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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. 35 No. 30****18th Sunday in Ordinary Time****2 August 2020****Saint Dominic**

The Dominican Friars (priests and brothers) began as a religious Order in the south of France in the early 13th century. We were founded by Dominic Guzman. St. Dominic was born in Caleruega, Spain in 1170. A bright star is said to have shone on his forehead at baptism indicating the light that he was to become not only in himself but also through all those who would belong to his Order. When he went to Palencia at the age of fifteen to pursue higher studies at its famous school, soon to become a university, Dominic was already formed in mind and character – a man firmly grounded in the Faith. During the ten years as a student at Palencia, prayer and study filled his days. Even then his heart was full of compassion when he parted with his most prized possessions - his books - to buy food for the famine-stricken poor.



After priestly ordination, he spent ten years as a cathedral canon in Osma, where in silence, meditation and liturgical prayer, he was unknowingly being prepared for the great undertaking that Divine Providence had reserved for him. While on a mission to Denmark with his bishop, Dominic encountered a number of people in the south of France who were beholden to the teachings of the Albigensian heresy. This group had erroneous ideas about God, about Jesus, about the goodness of all of God's creation, and about how we should live our lives. Dominic began to preach to all people the true Gospel about God's infinite love for the world revealed in Jesus Christ who truly became one of us and lived among us.

His first conversion was that of an inn-keeper. Dominic spent the night conversing with him, and the morning light saw the man convinced of the Truth. It was the beginning of many such encounters and of a new life of apostolic preaching for Dominic, a life which would result in the foundation of a new religious order, the Order of Preachers.

Pope Honorius III on the 22nd of December, 1216, addressed a letter to Master Dominic and the preaching friars: "Considering that the brethren of your Order will be the champions of the Faith and the lights of the world, we confirm your Order, and we take it under our own government and protection." A month later, the same Pontiff addressed to Dominic and his companions another letter in which he specified more clearly the work they were being commissioned by the Holy See to do: "By these Apostolic Letters, we enjoin and command that for the remission of your sins, you, putting your trust in the Lord, devote yourselves to preaching the Word of God in season and out of season, so that you may fulfil in a praiseworthy manner the apostolic mission entrusted to you." The group was then sixteen in number with St. Dominic at its head.

Soon Dominic decided to disperse the brothers near and far. To those amongst them who regarded this dispersal with apprehension, he said: "I know what I am doing; the seed corrupts when it is stored up, but bears fruit when it is scattered." God proved his servant to be right. At the founder's death four years later, on the 6th August, 1221, the Order had 62 Pories; and twenty-five years later its members numbered 35,000.

[www.op.org.au/about-the-dominicans/st-dominic](http://www.op.org.au/about-the-dominicans/st-dominic)

## PARISH HAPPENINGS

### LOOKING AHEAD

#### Monday 3 August

- 7.00pm Parish Pastoral Council – Library
- 7.00pm Italian Prayer Group – Church

#### Tuesday 4 August

- 9.30am Playgroup – Hospitality Area
- 9.30am Scripture Group – Library
- 7.00pm 2<sup>nd</sup> Rite of Reconciliation (FHC) – Church

#### Wednesday 5 August

- 10.30am BED Scripture Group – Library
- 7.00pm 2<sup>nd</sup> Rite of Reconciliation (FHC) – Church

#### Thursday 6 August

- 9.30am Playgroup – Hospitality Area
- 11.00am BED Scripture Group – Library
- 7.00pm RCIA – Library

#### Friday 7 August

- No 9.00am Mass [6.30am Mass Only]

**Let us remember in prayer all those who are sick** *Olivia Joses, Marie Jones and those whose anniversaries occur around this time Harry Kirkman, Bernard & Shirley Barry, Syd Stone, Victor Stone, Harry Pieper, Patrick Boyle and the recently deceased Norma Shanks, Patricia O'Connor, Richard Schmiede, Mary Roberts, Ross Holt, Carmel Holley.*

### Sacraments of Initiation

Through the waters of baptism, anointing of chrism, and reception of Eucharist, Jia Dong and Marko Petricevic have been fully initiated into the life of Christ and the Catholic Church.



Amy Li, daughter of Jia, has also been baptised. Amy, however, will receive the Sacraments of Confirmation and Eucharist at a later date.

Ben Leach, received into the Catholic Church, Bonita Puccinelli, Nethim Appuhamy and Vihanga Appuhamy are anointed with chrism in the Sacrament of Confirmation. Ben and Bonita also come to the table of Lord with the reception of Eucharist.

Thank you to all who have journeyed with them and prayed for them, including their sponsors and the RCIA Team members.

### St Dominic's Orange Marmalade

This weekend after each Mass there are a limited number of bottles of homemade orange marmalade for sale, until sold out.

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 this marmalade.

Each bottle of marmalade comes with a booklet on the history of the tree in St Sabina, Rome.

Thank you to those involved in the preparation, cooking and presentation of the bottles of marmalade.



### Rest in Peace: Norma Shanks

On Thursday of this past week, the Funeral Mass for Norma Shanks was celebrated. Norma, for the last number of years, was a resident at PresCare Vela and would attend the PresCare Vela weekly Mass.

### Sacramental Program 2020

#### - First Holy Communion

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

#### 2<sup>nd</sup> Rite of Reconciliation

- Tuesday 4 August, 7.00pm (Option 2)
- Wednesday 5 August, 7.00pm (Option 3)

#### Family Session 2

- Thursday 13 August, 3.30pm - 4.30pm (Option 1)
- Sunday 16 August, 3.00pm - 4.00pm (Option 2)
- Tuesday 18 August, 3.30pm - 4.30pm (Option 3)

*Shelly Stone, Pastoral Associate*

### Brisbane East Deanery Scripture Group

The Brisbane East Deanery will resume the Study on the Gospel of Matthew on 4-7 August. It will continue for 9 consecutive weeks until the end of the course on 29 September – 2 October.

The venues will continue to be as follows:

- Tuesday & Friday, 6.30pm: St James Priory
- Wednesday 10.30am & Thursday 11am: Our Lady of Graces Parish Library

For further details please contact either:

- Louise Simento  
(0456 700 040 or [gps23@bigpond.com](mailto:gps23@bigpond.com))
- Sue Mulligan  
(0410 342 058 or [sue.1.mulligan@gmail.com](mailto:sue.1.mulligan@gmail.com))

### 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.

### People's Day Public Holiday - Friday 14 August

Please note that *Friday 14 August* is a Public Holiday as part of the People's Long Weekend, which was announced by the Queensland Government in May. Therefore, Mass will be celebrated at 8am only and the Parish Office will be closed on this day.

### The Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary

The Solemnity of the Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary will be celebrated on *Saturday 15 August with Mass at 8am*. Due to the anticipated number of people who may want to attend the 8am Mass on this day, the Sunday Mass booking system will be used. Bookings will open from next weekend, 8-9 August.



## St Vincent de Paul, OLOG – Winter Appeal

Thank you to the very kind donations that have been provided to St Vincent de Paul at Our Lady of Graces during this winter. Financial donations have been utilised to purchase blankets, children's warm clothing and food (especially now that school has returned). The lovely donated knitted items (especially the beanies) have been very much appreciated by children in our local community. Your kind donations really do make a difference to those in need in our Community. Many thanks.

*Barbara Dougherty, President, SVdP Carina*

## 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.*

### 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.

### 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.

## 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.

## 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 Daily Mass.
- Contact details for once off attendance are collected at the door when you arrive for Mass.

## COMMUNITY NEWS

### Catholic Charismatic Renewal Brisbane

Monthly Prayer Meeting will be held in St Stephen's Chapel on Wednesday 5 August, 10.45am - 12.15pm  
RSVP to Maureen on 0403002199 or email [maureenallison43@gmail.com](mailto:maureenallison43@gmail.com)

**Catholic Justice & Peace Commission and St James Coorparoo Social Justice** invites you to a discussion on the Australian Bishops Social Justice Statement. Launch by Archbishop Mark Coleridge.

*Theme:* Mental Health

*When:* Wednesday 19 August, 7pm for 7.30pm

*Where:* St James Hall, 92 Kirkland Ave, Coorparoo

*RSVP:* Monday 17 August to 3397 1671 or book online via [www.stjames-coorparoo.org.au](http://www.stjames-coorparoo.org.au)

Donation on Entry. Current Covid-19 protocols apply.

## Sunday Mass at Our Lady of Graces Parish

- Book online via the home page of the parish website [www.carinacatholicparish.org.au](http://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.*



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