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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

Vol. 35 No. 34**22nd Sunday in Ordinary Time****30 August 2020****Reflection by Dianne Bergant CSA**

The gospel does not say that Jesus will gallantly step forward, take suffering upon himself, and thus demonstrate his power. Instead, his fate will be a demonstration of his vulnerability. He will be taken forcibly and will suffer at the hands of others. He will do this willingly, but not as a volunteer. Jesus will be a victim. This picture of Jesus carries implications for discipleship. Whoever follows him must follow him to the cross. If we participate in his success, we must also share in his shame. Disciples have a choice to follow or not to follow, but if they choose in his favour they must be ready for suffering and humiliation.

Paul exhorts us to reject the standards of the world. This is a very difficult path to follow, especially when it seems that those who conform to this age prosper. Following Christ can place barriers between ourselves and others. If we no longer share their values and their interests, we may feel alienated. Suffering is bound to invade our ministerial lives as well. We must remember that Jesus' message antagonised many people in his day. Those who proclaim the same message in their own contexts must be prepared for a similar reaction.

After witnessing the marvellous feats that Jesus accomplished, we discover that he is going to suffer and be put to death. How can this be? With Peter we protest. With Jeremiah we wonder: Have we been duped? The realisation that we too will have to suffer becomes a crucial test of our faith.

**Sunday Mass at Our Lady of Graces Parish**

- Book online via the home page of www.carinacatholicparish.org.au. **Bookings open each week on Monday morning.**
- Parishioners who do not have internet access may contact the parish office 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 is that Saturday 6pm & Sunday 9am Masses reach the booking limit of 100 people each week. The Sunday 7am & 5.30pm Masses usually do not reach the booking limit of 100 people.
- *Note: All Catholics remain dispensed from their Sunday obligation.*

PARISH HAPPENINGS

LOOKING AHEAD

Sunday 30 August

- 12.30pm Baptisms – Church

Monday 31 August

- Parish Office Closed

- 7.00pm Italian Prayer Group – Church

Tuesday 1 September

- 9.30am Playgroup – Hospitality Area

- 7.00pm Jesus Youth Mass – Church

Thursday 3 September

- 9.30am Playgroup – Hospitality Area

Sunday 6 September

- 12.30pm Baptisms – Church

Let us remember in prayer all those who are sick and those whose anniversaries occur around this time

Edna O'Brien, Peter Marrinan, Malcolm Gomez, Anna Maria D'Souza **and the recently deceased** Gustav Grech, Joan Shapland, Joyce Searle, Milena Piazza, Paul Kinh Le, Pat Schatz.

TO LIVE LIFE TO THE FULL

MENTAL HEALTH IN AUSTRALIA TODAY

SOCIAL JUSTICE STATEMENT 2020-21

Today, 30 August, we celebrate Social Justice Sunday. This year, the Australian Bishops' Social Justice Statement is titled: *To Live Life to the Full: Mental health in Australia today.*

The COVID-19 pandemic is affecting the mental health of many members of our parishes, schools and communities. Understanding mental health will help us to be aware of those who need our support.

The Bishops invite us all to reject stigmatisation, to work for the transformation of social determinants of mental ill-health, and to call for policies and service provision that meets the needs of the poorest and most marginalised members of our community.

To read the statement, you can download it at http://bit.ly/SocialJustice_2020. For those without internet access, a limited number of copies are available with Spread the Word this weekend.

Prayer for Mental Health

Jesus, you invite us all into the fullness of life. May we support one another to flourish in body, mind and spirit. Strengthen our commitment to ensure that nobody falls through gaps in our systems of care.

People called you mad. Help us to recognise you in those who suffer mental ill-health today. Show us how to eliminate stigmatisation of mental ill-health from our parishes, schools, communities and organisations.

You drew near to those who were suffering in body or mind. May we too feel your nearness when we struggle with mental health challenges. May we be one as members of Your Body.

You invite us to share in your ministry of love and true compassion. May we be empowered by your Spirit to reach out to all people in need. May we build communities of welcome and inclusion.

Amen.

Rest in Peace: Joyce Searle

The Funeral for founding parishioner Joyce Searle was celebrated last Monday. Prayers and sympathy of the parish are offered to husband Kevin and the family at this time.



Parish Office Closed: Monday 31 August

Please note that the parish office will be closed this Monday, 31 August. Parish Office hours will return to normal on Tuesday, 1 September.

Handmade Face Masks

A teacher at St Martin's School is making handmade material face masks. These face masks are washable and have an insert for a replaceable filter. This filter can be a cut out piece from your old environmental shopping bag, a piece of paper towel or a coffee filter.



We have a limited number of face masks for sale at the parish office for \$5 each.

COVID-19 Update - New Restrictions in Place

On Saturday 22 August, the Queensland Government announced new COVID Restrictions. From this announcement, Bishop Ken Howell sent out the following email to all parishes.

The Chief Medical Officer has expressed confidence in organisations with COVID Safe plans and at this stage parishes following the Industry Plan for Places of Worship can continue to hold acts of worship with no additional operating restrictions.

*As the health and safety of parishioners, employees and volunteers remains our highest priority, the Archdiocese of Brisbane will take a conservative approach and require **all non-essential parish gatherings to follow the government's new restrictions for public gatherings.***

For the Local Government Areas of Brisbane, Ipswich, Logan, Scenic Rim, Somerset, Lockyer Valley, Moreton Bay, and Redland, the following applies:

- *Masses and acts of worship are not affected and will continue under current the current COVID Plan for Places of Worship.*
- *Weddings and Funerals remain at 100 people.*
- *Non-essential gatherings (such as Alpha, youth groups, social activities, etc.) are restricted to a maximum of 10 people.*

Based on this email from Bishop Ken, we can continue with Masses and acts of worship under the COVID Plan for Places of Worship. A number of parish based groups, however, have been suspended for the time being. This is for the safety of the people who attend these groups. The preparation for the Sacraments of Confirmation and First Holy Communion has also been suspended for the time being, as they are considered non-essential gatherings.

As further updates come to hand, parishioners will be advised. (as of Thursday Morning 27 August).

Safeguarding Information

Recent Updates

1. No Card, No Start: In 2019, the Queensland Parliament passed the Working with Children (Risk Management and Screening) and Other Legislation Amendment Act 2019. The amended Act includes changes to Blue Card Services specifically the "No Card, No Start" policy.

The No Card, No Start policy means that paid workers must have a blue card (not just a pending application) before they can work with children.

No Card, No Start laws take effect on Monday, 31 August 2020.

Similar, if an individual does not apply to renew their card before it expires, they will be subject to the No Card, No Start policy and will not be able to continue working until a new blue card has been issued.

2. There is a new safeguarding website brisbanecatholic.org.au/safeguarding/safeguard

Safeguarding Commitment Statement

...for it is to such as these that the kingdom of God belongs. Mark 10.14

The Archdiocese of Brisbane holds that children, young people and vulnerable adults are a gift from God with an intrinsic right to dignity of life, respect and security from physical and emotional harm. They are to be treasured, nurtured and safeguarded by all.

This means that everyone in the church must ensure that the fundamental rights of children, young people and vulnerable adults are respected. This will be achieved through the development of respectful relationships and a commitment to safety embracing appropriate boundaries, behaviours and practices, in accordance with the Archdiocesan Code of Ethical Behaviour and adherence to legislative imperatives of the State.

This policy applies to Clergy, Religious, Staff, Parishioners, Volunteers, students on placement and Visitors to our sites.

In order to support this policy it is mandatory that all Parishes and Agencies of the Archdiocese engage in the following four strategies:

1. Safe recruitment and selection practices – helping prevent those who pose a risk to children from holding positions of trust;
2. Adhering to the code of ethical behaviour – having clear guidelines that set out what is and is not acceptable behaviour as an essential part of keeping children safe;
3. Operating safe activities for children – can help ensure a safe environment for children;
4. Mandatory reporting of harm or suspected harm.

The Archdiocese is committed to safeguarding children through vigilant prevention and protection practices as prescribed by the Australian Catholic Bishops' Conference and legislation.

Local Safeguarding Representative

Should you have any safeguarding concerns, please contact our Local Safeguarding Representative, Carmen Kee, at safeguardolog@gmail.com or on 0420 938 835.

EMBER DAYS mark the beginning of each of the four seasons. In Australia, the Church observes the first Fridays of Autumn and Spring (March and September) as special days of prayers and penance, focussing on the environment, the seasons and God's providence.

45th Anniversary of the Dedication of Our Lady of Graces Church

On Monday 7 September, we celebrate 45 years since the consecration and dedication of Our Lady of Graces Church. We will formally celebrate the anniversary at both Masses on 7 September.



Celebrating the anniversary gives us, the local Church, the opportunity to give thanks for the faith that has been passed on from generation to generation and pray for continued blessings and renewal.

COMMUNITY NEWS

Catholic Charismatic Renewal Brisbane

Monthly Prayer Meeting will be held in St Stephen's Chapel on Wednesday 2 September, 10.45am - 12.15pm. RSVP to Maureen on 0403002199 or email maureenallison43@gmail.com

Pastoral Ministers Association Gathering

Attention parish sacramental coordinators, musicians and liturgy teams:

The Pastoral Ministers Association is hosting their next Gathering Day on Friday 11 September, 9.15am – 2.30pm in the Hanly Room, Francis Rush Centre, Cathedral Precinct. The presenter will be local composer, teacher, performer and liturgist, Michael Mangan. Michael's sessions will cover *Let the Children Come: Towards more child and family friendly liturgy*, and *We Believe: Using the Arts – especially music in the celebration of the Sacraments*.

\$10 (member parishes), \$20 (non-member parishes)

RSVP: Friday 4th September (please advise diet requirements) ebadmin@bne.catholic.net.au or 3324 3440.

Golden Wedding Anniversary Mass

COVID restrictions are preventing the celebration of the Golden Wedding Anniversary Mass, held each year at the Cathedral of St Stephen, in the usual way.

However, on Saturday 26 September at the 11.30am Mass, Archbishop Mark will celebrate Mass for the special intentions of all couples celebrating 50 years or more of marriage.

If any couple celebrating their Golden Wedding Anniversary are in good health and wish to attend the Mass in person, please contact the Cathedral office on 3324 3030 or register on-line via <https://www.cathedralofststephen.org.au/mass--reconciliation-times.html>. The Mass will be live-streamed via the Cathedral website for those who are unable to attend in person.

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