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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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Reflection by Dianne Bergant CSA

Although divine power is manifested in dramatic ways, it is also present in what is unassuming. Traces of God can be seen in the delicacy of a violet, in a cool summer breeze, in the blush of innocence, in the fiery eyes of justice. Every one of us lives in the midst of God, breathes the breath of God's life, and is constantly touched by the exquisite artistry of God's creativity. Life itself is a mountain experience of God.



As wonderful as life may be, it can also be very frightening at times. There are misunderstandings and rancour, jealousy and vindictiveness, greed and a hunger for power. Our personal lives can come unravelled and we can feel that we are genuinely 'at sea'. Every human being is tossed about by the exigencies of life. It is at times like these that we need faith in Jesus. Even though we do not recognise him, he is there in the midst of our chaos. Having the power of God, he is the definitive champion of all chaos, and so he is able to allay our fears and calm the sea.

A true experience of God, whether it be within the ordinariness of life or one of life's tribulations, is both transformative and effusive. It is a reality that cannot be contained; it must be proclaimed. Disciples must be ready to do what they can in order that the good news of God's revelation be made known to others.

Sunday Mass at Our Lady of Graces Parish

- Book online via the home page of the parish website www.carinacatholicparish.org.au. **Bookings open Monday morning.**
- Parishioners who do not have internet access may phone the parish office on 3398 2977 during office hours to make a booking.
- **Registration for Masses on 15-16 August will close on Thursday 13 August at 12 noon due to the parish office being closed for the public holiday on Friday 14 August.**
- 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

Monday 10 August

- 7.00pm Italian Prayer Group – Church

Tuesday 11 August

- 9.30am Playgroup – Hospitality Area

- 9.30am Scripture Group – Library

- 11.30am Funeral Mass: Timothy Owen – Church

- 7.30pm Liturgy Committee – Library

Wednesday 12 August

- 10.30am BED Scripture Group – Library

Thursday 13 August

- 9.30am Playgroup – Hospitality Area

- 11.00am BED Scripture Group – Library

- 3.30pm 1st Holy Communion Session 2 - Church

- 7.00pm RCIA – Library

Friday 14 August

- 8.00am Mass Only & Parish Office Closed

Sunday 16 August

- 3.00pm 1st Holy Communion Session 2 - Church

Let us remember in prayer all those who are sick Olivia Joses and those whose anniversaries occur around this time Jo-Anne de Wolf, Ron & Mavis Steele, Harry Kirkman, Bernard & Shirley Barry and the recently deceased Pat Zemek, Timothy Owen, Marie Jones, Norma Shanks, Patricia O'Connor, Richard Schmiede, Mary Roberts, Ross Holt, Carmel Holley.

Rest in Peace: Pat Zemek

On Thursday of this week, the Funeral Mass for Pat Zemek was celebrated. Pat was a founding parishioner of the parish, living in Murchison Street Carina since 1951. Pat and Reid (decd.) raised four children, Helen, John, David, and Michael. Prayers and sympathy of the parish are offered to the Zemek family at this time.



Sacramental Program 2020

- First Holy Communion

Families preparing for First Holy Communion are reminded of the Family Session 2 options over the next couple of weeks.

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)

- Sacrament of Confirmation Family Session 2

Families preparing for the Sacrament of Confirmation are reminded of the upcoming Family Session 2 workshops that will be held in the church.

- Tuesday 20 August, 3.30pm - 5.00pm (Option 1)
- Sunday 23 August, 1.00pm - 2.30pm (Option 2a)
- Sunday 23 August, 3.00pm - 4.30pm (Option 2b)

Shelly Stone, Pastoral Associate

St Dominic's Orange Marmalade

Thank you for all who bought orange marmalade last weekend. Due to popularity, we were sold out by the Sunday 7am.

Sacraments of Initiation

Congratulations to our neophytes and newly received who celebrated the Sacraments of Initiation last weekend at the Saturday 6pm Mass. We pray for them as they continue to journey and learn during this mystagogia period.



L-R: Vihanga Appuhamy, Nethim Appuhamy, Bonita Puccinelli, Ben Leach, Marko Petricevic, Jia Dong, Amy Li

Mystagogia, Neophytes and Other Mysteries

In many parishes, new members were initiated into the Church last weekend.

This period following the celebration of the sacraments is the time when the newly initiated reflect on their experience of the rituals, explore the meaning of initiation and come to a fuller understanding of the mysteries of the faith.

With the help of their godparents, they should experience a joyful welcome into the community. It is the role of every member of the parish, not just the RCIA team, to encourage these new members and to help incorporate them more fully into the community. Support for these new Catholics is vital as they settle into the pattern of living their newly professed faith and learn to recognise the mystery of Christ which is so alive within them.

This period of the RCIA journey is known as the "Period of Post-baptismal Catechesis" or "Mystagogia". It is a time for the community and the "neophytes" (the title used to refer to the newly initiated) together to deepen their grasp of the paschal mystery and in make it part of their lives through meditation on the Gospel, sharing in the Eucharist, and doing works of charity.

To make new members feel welcome and included, every effort should be made to have the neophytes and newly received present at Sunday Mass each week.

Adapted from Liturgy Lines © Elizabeth Harrington, 18 May 2015.

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 this Monday, 10 August.

How Can We Better Serve Our Parish?

The Parish Pastoral Council are looking at ways to maintain connectedness during this COVID-19 crisis and into the future. On *Tuesday 18 August, 7pm, in the church*, there will be a meeting for ministry leaders and interested parishioners. This meeting is to consider how we can better serve and reach out to other parishioners. All are welcome to attend.

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. Please contact the parish office to make an appointment.

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.

Spread the Word Advertisers

The advertisers on the back page of Spread the Word are due for renewal in September. If you, your family or friends have a business that would be interested in advertising on the back page of Spread the Word, please contact Australian Newsletter Services on 1800 245 077 or info@austnews.net.au this week for further information and/or pricing.

COMMUNITY NEWS

Brisbane Catholic Bushwalking Club

The Brisbane Catholic Bushwalking Club is proud to announce that this date claimer can now be acted upon and they will be able to celebrate the 60th Anniversary of the Mt Barney Mass near the base of the mountain on 12 August, 2020.

For further details, contact Graham on 3371 9623.

Australian Catholic Bishop's Conference national Men's Gathering 2020

The ACBC National Catholic Men's Gathering for 2020 is being offered as a free event for registered participants. This modified program will be delivered in four pre-recorded sessions of approximately 1 hour in length, available from Saturday 15th August 2020.

Registration will be free and will be available from Monday 29th June. Each session will offer input from a variety of speakers and musicians, along with a response and questions for group discussion or individual reflection. The program offers flexibility so that you may participate individually or gather with others from your parish/diocese or men's ministry group.

As an initiative of the Australian Catholic Bishops, the aim of the ACBC National Men's Gathering is to inspire and encourage men with a vision for personal discipleship, service and mission in the family, parish/diocese and the world. The online program hopes to reinforce that it is important to gather as men in the faith environment of the Church and be challenged to ensure the Gospel is alive in our homes, parishes/dioceses and our communities.

Registration:

<https://agora.catholic.org.au/l/576423/2020-06-22/mq26g>

Program: Available from Saturday 15th August, 2020

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

Donation on Entry. Current Covid-19 protocols apply.

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