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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

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'Gardening for the Soul'

The gospel continues on from the parable of the Sower that we heard last week. Divine Wisdom, now present in Jesus, continues to teach those who would listen. If God, the householder, sows only good seed why is it that there are such mixed results? The parable makes two points. Firstly that an enemy is responsible for the weeds, not the householder; secondly that the householder will deal with these weeds at the harvest time.



It is important to read this parable in its context. Jesus is dealing with why so many do not respond to his teaching, for his ministry receives a very mixed response. In the symbolism of the parable, the reign of God that Jesus announces is met by vigorous opposition from the powers of evil. This is the reality in Jesus' time, the reality faced by Matthew's community and it continues to be our reality. The voice of the Gospel continues to struggle to be heard in our present society. Other values are presented as offering a better way of life – if we allow asylum seekers in, our 'white Australian' quality of life may change – if we stop embryonic research we may lose our scientists and possible cures for many illnesses.

With many of the complex issues we face it is not easy to discern the weeds from the wheat. On the two issues named above good people of faith hold different views. The parable seems to suggest that the servants need to live with both the wheat and the weeds and leave the task of judgment to God. Jesus offers this teaching to console and encourage his followers. Their task, as servants, is to sow goodness. The task of destroying evil is God's.

Perhaps an even greater challenge is to realise that the parable speaks about me. The paradox within my own life – I too have to learn to live with the wheat and the weeds within my own heart. Many years ago I read a story of Tony D'Mello's; it goes something like this. The preacher came and asked the class, 'If all the good people wore white and all the bad people wore black, what would you wear?' Mary Jane answered, 'I'd wear polka dots!' For all our good intentions, and efforts we will probably continue to struggle with some issues all our lives. The garden of our soul will always need a little weeding. These inner struggles will continue to call us to conversion and we will continue to need to call on God and allow God to be the gardener of our souls. Knowing the weeds and wheat within our own individual lives, can help us be a little more patient, or tolerant of the weeds and wheat around us – in our families, communities, our Church. This is not an invitation to complacency but a reminder to 'get real' as young people say.

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PARISH HAPPENINGS

LOOKING AHEAD

Sunday 19 July

- 1.00pm & 2.00pm Baptisms – Church
- 1.00pm Confirmation Family Activity 1 } Dominic
- 3.00pm Confirmation Family Activity 1 } Centre

Monday 20 July

- 7.00pm Italian Prayer Group – Church

Tuesday 21 July

- 9.30am Playgroup – Hospitality Area
- 7.00pm 1st Holy Communion Parent Meeting

Thursday 23 July

- 9.30am Playgroup – Hospitality Area
- 3.30pm 1st Holy Communion Session 1 – Church
- 7.00pm RCIA – Library

Saturday 25 July

- 9.30am Communion at Home Meeting – Church

Sunday 26 July

- 10.00am Baptism Preparation – Library
- 3.00pm 1st Holy Communion Session 1 - Church

Let us remember in prayer all those who are sick
Mary Roberts, Marie Jones and those whose anniversaries occur around this time Harry Pieper, Patrick Boyle, Ena Worthington, Mick McErlain, Pat Kenny, Gerald Simento, Jean-Claude Alizart **and the recently deceased** Carmel Holley, Bernard Carr.

Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults

This weekend at the Saturday 6pm Mass, Jia, Ben, Bonita and Marko, our elect and candidates celebrate the ritual of the Second Scrutiny. We pray for them as they complete the final stages of preparation before their full Initiation into the Catholic Church on 1 August.



Sacramental Program 2020

- Sacrament of Confirmation Family Session 1

Families attending Sacrament of Confirmation Family Session 1 are reminded that the sessions today, Sunday 19 July, will be held in the Dominic Centre.

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.

- First Holy Communion Family Session 1

Families preparing for the Sacrament of First Holy Communion are reminded that Family Session 1 will be held in the church at the following times during the next couple of weeks.

- Thursday 23 July, 3.30pm - 4.30pm (Option 1)
- Sunday 26 July, 3.00pm - 4.00pm (Option 2)
- Tuesday 28 July, 3.30pm - 4.30pm (Option 3)

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.

Shelly Stone, Pastoral Associate

Communion at Home Ministry Meeting

With the restrictions easing, I am keen for those involved with the Communion at Home Ministry to resume. However, before recommencing, we all need to be aware of the precautions that need to be adhered to. Everyone in this ministry needs to be on the same page as to the processes that are to be followed, so that everyone continues to be safe.

Therefore, all involved in the Ministry of Communion at Home are asked to attend a meeting on **Saturday, 25 July, 9.30am, in the Church**. Please RSVP to Suzanne Schultz (0425 544 005) or to the Parish Office, so we have an idea of numbers attending the meeting.

If there is anyone who would like to be involved in this ministry, you are also encouraged to attend this meeting.
Fr Alex Vickers O.P.

Disabled Parking Reminder

A friendly reminder that the disabled parking spaces are only for people with a Disability Parking Permit. Please display your valid permit when parking in one of these spaces.

The only exception is that on weekdays, if all normal parking spaces are already taken, you may then park in a Saturday-Sunday disabled parking space.

St Vincent de Paul

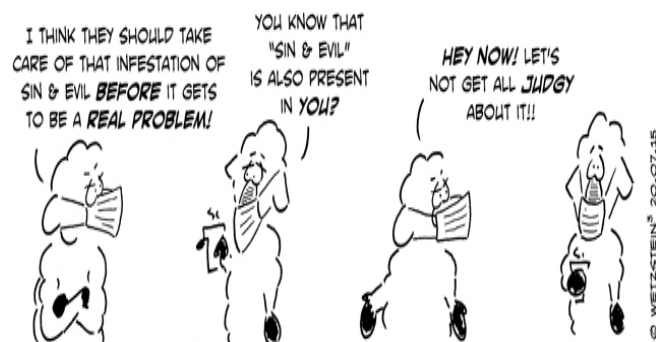
St Vincent de Paul, Our Lady of Graces Conferences, thanks all people who responded to our recent appeal for funds. Your generosity is vital at this time with so many families and singles struggling financially. If anyone is awaiting a receipt for their donation to SVdP during this appeal, please contact the conference president, Barbara Dougherty, at brdougherty@bigpond.com stating the date of your donation, your address, and the amount given. May God bless all those who give support. You are in our prayers.

Vocation View

There are many weeds growing with the wheat in our lives. Sometimes the weeds strangle our growth, or prevent us from hearing clearly God's voice. We need time to reflect on the garden of our life. To talk to someone about your vocation, contact our office or visit our website, 1300 133 544 or vocation@bne.catholic.net.au



Agnus Day – The Lectionary Comic Strip



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Sunday Mass at Our Lady of Graces Parish

- Book online via the home page of the parish website www.carinacatholicparish.org.au.
- 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, attendance may need to be limited to once a fortnight.
- *Note: All Catholics remain dispensed from their Sunday obligation until further notice.*

Stage 3 COVID-19 Restrictions for Queensland

A reminder that based on the one person per 4 square metres rule, Our Lady of Graces Church can only cater for 100 people with the current restrictions.

Please note that the police are doing spot checks on parishes 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

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.

Catholic sector welcomes new home care packages

Catholic Health Australia has welcomed the release of a further 6150 home care packages for older Australians and urged the federal



Government to increase the pace so those needing care and support are not missing out.

The Government made the announcement about the extra home care support yesterday and also said it would extend the aged care royal commission by several months. The royal commission was originally due to report by November 12 but will be given until February 26.

CHA Chief Executive Pat Garcia said the waitlist for home care packages - which now stands at around 100,000 - remains unacceptably high, a point highlighted by the Royal Commission into Aged Care Quality and Safety's Interim Report.

With the royal commission now reporting in February, Mr Garcia said all eyes would be on the May 2021 Budget.

"The aged care system is in desperate need of reform and proper funding - it needs an overarching plan that offers stability to the system," he said.

"It is critical that the Government takes the opportunity presented by the royal commission to present a resourced program for systemic reform of aged care services so that all older Australians have timely access to quality aged care and support services of their choice."

Collectively, CHA members are the largest non-government providers of residential aged care in Australia. *CathNews, published 9 July 2020*

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