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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. 27**15th Sunday in Ordinary Time****12 July 2020****Reflection by Dianne Bergant CSA**

Today we are faced with the cost of discipleship, but we are also comforted by the promise of the providence of God. Baptism is for us both death and life. Through it we enter into Christ's death and we die to lives of selfishness and sin. Through it we rise with Christ to a new life freed from everything that previously held us down. As glorious as this new life might be, it requires death to our old ways of living, and this is always difficult.



The cost of discipleship cuts right to the core of our beings, it lays bare the very structures of kinship. Baptism recreates us as children of God; through it we are given a new life and born into a new family. The bonds of discipleship are now even stronger than the bonds of blood. Discipleship requires our very lives. As disciples we can no longer put ourselves first. We must be willing to spend ourselves and to be spent, to serve others in the day to day unfolding of life. We may find such commitment very demanding, but that is part of the cost of discipleship. God promises that if we lose our lives in this way, we will really gain them. If we are unselfish in the way we share ourselves with others, we will be enriched through our generosity. If we spend ourselves and are spent in our service of others we will be filled with blessings unimaginable.

Sunday Mass at Our Lady of Graces Parish

- Book online via the parish website www.carinacatholicparish.org.au or directly through Eventbrite www.eventbrite.com.au/e/mass-our-lady-of-graces-parish-carina-tickets-109568446172. You do not need to print off the booking ticket.
- Parishioners who do not have internet access may phone the parish office on 3398 2977 during office hours to make a booking.
- Registration for Sunday Mass closes each Friday at 12 noon. This allows for the registration lists to be finalised and printed.
- The front door of the church is opened 30 minutes prior to Mass.
- We ask parishioners to book a seat each week for Sunday Mass. Please do not rely on space being available and just turn up at Mass. Registration will ensure that a space is available for you.
- Parishioners may need to be flexible in that their preferred Mass Time might already be full with 100 people attending. As more parishioners realise that we are celebrating Sunday Mass with a congregation, attendance at Sunday Mass may have to be limited to once a fortnight.
- *Note: All Catholics remain dispensed from their Sunday obligation until further notice.*

PARISH HAPPENINGS

LOOKING AHEAD

Monday 13 July

- 7.00pm Italian Prayer Group – Church

Tuesday 14 July

- 9.30am Playgroup – Hospitality Area

- 3.30pm Confirmation Family Activity 1 (option 1)

Thursday 9 July

- 7.00pm RCIA – Library

Sunday 19 July

- 10.30am Dominican Laity – Library

- 1.00pm Confirmation Family Activity 1 (option 2a)

- 3.00pm Confirmation Family Activity 1 (option 2b)

Let us remember in prayer all those who are sick Mary Linsdell and those whose anniversaries occur around this time Ena Worthington, Mick McErlain, Pat Kenny, Gerald Simento, Jean-Claude Alizart, Slélla McIntyre **and the recently deceased** Bernard Carr, Ron Roff, Alice Mollison.

Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults

Earlier this year our elect and candidates were preparing to receive the Sacraments at the Easter Vigil. However due to the restrictions of COVID-19 at the time, this was not possible. With the easing of restrictions, they can now complete the final stages of preparation and celebrate their Initiation into the Catholic Church. Our elect and candidates, together with the RCIA Team, will be attending the Saturday 6pm Mass over the next few weeks.



This weekend our elect and candidates are receiving the Creed. The rituals of the Second & Third Scrutinies will be on Saturdays 19 July & 26 July. The First Scrutiny was already celebrated prior to Sunday Masses being suspended in March.

The Sacraments of Initiation will then be celebrated at the Saturday 6pm Mass on 1 August.

To be symbolic, a number of parishes in the Archdiocese of Brisbane are celebrating these rites at the same time.

We pray for Jia, Ben, Bonita and Marko during their final stages of preparation before their full Initiation into the Catholic Church.

Sea Sunday (12 July 2020)

Today is Sea Sunday, when the church prays for those who live and work at sea. Stella Maris, Apostleship of the Sea, is the official maritime welfare agency of the Catholic Church. During the COVID-19 pandemic, seafarers continue to bring products to sustain our population and economy, often at personal risk to their health. To donate, go to bit.ly/seasundayaustralia or call 0481 910 245.



Schools Are Back This Monday

The students of St Martin's Primary School and San Sisto College begin Term 3 this Monday, 13 July. A reminder that the 40kph school zone along Mayfield Road will be enforced on school days between 7am-4pm.

The Scrutinies

At Masses over the next three Sundays, many parishes will celebrate rituals called the "Scrutinies" with adults and older children who are preparing for initiation into the Church.

Some people feel uncomfortable with the word "scrutiny" so the term "rites of healing and strengthening" is sometimes used instead.

The ritual book says that the purpose of the scrutinies is to "heal all that is weak, defective, or sinful in the hearts of the elect" and "to give them strength in Christ, who is the way, the truth, and the life".

Every time the sacrament of baptism is celebrated, we are asked, "Do you renounce Satan... and all his works...and all his empty promises?" These are serious questions which need to be given careful consideration and not just answered automatically. And that is what the elect, those preparing to be baptised, spend much of these final weeks doing.

In the Scrutiny, the power of Jesus over all sin is proclaimed in a litany of intercession. A prayer is then said over the elect asking for their deliverance and strengthening. The celebrant, catechists, sponsors and other members of the community lay their hands on the heads of the elect in an ancient sign of forgiveness, healing and empowerment.

Because the entire community will renew its baptismal promises at the Sacraments of Initiation, we all take this opportunity to examine our way of life and ask ourselves whether we are truly living as Christ's disciples, as people of the Gospel.

Adapted from Liturgy Lines © Elizabeth Harrington, 18 Feb. 2016.

Sacramental Program 2020

- Sacrament of Confirmation Family Session 1

Families preparing for the Sacrament of Confirmation are reminded that Family Session 1 will be held in the church at the following times this week.

- Tuesday 14 July, 3.30pm - 5.00pm (Option 1)
- Sunday 19 July, 1.00pm - 2.30pm (Option 2a)
- Sunday 19 July, 3.00pm - 4.30pm (Option 2b)

If you have not booked in for one of these sessions, please contact the parish office on Monday morning. Booking in for the session is particularly important as the church can only cater for 100 people with the current COVID-19 restrictions.

- First Holy Communion Parent Information Night

The parent information night, for First Holy Communion families, will be held on **Tuesday 21 July, 7pm**, in the church. It is asked that **only one parent per family** attend this meeting as the church can only cater for 100 people with the current COVID-19 restrictions.

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

Stage 1 of the Roof Work Completed

During the months of April and May, Stage 1 of Repairing the Church Roof was completed. Stage 1 work included the following:

- Removal of asbestos from areas worked on
- Re-designed the 4 corners of the church roof with the flat roof eliminated and new roof sheeting installed at a pitch
- New box gutters and downpipes installed
- Wall sheeting replaced at the church entrance and the exterior wall near the sacristy
- New LED lights installed in the car park between the church and Dominic Centre

The cost of this work was approximately \$69,000.

Thank you goes to the Italian Community for the funds they raised at a fundraising luncheon a couple of years ago for church maintenance. The money they raised has gone towards the costs of this work.

Parish Finance Council

Stage 3 Update: Industry COVID Safe Plan for Places of Worship in Queensland

This week we have received an update regarding the Stage 3 of easing restrictions for churches that follow the *Industry COVID Safe Plan for Places of Worship*.

The main change is that singing is now permitted at the same distancing as when not singing. Therefore music with singing has returned to our Masses this weekend.

Some parishioners have asked "Why we are still only allowed a maximum of 100 people?" Based on the one person per 4 square metres rule. Our Lady of Graces Church can only cater for 100 people with this restriction.

Please note that the police are doing spot checks on parishes, especially on Sundays, to make sure everyone is complying with the restrictions. We are aware of one parish in the Northern Suburbs of Brisbane and one parish on the Gold Coast who have had the police visit them.

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

- Stay at home if you are vulnerable or unwell.
- Appropriate physical distancing of 1.5 metres.
- 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.

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.

Sacrament of Reconciliation

The Sacrament of Reconciliation currently is only being celebrated by appointment due to the COVID-19 restrictions. To make an appointment for Reconciliation, please contact the parish office.

Private Prayer in the Church

The church is open during parish office hours for private prayer. Entry into the church is via the office.

Temporary Changes due to COVID-19

- Holy water fonts remain empty.
- No passing around of the collection boxes. There are two boxes located inside the church for you to place your offerings.
- The Sign of Peace should be limited to saying "Peace be with you" with a nod or bow; no hand-shaking or hand-holding should occur here or at the Our Father.
- No Communion on the tongue or from the chalice
- Spread the Word handed out at the end of Mass.

Monday-Saturday Morning Mass Reminders

- The front door is opened 20 minutes prior to each Mass.
- We have an attendees list of parishioners who regularly attend a certain Daily Mass Time (i.e. 6.30am Mon-Fri, 9am Mon-Fri, and 8am Sat.). You only need to advise the parish office once to be included on a particular Mass time list.
- For once off attendance, contact details are collected at the front door as you arrive for Mass.

Vocation View

The seed of a vocation seeks fertile surroundings. Sometimes it gets stepped



on, sometimes it gets choked, sometimes it lacks depth. But other times it is nourished by loving and caring friends. To talk to someone about your vocation, contact our office or visit our website, 1300 133 544 or vocation@bne.catholic.net.au

COMMUNITY NEWS

Brisbane Catholic Bushwalking Club

The Brisbane Catholic Bushwalking Club is proud to announce that this date claimer can now be acted upon and they will be able to celebrate the 60th Anniversary of the Mt Barney Mass near the base of the mountain on 12 August, 2020.

For further details, contact Graham on 3371 9623 or cbcb.barneymass60@gmail.com

San Sisto College Enrolments

San Sisto College is currently accepting limited enrolment applications for Year 7, 2023 (students currently in Year 4). Enrolments are open for Year 7, 2024-2025. For further information or to enrol, visit www.sansisto.qld.edu.au/enrolment



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