact details of those who attend for contact tracing. These are kept confidentially and securely for 56 days and then destroyed.
- Cleaning protocols after each gathering.

Temporary Changes due to COVID-19

- No Communion on the tongue.
- No Communion from the chalice.
- No shaking of hands at the sign of peace.
- No passing around of the collection boxes. There will be two large boxes located inside the church for you to place your 1st & 2nd Collection offerings.

Registration for Sunday Mass

Registration for Sunday Mass attendance is via one of the following ways:

- Online through the Eventbrite booking website www.eventbrite.com.au/e/mass-our-lady-of-graces-parish-carina-tickets-109568446172
- Parishioners who do not have internet access can phone the parish office on 3398 2977.

Please do not rely on space being available and just turn up at Mass. Registration will ensure that a space is available for you.

Update on Daily Mass Times & Registration

From this Monday, 22 June, we return to our former Daily Mass Schedule.

- Monday-Friday, 6.30am & 9.00am
- Saturday, 8.00am

The front door for Daily Masses will only open 20 minutes prior to each Mass. This is because we still need to have a contact register with the details of every person who enters the church.

If you regularly attend a certain Daily Mass Time (i.e. 6.30am Mass), please let the parish office know. We will have a register of those who regularly attend and your name will be ticked off when you arrive.

If your attendance at Daily Mass is a once off situation, we will ask you to record your details when you arrive at the front door.

Daily Live-Stream Masses

As we return to the higher number of 100 people for attendance at Mass, the daily live-stream Mass comes to an end on Saturday 20 June at 7am. We have been live-streaming daily for approximately ten weeks. Thank you to those who have been involved in any way with the live-stream Masses.

Private Prayer in the Church

Anyone who wishes to visit the church for private prayer can still do so between 9.30am - 1.00pm, Monday – Friday. Please enter the church via the parish office.

Sacrament of Reconciliation

The Sacrament of Reconciliation currently is only being celebrated by appointment. To make an appointment, please contact the parish office.

IMPORTANT: Groups & Meetings

Before any group or meeting recommences here at Our Lady of Graces in the Church, Parish Library, Hospitality Area or Aquinas Room, you will need to contact the parish office to discuss if it is possible for you to recommence and the requirements currently in place due to COVID-19.

We want everyone on the same page and following the same procedures.

Update on the Sacramental Program

Families with children enrolled for the Sacrament of Confirmation and/or First Holy Communion this year are asked to keep an eye on their emails this coming week. I will be sending an update on these two Sacraments and how they will be celebrated this year.

Shelly Stone, Pastoral Associate

The Catholic Leader

The Catholic Leader is currently offering their weekly digital newspaper for free during this COVID-19 crisis. If you have not already done so, sign up at catholicleader.com.au/covid19free

We currently do not have an update of when the paper version of the Catholic Leader will be produced again. We assume it will be once all the restrictions of COVID-19 have eased. Once we have an update, we will let you all know.

Church ready to join community response to COVID-19

Archbishop Coleridge said the Church, with its reach through schools, social services and parishes, was uniquely placed to provide insights into the immediate direction for Australia as coronavirus infection rates fall.



"When you've been around for a couple of millennia, you learn a bit about adjusting to changing times. That's the Catholic Church: our two thousand years as a global religion have brought memories and insights from the most dramatic changes the world has known," Archbishop Coleridge said.

"The governments of Australia have done well in responding to the COVID-19 pandemic, especially since they, like the rest of us, had entered new territory and have had to make big decisions in a strange, fast-moving environment.

"Our Australian response can take many different forms, but our priorities need to be clear. And there is one priority above all others – the human being must be the focus of any response. Of course the economy matters, but only if it puts the human being at its heart. The economy was made to serve us; we weren't made to serve the economy.

"We now have a chance to shape society in ways that weren't possible before this crisis. But that can't be left just to our political leaders. The whole community has to be creative in new ways, building on the kind of creativity we've shown through the crisis.

"The Church wants to be part of this process, and it has a unique contribution to make – not as politicians or economists but as people of faith who have forgotten little and learnt plenty, especially about the human being and what makes for a flourishing human society."

Archbishop Coleridge has met with heads of Queensland churches to continue to discuss COVID-19 and its impact on Church communities and beyond.
CathNews, published 11 June 2020

Donating to SVdP Carina Conference

If you would like to donate to St Vincent de Paul, Our Lady of Graces donations can be made to the following bank account.

- BSB: 064 162
- Account Number: 00906129
- Reference: Agent Number 2303

The reference of 2303 is important, as this ensures funds are allocated to the Carina Conference.

Vocation View

Have you discovered yet that there is more to life than what only material things have to offer? We live in the Spirit. Only in the Lord can we find lasting peace. Speak the Good News. To talk to someone about your vocation, contact our office or visit our website, 1300 133 544 or vocation@bne.catholic.net.au



Parish Profile based on the 2016 Census

Australian Catholic Bishops Conference have produced for each parish a Parish Profile. This statistical data is based on the previous census from 2016. The overall demographic data for Our Lady of Graces Parish Carina is provided below.

To view the parish profile for any parish around Australia, go to ncpr.catholic.org.au/2016-parish-social-profiles/, and then select the diocese & parish you wish to view.

Our Lady of Graces Parish, Carina Demographic Data 2016	
Total Population	33,171
Catholic Population	8,977
% Catholic to Total Population	27.1
<u>Catholic Population</u>	
Median Age	39
Families	3,357
Living Alone	736
Born Overseas	2,216
Do not speak English well	177
Need assistance with core activities	442
Changed address since 2011	2,878

Time for a laugh ...



Mrs. Jones got a little too used to watching online worship from home.

COMMUNITY NEWS

Small Blessings

Eloise like many of us is grateful for all health care workers for their dedication to the community during COVID-19. You can share with the community what you are grateful for at www.bit.ly/2WeCx2l

I am thankful for the nurses and doctors who have helped stop the spread of COVID-19.

Eloise

Clairvaux MacKillop College Enrolments

Clairvaux MacKillop College, Upper Mt Gravatt, are currently accepting enrolment applications for Years 7 - 12, 2021 - 2024. For further information regarding enrolments, visit www.cvxmck.edu.au or email enrolments@cvxmck.edu.au

Lourdes Hill College Enrolments

Lourdes Hill College are currently accepting enrolments for 2024 Yr 7 Students (current Yr 3). For further information, visit www.lhc.qld.edu.au

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