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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

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Reflection by Diane Bergant CSA



Ours is an historical religion. It not only unfolds within the joys and disappointments of time and place, but it is rooted in actual events that took place in the lives of real people. The Christ to whom we commit ourselves is not a mythic character, a figment of communal religious imagination. He is someone who was born into history, at a specific period of time, in a particular place. He was known by real people like John the Baptist; he submitted himself to historical rituals like baptism. He had followers who testified to the truth of both his existence and his life. Jesus was a man of history.

Like Paul, we too have been called to be apostles. We received this call when we were baptised. The beginning of the year, with its custom of making new resolutions, is a wonderful time to remember to what we have committed ourselves. At times it seems that our own apostleship is no less daunting than was Paul's. However, it is no less immediate either. Whether the period of history is the first half of the first century, as was the time of Jesus, or the second half, as was the time of Paul, or the twenty-first century, as is our time, salvation unfolds within the events of time. Furthermore, the followers of Jesus always return to the events of his life in order to discover the meaning of the events in their lives. These past events are reinterpreted in the ongoing present. Discipleship is never otherworldly.

PRAYER FOR THOSE AFFECTED BY BUSHFIRE AND DROUGHT

Eternal God, in wisdom and love you created our earth to sustain us and give us life. We turn to you now in faith, hope and love, asking you to look with favour on our fire-ravaged and drought-stricken land, on our starving and displaced animals, on our failing crops and burning farms, towns and forests. Strengthen, sustain and give new heart to our farmers and to all who are affected by drought; be with those who support them. Strengthen and comfort the victims of the fires, those who have lost family, friends, property and stock. Protect our volunteer firefighters and all members of essential services. In your loving providence, send abundant rain to quench the fires and to restore our parched earth. Father of all compassion, hear our prayer through Jesus Christ your Son, in whom the promise of new life has dawned, and through the power of the Holy Spirit, the Lord the giver of life: Renew your faithful people; Renew the face of the earth.

Our Lady of the Southern Cross, Mary, help of Christians – *Pray for us.*
St Mary of the Cross MacKillop – *Pray for us.*

LOOKING AHEAD

Monday 20 January

- 10.30am Dominican Laity – Library

Tuesday 21 January

- 10.30am Funeral (Annette Robinson) – Church

Wednesday 22 January

- 10.30am BED Scripture Group – Library

- 6.30pm Legion of Mary – Library

Thursday 23 January

- 11.00am BED Scripture Group – Library

- 7.00pm RCIA Meeting – Library

Saturday 25 January

- 7.15pm AA – Library

Let us remember in prayer all those who are sick and *Patrick Coyne, Quintin Olave, June Olave, Malette Sauz* **and those whose anniversaries occur around this time** *Mary Marrinan, Sean Duffy, Merle Perera, Teresa Simento* **and the recently deceased** *Fr Ray Brain CP, Annette Robinson, Lyle Watson, Mary Frangi, Robyn Mallon, Ursula Trapnell, Fr John Barry OSA.*

250th Anniversary of the First Mass celebrated in New Zealand

On Sunday 19 January, a special Mass to commemorate the 250th Anniversary will be celebrated in Kaitia, New Zealand. The first Mass was celebrated by Fr Paul-Antoine Léonard de Villefeix OP on board the sloop Ste. Jean-Baptiste on Christmas Day, 1769.



Australia Day

Next weekend, 25-26 January, we will be celebrating Australia Day at our Sunday Masses. We will be using the special prayers and readings set aside for this day, which incorporates the images of Australia.

Vinnies' Bushfire Appeal

As part of the national response to the bushfires engulfing parts of Australia, a special collection will be taken up at all Masses next weekend, 25-26 January, for the Vinnies' Bushfire Appeal. Please come prepared to contribute to this appeal.

Australia Day Public Holiday (27 January)

Please note that Monday 27 January is a Public Holiday for Australia Day. Therefore, Mass will be celebrated at 8am & the Parish Office will be closed.

Sacramental Program 2020

Confirmation (Year 3 / 8 years old)

- 11 Feb. – Confirmation Parent Information Night, 7-8pm, in the Church. Handout with sessions and booking information will be provided at the meeting.
- 13 Feb. – Confirmation Enrolments close. Please see Shelly if you require a form.

Penance (Year 5 / 10 years old)

- 23 Feb. – Penance Session 1, Option 1, 2-4pm
- 25 Feb. – Penance Session 1, Option 2, 4-6pm

For inquiries, please contact Shelly on 3398 2977 or sc.carina@bne.catholic.net.au

The Little King's Movement Appeal (1-2 February)

The Little Kings Movement for the Handicapped conducts a once-a-year Parish Appeal, as well as a Door Knock which is supported by some Catholic Schools. The parish appeal will be conducted over the weekend of 1-2 February.

The Movement, located in Buranda, caters for people with disabilities in social and spiritual activities. There is no Government funding and the Movement is staffed by volunteers. Each year the calls for their services are increasing. The Movement, though based on Catholic beliefs, is truly ecumenical and all members are welcomed and respected for their own beliefs. There is no charge for any of the services provided by the Movement.

If at this time you are unable to help financially, you may be able to give of your time or talents. If so, please contact the Movement on 3391 1432.



Ageing Wisely Seminar

A seminar on ageing wisely, hosted by Holy Cross Funerals, will be held here at Our Lady of Graces Parish on *Monday 24 February, 9.30am – 2pm.*



The day will include guest speakers, lucky door prizes, morning tea & lunch. Entry is free. This is a wonderful opportunity to engage with organisations who offer support and assistance at a time when it is most needed.

For catering purposes, please RSVP via the clipboard on the table at the back of the church or contact the parish office by *Wednesday 19 February.*

'There's more to this than Meets the Eye' How Sacraments Work

This is your chance to hear Fr Paul Turner, renowned US teacher and speaker, liturgist and prolific author. Paul will speak about the sacramental signs of water, bread and wine, oil and the human touch, and how these sacramental signs open up for us the mysterious and powerful action of our loving God. Check out his website: www.PaulTurner.org



Public Lecture: Friday 6 March 2020, 5.30pm - 7.30pm, Hanly Room, Cathedral of St Stephen (parking available in the Cathedral car park).

If you are interested in attending, please contact Shelly at the Parish Office on 3398 2977 or sc.carina@bne.catholic.net.au.

2020 Planned Giving Envelopes

The parish office has a number of 2020 planned giving envelopes boxes which were not collected from the back of the church prior to Christmas. If you use planned giving envelopes and do not have your 2020 envelopes, please come into the parish office during office hours to collect them.

A VOCATION VIEW: *Isaiah's vocation was to be a light to the nations. Nations and neighbourhoods need missionaries - lay, clergy and religious. Listen to the call! To talk to someone about your vocation, contact Vocation Brisbane on 1300 133 544.*

Italian News: Feast of St Gabriel

The Italian communities and parishioners of "Our Lady of Graces" are invited to participate in the **Feast of St Gabriel of the Sorrowful Mother** on Sunday 23 February, 10:30 am, with a Solemn Mass. The main celebrant will be Fr Angelo Cagna CS, with Fr Alex Vickers OP concelebrating.

After the Mass, there will be a procession in the car park with the statue and relic of Saint Gabriel. Following the procession, there will be kissing of the relic, in the Church.

In preparation of the Feast, there will be a Triduum on Monday 17, Tuesday 18 and Wednesday 19 February, 7:30 pm. Mass will be celebrated each of these nights by Fr Angelo Cagna CS. Before and after the Mass each night, there will be an opportunity for Confession.

Following the Mass and Procession on Sunday 23 February, those who wish to continue celebrating socially can contact the Brisbane Abruzzo Club 3843 3180, Giovanni Di Nardo 3395 1749, Camillo Masci 0418 758 700 or Vito Di Stasi 0413 633 895 to book for lunch. Everyone is most welcome.

CATHOLIC LEADER

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

- Timorese Catholic Community opens a new shrine to Our Lady of Aitara at Marian Valley, Canungra on January 11.
- Iraqi archbishop visiting Brisbane pleads for rival United States and Iran powers to 'leave us alone' amid escalating tensions in the region.
- Young Brisbane Catholic firefighter Michael O'Donovan prays for protection, calling on God to stand by him and others, even in the fiercest of blazes.
- Flowing between Bribie and Kilcoy, amalgamated Living Waters parish formed at the start of the year.
- Prime Minister Scott Morrison joins debates about doing more on climate action after bushfires devastate Australia.
- Townsville Bishop Tim Harris urges Indonesian officials to send the remaining Bali Nine home after 14 years.
- Family of 34, including a newborn baby and Brisbane Catholics, dodges raging fires on New South Wales southern coast.



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COMMUNITY HAPPENINGS

Regina Caeli Over 50's Club

The Regina Caeli Over 50's Club will be celebrating their Opening Mass, Meeting and Morning Tea on *Wednesday 5 February, 9.30am*. For further information, contact Leila Bourke on 3397 1545.

Cathedral Guides & Welcomers

Cathedral Guides & Welcomers invite you to an information session on *Thursday 6 February, 10.30am* to discover the delights of volunteering with the Cathedral Guides & Welcomers. The meeting will be held in the Hanly Room of the Francis Rush Centre, located beside the Cathedral of St Stephen.

If you enjoy meeting people; love your Cathedral and revel in good art and juicy history, the rewards of becoming a volunteer with the Cathedral Guides and Welcomers is beyond measure. A comprehensive training program is offered.

If this ministry appeals to you, please contact the Cathedral, deveryc@bne.catholic.net.au or 3324 3030, by Friday 24 January.

Saint Therese of Lisieux - Australian Visit in 2020

The relics of St Thérèse of Lisieux and her parents Sts Louis and Zélie Martin will be touring Australia in 2020. The itinerary shows the relics visiting the following local locations.

- Our Lady of Mt Carmel Coorparoo (6-7 February)
- Cathedral of St Stephen (9-10 February)
- Santa Teresa Centre Ormiston (13 February)

Liturgy Brisbane Parish Workshops

Elizabeth Harrington & Trish Stapleton will present parish workshops on *Celebrating Triduum & Easter*.

- Tuesday 11 February, 6pm - 9pm, Fr Denis Power Centre (Jubilee Parish), 333 Given Tce, Paddington
- Saturday 15 February, 9am - 12noon, Aspinall Hall (Upper Mt Gravatt Wishart Parish), 4 Klumpp Road, Upper Mt Gravatt

Visit www.liturgybrisbane.net.au to purchase tickets.

Care for Our Common World



You are invited to share in a Community Forum, Care For Our Common World Living Laudato Si ...Think Globally, Act Locally.

Saturday 15 February, 9.00am-1.45pm, Our Lady Queen of Apostles, 70 Appleby Rd, Stafford. Expressions of interest, please contact Stafford Parish Office by email: stafford@bne.catholic.net.au or call 3356 7155.

Valentines Dinner Dance

Venue: Belmont Services Bowls Club, Narracott St, Carina

When: Saturday, 15 February 2020

Time: 6.30pm for a 2 course meal, cake and coffee/tea

Cost: \$100 per couple

Live Music, Dancing, Cash Bar, Raffle, Lucky Door Prize

Please contact Mel & Maria on 0403 755 273.



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