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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. 35 No. 29**17th Sunday in Ordinary Time****26 July 2020****Reflection by Dianne Bergant CSA**

Two themes seem to weave through the readings for this Sunday: treasure and delight. The treasure is the extraordinary gift that comes from God; the delight is the joy that we experience when we realise that the treasure is ours. A third theme, which is found in the first reading, picks up a theme that we have considered several times during this period of Ordinary Time, namely, service of others.



The treasure is the kingdom of heaven. It is the prize that gives meaning to the present, and its fullest delight draws us into the future. The reign of God is the fulfilment of our deepest desires and our fondest hopes. Nothing in the world can compare with it, and that is why we are willing to sacrifice everything to attain it. The treasure that we find is really a gift that is given. We need not work to attain the kingdom, nor can we earn it in any way. It is given to us by God. All we have to do is accept it.

Solomon chose to be of service to others. In this he is a model for disciples to follow. We have discovered the treasure in the field; we have found the pearl of great price. What we have been given, we must now give to others. In giving we will lose nothing. In fact, we gain an abundance of blessings. All things work for good, and God is glorified in all. Such is the character of the kingdom of God.

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 on Friday afternoon.
- 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.
- Experience from previous weeks indicate that Saturday 6pm & Sunday 9am reach 100 quickly. Sunday 7am & 5.30pm usually has space.
- *Note: All Catholics remain dispensed from their Sunday obligation until further notice.*

PARISH HAPPENINGS

LOOKING AHEAD

Sunday 26 July

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

Monday 27 July

- 9.30am SVdP Meeting - Aquinas Room
- 7.00pm Italian Prayer Group – Church

Tuesday 28 July

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

Thursday 30 July

- 9.30am Playgroup – Hospitality Area
- 7.00pm 2nd Rite of Reconciliation (FHC) – Church
- 7.00pm RCIA – Library

Let us remember in prayer all those who are sick Olivia Joses, Marie Jones **and those whose anniversaries occur around this time** Bernard & Shirley Barry, Syd Stone, Victor Stone, Harry Pieper, Patrick Boyle, Ena Worthington, Mick McErlain, Pat Kenny **and the recently deceased** Richard Schmiede, Mary Roberts, Ross Holt, Carmel Holley.

Rest in Peace: Ross Holt & Carmel Holley

This week funerals were celebrated on Thursday for Ross Holt and on Friday for Carmel Holley. Prayers and sympathy of the parish are offered to the Holt and Holley families at this time.

Eternal rest grant unto them all O Lord and may perpetual light shine upon them. May they, and all the souls of the faithful departed, through the mercy of God, rest in peace.

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 Third Scrutiny.

Next weekend, during the Saturday 6pm Mass, they will be fully Initiated into the Catholic Church through the Sacraments of Baptism, Confirmation and Eucharist.



Sacramental Program 2020

- First Holy Communion

Families preparing for First Holy Communion are reminded of the remaining Family Session 1 options and the celebrations for the 2nd Rite of Reconciliation over the next couple of weeks.

Family Session 1

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

2nd Rite of Reconciliation

- Thursday 30 July, 7.00pm (Option 1)
- Tuesday 4 August, 7.00pm (Option 2)
- Wednesday 5 August, 7.00pm (Option 3)

Shelly Stone, Pastoral Associate

Novena to St Dominic

As we approach the Feast Day of St Dominic on 3 August, you are invited to participate in the Novena to St Dominic after Mass. Novena prayer booklets are available from in front of the Statue of St Dominic.

St Dominic's Feast Day

Next weekend we will celebrate the Feast Day of St Dominic. The Saturday 6pm Mass will use the readings for the 18th Sunday in Ordinary Time, as these readings are appropriate for the Sacraments of Initiation. The Sunday 7am, 9am & 5.30pm Masses will use the readings for the feast.



Unfortunately, due to COVID-19 restrictions, there won't be the usual hospitality after these Masses.

Orange Marmalade for Sale Next Weekend

Next weekend after each Mass there will be a limited number of bottles of homemade orange marmalade for sale, until sold out. Please bring along cash.

The orange tree for this marmalade comes from a cutting of an orange tree that was planted by St Dominic in the Convent of St Sabina in Rome. The cutting from the tree was brought to Australia and planted by the Dominican Sisters in the grounds of San Sisto College. The tree produced a crop recently and the oranges picked have been made into the orange marmalade that will be for sale.

Friday 7 August – No 9am Mass

On Friday 7 August, St Martin's Primary School and San Sisto College will be celebrating a combined School Mass for St Dominic's Feast with student representatives in the church and the remaining student body participating via live-stream.

Due to the logistics involved with this Mass, there will be no 9am Mass on Friday 7 August.

The 6.30am Mass will still be celebrated on this day.

Thank you for understanding and sorry for the inconvenience caused.

Holy Infant Orphanage Mae Sot, Thailand



At this time of year, I would be usually preparing for my annual trip to Holy Infant Orphanage in Mae Sot, Thailand. Here, I would give retreats to the Missionary Sisters of St Dominic and work with the children of the orphanage.

Over the years, parish communities have supported the many different projects for the orphanage including a new solar panels for power supply, water tanks and a baker.

Due to COVID-19, it is not possible this year for me to travel to Mae Sot. However, if anyone wishes to donate money to Holy Infant Orphanage, donation envelopes are available from the tables near the front door of the church.

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

If anyone is awaiting a receipt for a donation to SVdP during the recent appeal, please contact the conference president, Barbara Dougherty, at brdougherty@bigpond.com stating the date of your donation, your address, and the amount given.

Groups & Meetings Recommencing

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

Current COVID-19 Restrictions

Based on the current restrictions of one person per 4 square metres rule, 100 people can gather in Our Lady of Graces Church at one time.

As part of our COVID Safe Plan, we 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.

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 Masses

- The front door is opened 20 minutes before Mass
- We have an attendees list of parishioners who regularly attend a certain Daily Mass Time. To be included on the list, advise the parish office.
- Contact details for once off attendance is collected at the door when you arrive for Mass.

COMMUNITY NEWS

St Ignatius Parish, Toowong

Annual Women's Night of Spirituality

14th Annual Women's Night of Spirituality can be viewed from Tuesday 28 July by watching the YouTube recording found at www.stignatiustooowong.org.au.

Speakers this year are Sr Angela Mary Doyle RSM AO and Dr Sr Maeve Louise Heaney VDMF.

Pope donates ventilator to Brazil hospital

Pope Francis has donated a ventilator to a hospital in Brazil as the medical ship named in his honour is re-tasked to bring medical assistance to coronavirus-hit communities on the Amazon River.



The Pope donated the ventilator to the Campanha de Marabá Hospital as the number of infections and deaths due to the COVID-19 virus continues to increase in the South American country.

Expressing his gratitude in a video, Bishop Vital Corbellini of Marabá said that "it was a beautiful charitable action of Pope Francis through the Apostolic Nunciature" which will be used to "save as many lives as possible."

"We ask that it be used especially for the Indigenous peoples, because they are the most in need," Bishop Corbellini said.

The respirator, one of four sent by the Holy Father to Brazil, along with a temperature monitor, arrived in Marabá on Sunday. Bishop Corbellini, in turn, presented them to the health facility's coordinator during a small ceremony on Monday.

Meanwhile, the Pope Francis Hospital Ship is delivering medical assistance to Amazon River communities hit with by the coronavirus pandemic.

"This ship has already worked miracles, bringing healing and hope to river populations," said Brother Joel Sousa, a member of the ship's coordination team.

Therefore, he continued, there is even more reason to do so in times of a medical emergency.

The ship has been sailing the Amazon River for a year, delivering medical aid and assistance to some 700,000 members of coastal populations – many of them indigenous communities - in Brazil's Amazon Rainforest.

In an interview published on the Latin American Episcopal Council (CELAM) website, Brother Sousa said the medical and logistical team aboard the ship was reorganised to fight the pandemic.

He said the crew is now committed to raising awareness and providing information to the local populations and offers on-the-spot, first-stage outpatient treatment.

"We are dealing mainly with flu-like symptoms and mild cases of Covid-19," he said, adding that "the doctors carry out the consultations, while we dedicate ourselves to the distribution of medicines."



The initiative was set up and promoted by Bishop Bernardo Bahlmann of Obidos in the northern Brazilian state of Pará, together with the religious of the Fraternity of St Francis

of Assisi in the Providence of God, who run a hospital in Rio de Janeiro.

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