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**Tuesday - Thursday:** 8.30am - 3.30pm  
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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

**PARISH TEAM:**

**Parish Priest:** Fr Alex Vickers O.P.  
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# Spread the Word

**Vol. 34 No. 29 20th Sunday in Ordinary Time 18 August 2019**

## **Reflection by Greg Sunter**



This week's short and sharp gospel brings to mind two popular sayings (sometimes regarded as blessings, and sometimes regarded as curses). The first is fictitiously ascribed as an ancient Chinese saying, 'May you live in interesting times!' The inference of the blessing/curse is that 'interesting times' equate to disturbing, tumultuous times or times of rapid change.

Some people thrive on such change and upheaval, while others dread the thought of change.

The second blessing/curse is, 'May the peace of Christ disturb you!' It occasionally turns up around Christmas or Easter and is sometimes provocatively used by those who advocate for justice and peace. The saying cuts to the heart of what Jesus says in today's gospel: the message he brings is not a cosy, complacent peace, but rather a message that confronts and challenges, even turning loved ones against each other.

Jesus reminds us that if we take on his message of compassion, hospitality and table fellowship then it can set us apart from those who have not accepted the message – even family members. It's a challenging message that even love and loyalty within a family can be disrupted by seeking to authentically live the model of Jesus. If we authentically place the needs of the lowly and the outcast ahead of our own and ahead of our family, then this can be very confronting and very disrupting. What are the consequences for family gatherings? What might the gathering at Christmas dinner look like if we take this message seriously? Jesus says that the normal obligations to family have to take second place to acting on his message and bringing about the kingdom of God.

## PARISH HAPPENINGS

### LOOKING AHEAD

#### Monday 19 August

- 10.30am Dominican Laity - Library
- 7.00pm Italian Prayer Group – Church
- 7.00pm PFCC – Library

#### Tuesday 20 August

- 9.00am Playgroup – Hospitality
- 9.30am Scripture Group – Library

#### Wednesday 21 August

- 10.30am BED Scripture Group – Library
- 6.30pm Legion of Mary – Library

#### Thursday 22 August

- 9.00am Playgroup – Hospitality
- 3.30pm FHC Session 3 option 1 – Church

#### Saturday 24 August

- 7.15pm AA – Library

#### Sunday 25 August

- 3.00pm FHC Session 3 option 2 – Church

**Let us remember in prayer all those who are sick and those whose anniversaries occur around this time** *Francisco Papas, Zina Catalano, Domenico Pizzica, Mavis Steele, Ron Steele, Joanne DeWolf and the recently deceased Stephanie Kitchen, Vilma Ghose, Mary (May) Gordan.*

### First Holy Communion – Session 3



A reminder to the families preparing for First Holy Communion, that the Third Family Session will be at the following times in the Church.

- Thursday 22 August, 3.30pm (Option 1)
- Sunday 25 August, 3.00pm (Option 2)

Please ensure that you have booked online, through the School Interviews Portal.

### Important Notice

Police are searching for a serial flasher believed to be stepping up his lewd behaviour towards women in recent months. There have been 10 incidents reported since September 12, 2018, with police concerned at the "escalating nature" of his behaviour, as six of the incidents occurred since June. All of the incidents occurred in the Carina area, with sightings of the man near Nyrang Street, Adelaide Street, Mayfield Road, Wattle Avenue, Waratah Avenue, Booligal Street, Willard Street, Hecklemann Street, Murchison Street and Maranoa Street. Most of the incidents happened in late afternoon, between 5.30pm and 6.30pm, and generally on a Wednesday or Friday. The women have described the man as 20 to 30 years old, Caucasian, about 174 centimetres tall with short, dark hair. Police are asking for anyone in the area who may have CCTV of a man matching this description, or any information about his identity, to come forward. Patrols of the area have been increased. If you see this man please contact the police immediately, do not approach him.

### Last Week's 2<sup>nd</sup> Collection

Loose	\$763.85
Planned Giving	\$3,015.81
<b>Total</b>	<b>\$3,779.66</b>

### Planned Giving Program

To obtain envelopes, Direct Debit or a Credit Card request, please complete the form on the back page of this newsletter and place on either collection plate or deliver to Parish Office.

### From the Parish Secretary

Applications for the position of Parish Secretary here at Our Lady of Graces, close on August 28, 2019. If anyone is interested or if you know someone who might be interested, please see the advertisement below. *Ashleigh Vasta*

### Our Lady of Graces Parish

invites applications for the part time position of

### Parish Secretary

30 hours per week Monday to Thursday (negotiable)

**Official start date of employment will be**

**Monday 14 October 2019**

The successful applicant will have:

- Demonstrated ability in providing reception services and administrative support.
- Well-developed written and oral communication skills and interpersonal skills for providing excellent customer service to internal and external stakeholders.
- Demonstrated capacity to work both independently and with others.
- Current computer skills.
- A willingness to work within the Mission and Vision of the Catholic Church.

Specific responsibilities include:

The day-to-day running of the parish office including reception, general office responsibilities, routine financial duties, publish weekly newsletter, liturgical booklets, database entry, routine correspondence, maintaining parish registers, diary management for parish priest, photocopying and filing.

Additional information, including a position description can be obtained from James Herd on 3324 3331 or email [herdj@bne.catholic.net.au](mailto:herdj@bne.catholic.net.au). Applications close on Wednesday, 28 August 2019.

To apply for this position, please email your current resume and a covering letter outlining your suitability for the position to James Herd, [herdj@bne.catholic.net.au](mailto:herdj@bne.catholic.net.au). Applications should include the name of two (2) referees one of which preferably should be a Parish Priest.

Remuneration will be based on the suitable candidate's skills and experience and be paid in line with the Clerks Private Sector Modern Award 2010.

*The Archdiocese of Brisbane has standards of conduct for employees and volunteers to maintain a safe and healthy environment. Our commitment to these standards requires that we conduct background referencing for all persons who will engage in direct and regular involvement with children, young people and/or vulnerable adults.*



## COMMUNITY NEWS

### HeartFIT

HeartFIT is teaming up with Eat Smart Nutrition to present a Nutrition Program targeted at the 50+ age group. A combination of Good Diet & Exercise is essential as we age to maximise your health & wellness outcomes. Take action to be **STRONGER, HAPPIER AND HEALTHIER**. Come & see the latest information on optimising your health through nutrition & exercise as Eat Smart Nutrition presents new research for the 50+ age group to grow & maintain lean muscle mass and strength for vibrant health.

### Event Schedule

Carindale - Monday 19th August - 10:45am

Carindale PCYC 27 Narracott St Carina

Mt. Gravatt - Friday 23rd August - 9:15am

Mt Gravatt Showgrounds 1644 Logan Rd

### Our Lady of Akita

The Japanese Community of Our Lady of Akita Brisbane is happy to announce the erection of a Shrine to Our Lady of Akita at Marian Valley and cordially invite fellow Catholics to the special Blessing and Opening of the Shrine. Date: Sunday, September 15, 2019. Marian Valley, 2541 Beechmont Road, Canungra. 10am Holy Hour; Rosary; Confession. 11am Holy Mass followed by procession to Our Lady of Akita Chapel for Blessing, Opening and Devotions. Lunch. For further information: Dolores (07) 3807 1310. Tamaki 0412 938 596. [ourladyofakita@outlook.com](mailto:ourladyofakita@outlook.com).

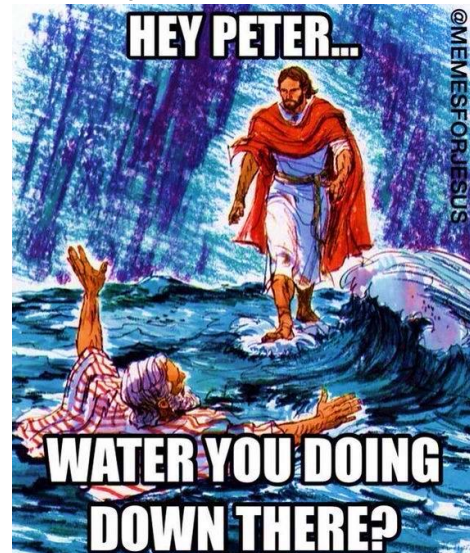
### Volunteer Opportunities

The Cagliero Project is an initiative of the Australia-Pacific Province of the Salesians of Don Bosco, providing overseas volunteer experiences for Australians who wish to work with disadvantaged young people. We are seeking enthusiastic volunteers for January 2020 departure. Our volunteers placements run for 6-12 months and are centered around working with young people in educational settings. We have multiple volunteer opportunities throughout Cambodia, Samoa, Timor Leste and the Solomon Islands. Cagliero volunteers commit themselves to working in the 'Salesian way'. This means that young people are the central focus in all work. The Salesian way also means approaching life in a joyful way with a loving heart. The experience as a Cagliero volunteer is not about the volunteer, but is focused on the people we go to serve. However, serving as a Cagliero volunteer will probably be the most rewarding thing you ever do! Applications close October 15, 2019. For more information, or to send us an inquiry, follow this link: <http://cagliero.org.au/>

Contact: Lauren Hichaaba, Director of the Cagliero Project  
Email: [lhichaaba@salesians.org.au](mailto:lhichaaba@salesians.org.au)

## SOMETHING FUNNY

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## PLENARY COUNCIL

This National Theme for Discernment is inspired by the voices of the People of God who shared a passion for participating in the missionary nature of the Church and desire stronger support, involvement and formation among all the baptised who make up the Church. The data also identified the need to reach out and communicate more effectively and to find new ways of living and proclaiming the Gospel in Australia today. There was a call for the strengthening of leadership and ministries in parishes and schools, training to equip leaders for ministry, pastoral support for various groups within parish and faith communities, and a desire for a unified voice in engaging social issues such as life and religious freedom.

Read more about this time at:

[www.plenarycouncil.catholic.org.au](http://www.plenarycouncil.catholic.org.au)



## CATHOLIC LEADER

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

- Vinnies support worker has seen more elderly Australians seeking their services in housing crisis on the Gold Coast.
- Brisbane youth minister Georgina Devenish-Meares journeys with nine companions and a Canossian Sister to Papua New Guinea for an eye-opening immersion experience.
- Order of Australia recipient Carmela Bozzi is humbled by the accolade, attributing her journey and choices as blessings from God



**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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