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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

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## Reflection by Greg Sunter



The gospel passage begins with an accusation that Jesus welcomes sinners and eats with them. This is the gravest social accusation one could level at another because who you ate with was a reflection of your own status. To welcome sinners and to eat with them was to effectively become one of them yourself. In response to this accusation, rather than mounting an argument, the gospel writer has Jesus tell three parables about the lost being found. The answer to the accusation is that those dismissed as 'sinners' are the 'lost' who will be celebrated with extravagant rejoicing when they have been 'found' again through their acceptance of the message of Jesus.

The parable of the lost son is usually taken in isolation and rarely is heard in the full context of the three parables of the lost being found. We need all three to recognise the ridiculous nature of the celebration of the forgiving father's actions. All three parables display great folly. What shepherd would leave 99 of his sheep in the wilderness to go in search of just one? Similarly what woman is going to reveal to her friends how poverty-stricken she really is by inviting them to rejoice with her at the finding of one lost drachma – the least valuable of coins. When we come to the father rejoicing at his son's return, this too would have seemed a ridiculous folly. Because of his actions, the son completely shamed himself and his father. The father's expected and justified response would have been to turn his back on his son and banish him forever. To welcome him back would have been unthinkable to Jesus' audience. In an echo of God's ridiculous and unbounded loving forgiveness, the father welcomes his son with open arms and reclaims him as his own.

## PARISH HAPPENINGS

### LOOKING AHEAD

#### Monday 16 September

- 7.00pm Italian Prayer Group – Church

#### Tuesday 17 September

- 9.00am Playgroup – Hospitality

- 9.30am Scripture Group – Library

#### Wednesday 18 September

- 9.30am Wednesday Friendly - Hospitality

- 6.30pm Legion of Mary – Library

#### Thursday 19 September

- 9.00am Playgroup – Hospitality

#### Saturday 21 September

- 7.15pm AA – Library

**Let us remember in prayer all those who are sick**  
*Colleen Rossow, Leonie Arundall, Alan Arundell and*  
**those whose anniversaries occur around this time**  
*John Clarke, Mary Clarke, Geoffery Frigtniet and the*  
**recently deceased** *Marge Keller, Malcolm Gomez,*  
*Genowefa Wankiewicz, Masy Cauchi, Josephine Flay.*

### BED Scripture Group

The next BED Scripture Group will focus on the Gospel of Matthew: The King and His Kingdom by Jeff Cavins. There are 3 separate locations that you can attend, please see the following starts dates and locations:

- St. Thomas' Camp Hill, Tuesday Oct 1<sup>st</sup> at 6.30pm
- St. James' Coorparoo, Tuesday Oct 1<sup>st</sup> at 6.30pm
- Our Lady of Graces Carina, Wednesday 2<sup>nd</sup> Oct at 10.30 am

For further details and inclusion in the Course please contact Louise Simento on 0456 700 040 or email [gps23@bigpond.com](mailto:gps23@bigpond.com).

### From Fr Angelo Cagna – Italian Chaplain

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The Eucharist joins heaven and earth; it embraces and penetrates all creation. The world which came forth from God's hands returns to him in blessed and undivided adoration: in the bread of the Eucharist, "creation is projected towards divinisation, towards the holy wedding feast, towards unification with the Creator himself". Thus, the Eucharist is also a source of light and motivation for our concerns, directing us to be stewards of all creation.

*Laudato Si (2015) 236*

### Thank You!

Last weekend, we celebrated the First Holy Communion and it was so wonderful to see all of those children deepen their faith and relationship with God. To the parishioners, volunteers, St Martin's teachers and parents who assisted at the First Communion Masses last weekend, thank you, you made this a truly special occasion. Blessings, Shelly



### Last Week's 2<sup>nd</sup> Collection

Loose	\$1,311.95
Planned Giving	\$3,409.30
<b>Total</b>	<b>\$4,721.25</b>

### Planned Giving Program

To obtain envelopes, Direct Debit or a Credit Card request, please complete the form on the back page of this newsletter and place on either collection plate or deliver to Parish Office.

### Wednesday Friendly Group

The Wednesday friendly group meet again next week on Wednesday 18 September. All new members welcome.

### Daily Mass and Ordo 2020

Daily Mass books and Ordo 2020 are now available for purchase. Daily Mass Books are \$22.00 and Ordos are \$12.00. If you would like a copy, please contact the parish office on 3398 2977 to order and pay before 15 November 2019.

### Golden Wedding Anniversary Celebrations

Couples celebrating their Golden Wedding Anniversary together with family & friends, are invited to the annual Mass with



Archbishop Mark Coleridge. As the Archdiocesan Assembly for the Plenary Council has been convened for the date we had previously advertised for this special occasion, the Mass will now be celebrated on **Saturday 28 September, @ 10.00am**. For catering purposes please RSVP to [cathedral@bne.catholic.net.au](mailto:cathedral@bne.catholic.net.au) or telephone 3324 3030 by Friday 20 September. The Cathedral car park will be available.



## PLENARY COUNCIL NEWS

With the release of the six National Plenary Themes for Discernment and the commencement of the Listen-ing and Discernment phase of the Plenary journey.

The Brisbane Assembly aims to provide participants with a deeper understanding of the themes for nation-al discernment, the latest developments and vision casting from the Plenary Council national facilitation team, and most importantly an opportunity to take part in a process of communal discernment led by experienced facilitators.

Participants will also hear from an array of quality presenters on 'Discernment' and 'Effective Communication' to assist with the Listening and Discernment phase. This will aid in empowering participants to engage their own communities with the second phase of the Plenary journey in the lead up to Easter 2020. Who can attend the Brisbane Assembly?: An invitation is extended to all within the Archdiocese of Brisbane. Please note regis-trations are likely to fill quickly for this important local Plenary event therefore you are encouraged to register early to avoid disappointment.

For those unable to attend the Brisbane Assembly, Shalom TV will be providing a live web cast of key sessions for the Archdiocese of Brisbane. Video content cap-tured at the Assembly will also be used to create resources to assist local parishes and communities with their contribution to the Listening and Discernment phase. Please also note the Brisbane Assembly is just one of a number of ways you and your community/parish can participate in the Listening and Discernment process. This process can also be run locally using the resources available at <http://evangelisationbrisbane.org.au/parishes/ple-nary/>

Brisbane Assembly Format and Registration for October 4 and 5:

Adult – \$50 (incl GST)

Student/Pensioner – \$35 (incl GST)

Venue: Edmund Rice Performing Arts Complex, St Laurence's College – Sth Brisbane

Before registering please read the following carefully:

Registration includes access to all presentations in ERPAC Auditorium, facilitated Listening and Discernment sessions and meals (morning tea, lunch and afternoon tea) across Friday and Saturday of the Brisbane Assembly.

Registration opened July 8. Book early as places are limited.

Register for the Brisbane Assembly 2019 For more information please email [eb@bne.catholic.net.au](mailto:eb@bne.catholic.net.au)

## COMMUNITY NEWS

### OUR LADY OF FATIMA ROSARY PROCESSION

St. Stephen's Cathedral 5th October 2019.

Rosaries (two mysteries) - 10.30AM

Marian Mass - 11.30AM

Process around the streets approx 12.15PM

(Elizabeth St, Adelaide St, Edward St, Cathedral)

Benediction to conclude at the Cathedral.

## SOMETHING FUNNY



"I downloaded them from a cloud."

## CATHOLIC LEADER

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

- *Bushfire crisis threatens South East Queensland and New South Wales with unprecedented springtime blazes.*
- *Marian Valley priest on his knees in prayer as fires burn on the surrounding hills, miraculously sparing the shrine from the inferno.*
- *Less than one month out from the Brisbane Assembly and excitement is building for the large scale discernment experience on October 4 and 5.*
- *Catholics protest with Marian hymns at Griffith University Art Museum, where a crude painting of the Virgin Mary was hung.*
- *Queensland's Catholic principals voice their hopes and frustrations at conference in Townsville.*
- *Brisbane Archbishop Mark Coleridge stands by Suva Archbishop Peter Loy Chong at ACU's Brisbane Campus, saying ecological crises are not just relevant to science or politics, but to religion too.*
- *Springfield parish is inviting everyone to join them for a Divine Renovation open house on September 21 to learn about parish renewal.*
- *Weaving wonder Cecile Falvey is so happy when she's at her loom she's cheekily hoping she can bring it to heaven with her.*



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