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**Monday:** 8.30am - 12.30pm  
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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

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# Spread the Word

**Vol 34 No 2 5<sup>th</sup> Sunday in Ordinary Time 10 February 2019**

## ***Reflection by Greg Sunter***

The theme that comes through this week's readings is one of 'being called'. The first reading is the call of the prophet Isaiah (Is 6:1-8). Isaiah experiences a vision of the glory of God and is humbly reminded of his own deficiencies: he believes himself to be 'a man of unclean lips'. As such, he is certainly unfit to speak on behalf of God as his unclean lips would taint whatever message he may speak. But his lips are cleansed by God who then asks, 'Whom shall I send?' Demonstrating a complete conversion of heart and mind, Isaiah immediately replies, 'Here I am, send me!'

This first reading provides a perfect balance to the gospel. Jesus is being closely pressed by the crowd when he asks a nearby fisherman to take him just off shore to preach without being overwhelmed by the crowd. Seemingly at random, he has selected the boat of the fisherman Peter. Having finished preaching for the day, Jesus tells Peter to set out into deeper water and pay out his fishing nets. Peter is certainly not keen on the idea! Out of some interest or good nature he had agreed to allow this preacher to use his boat for a while, but now this country bumpkin is trying to tell him how to fish! Just to prove Jesus wrong, Peter agrees to go through the futile exercise and is overwhelmed by the enormous catch of fish. Like Isaiah in the first reading, Peter is suddenly acutely aware of his own deficiencies – 'Leave me Lord; I am a sinful man'. Like Isaiah, he recognises that he has just seen the glory of God revealed and he feels unworthy to be part of the experience. But Jesus reassures him, 'Do not be afraid,' and calls Peter to follow.

## PARISH HAPPENINGS

### LOOKING AHEAD

#### Monday 11 February

- 7.00pm Italian Prayer Group – Church

#### Tuesday 12 February

- 9.30am Playgroup – Hospitality

- 9.30am Scripture Group – Library

- 7.00pm Confirmation Parent info – Church

#### Wednesday 13 February

- 10.00am BED Scripture Group – Library

- 6.00pm OLOG Diners – Pancho's

- 7.00pm Legion of Mary – Library

#### Thursday 14 February

- 9.00am Playgroup – Hospitality

- 10.30am Year 6 Leadership liturgy – Church

- 7.00pm Italian Choir – Church

#### Friday 15 February

- 9.00am Year's 4 and 2 joining mass - Church

#### Saturday 16 February

- 7.15pm AA – Library

**Let us remember in prayer all those who are sick and those whose anniversaries occur around this time** Les O'Brien, Lawrie Rosso, Terry O'Brien, Noel Boyle **and the recently deceased** Silvana Cappelli Kathleen Calibag, Natividad Umali and Umberto Carniel

### Our Lady of Graces Sacramental Program 2019 Confirmation

The Confirmation Parent Information Night will be held on Tuesday 12 February, 7pm in the Church. *This is open to parents whose children are in grade 3 (or above) and wish to make the Sacrament this year.*

### Penance: 1<sup>st</sup> Rite of Reconciliation

For all children who have completed the Confirmation and First Holy Communion the sessions will start on 24 February. All parents of eligible children should have received information via Shelly in the Parish Office. If you have not received any notification, please contact OLOG (07) 3398 2977.

### Plenary Council 2020

**"What do you think God is asking of us in Australia at this time?"** There is still time to

write down your thoughts,

and the box at the

entrance of the

church will remain there until March 2019. We are doing this in light of the Plenary Council 2020 which invites everyone to have a say.

For more information about the Plenary Council head to <http://plenarycouncil.catholic.org.au/>



### Volunteers 2019

Several positions in a number of ministries have become available for new volunteers to join. Each ministry requires a once-a-month commitment for whichever ministry you join.

We also have multiple committees/councils who are looking for new members. These groups also require a once-a-month commitment however, when there are some events we ask those members to also get involved.

If you are interested, please fill out the following and return it to the office.

#### My Details

Name:

Phone:

Email:

**Please tick the following options that apply**

I would like to join/interested in:

Minister of Communion ☐

Reader ☐

Altar Server ☐

Musician ☐

Data Projector Operator ☐

Children's Liturgy ☐

Cuppa n Chat ☐

Communion to the sick ☐

Prescare ☐

I normally go to the following Mass:

6pm ☐ 7am ☐ 9am ☐ 5.30pm ☐

I would like to join/interested in a committee:

Parish Pastoral Council ☐

Parish Finance Council ☐

Liturgy Committee ☐

Social Justice Committee ☐

### Prescare Volunteers Needed

Every Friday a dedicated group of volunteers help out Fr Alex with a morning Mass. We are now seeking more volunteers to assist with Prescare. If you are interested, please contact the Parish Office in the New Year.

### Communion to the Sick Volunteers Needed

We have many parishioners who can no longer attend church due to lack in mobility or are just too unwell to sit through a whole mass. We have dedicated volunteers who take some time out of their week in order to deliver communion to those who cannot attend mass anymore. This is a lovely gesture as it means that they are still able to receive the body of Christ. However, the ratio of volunteers to parishioners is too low.

If you have any time available to help with this special community service, please contact the office. We implore you to remember how important it is for you to receive communion and therefore how important it is for the sick to receive communion as well.



## St Vinnies Update – 2019

Thank you to the generous response to the St Vincent de Paul request to include fruit and vege in the Parish food donations at the Church entrance. This is greatly assisting in providing fresh fruit and vege to the many families we visit. Already this year we have assisted **86 children** with back to school costs. The members of St Vincent de Paul, Our Lady of Graces are passionate about ensuring all children go back to school with the required school uniform and school resources. This is a costly exercise and thanks to an internal donation of the Society State education fund we were able to pay over \$16,000 in back to school costs for these children. **You may ask why so much money?** It is a great question and every year when I am administering the education grant for the local area I ask myself the same question. Most of the children we visit attend local State Schools so you would think the costs would be minimal.....my observation is it seems to be the complete opposite. These children from low income families are asked to supply stationery items approx. costing \$150.00 per child, uniforms ranging up to \$140 for a prep child (even with second hand uniforms), basic school shoes \$30++ and costly resource levies/technology levies.....believe me there is no such thing as a "free education". Without the help of yourselves to assist families with food, and the State Education grant from the Society there is no way these children would be equipped for School. We all know with education and the proper resources to attend school the lives of these children can be changed for ever!!! Please pray for these children that they be inspired by their learning this year and open to the opportunities education provides. Many thanks. Barbara Dougherty St Vinnies President – O.L.G.

## OLOG Diners

OLOG Diners are meeting for dinner next Wednesday at 6pm at Pancho's Italian Restaurant, 401 Stanley Road, Carina. This will be the second time we have met there, but just be mindful you need to have cash for food ordered as they only supply one bill. All parishioners are welcome. Any further information contact Josephine 0418153053.

## Data Projector Operator Training

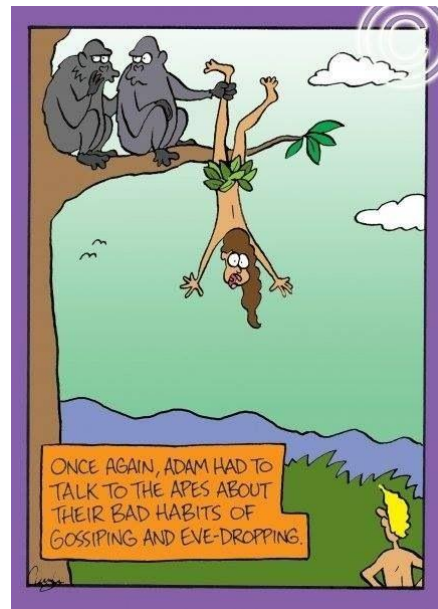
On Saturday, 2 March at 11am, I will be holding a Data Projector Operator training session in the church. This will be for all existing DPO's and anyone who wants to become one. Parents, this is a great way to get your kids involved (if they wish to remain in "the background") during mass. For more information about volunteering to be a DPO or if this date does not work for you but you are still interested, please contact me. Ashleigh Vasta, Parish Secretary.

*The liturgy if the word is a decisive element in the celebration of each one of the sacraments of the Church; in pastoral practise however, the faithful are not always conscious of this connection, nor do they appreciate the unity between gesture and word...*

*The relationship between word and sacramental gesture is the liturgical expression of God's activity in the history of salvation through the performative character of the word itself. In salvation history there is no separation between what God says and what he does. His word appears as alive and active (Heb 4:12), as the Hebrew term *dabar* itself makes clear. In the liturgical action too, we encounter his word which accomplishes what it says. By educating the People of God to discover the performative character of God's word in the liturgy, we will help them to recognise his activity in salvation history and their individual lives.*

*Verbum Domini (2010) 53*

## SOMETHING FUNNY



## CATHOLIC LEADER

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

- Heavy flooding causes widespread damage through Townsville City, while farmers rejoice after a long drought
- Five sets of twins join the largest ever intake at St Pius V Primary School, Banyo
- Youth unemployment rampant

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