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### MASS TIMES:

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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 or by appointment

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# Spread the Word

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## Reflection by Greg Sunter



How much faith does one have to have? How much faith is enough? How is it possible to measure one person's faith against another?

When the disciples asked Jesus to increase their faith, what exactly were they asking of him? These fishermen and nobodies chosen as disciples by Jesus must surely have had moments of realisation that they were not the sorts of young men normally chosen by Rabbis to be

disciples. They must have looked around at the disciples of other teachers and seen that, by comparison, they weren't really in the same league. So they ask Jesus to increase their faith. What they're saying is: make us more like the sorts of people we think we should be. Jesus counters their request by telling them that if they had faith the size of a tiny mustard seed they could accomplish great things. It's not a matter of how much faith one has but what they do with it. How much faith does it take to do great things? Jesus says that it only takes the tiniest scrap of faith.

Jesus follows up this statement by pointing out to the disciples that no matter how small the amount of faith, it carries with it a responsibility and duty to act upon it. One shouldn't be looking for acclaim and special treatment when one acts out of faith as that is simply what is expected. The gift of faith carries with it a duty to live that faith and act upon it.

#### **PARISH HAPPENINGS**

## LOOKING AHEAD

## Monday 30 September

- 7.00pm Italian Prayer Group Church
- **Tuesday 1 October**
- 9.30am Scripture Group Library

#### Wednesday 2 October

- 6.30pm Legion of Mary - Library

#### Saturday 5 October

- 7.15pm AA - Library

Let us remember in prayer all those who are sick and those whose anniversaries occur around this time Peter Marrinan, Margaret O'Brien, Ken Welsh, Joe Bobbermien, Orazia (Grace) Coco and the recently deceased.

# Daily Mass, Break Open the Word and Ordo 2020

Daily Mass books and Ordo 2020 are now available for purchase. Daily Mass Books and Break Open the Word 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.

#### RCIA - Interested in becoming a Catholic?

Do you have burning questions about your faith? Do you have a desire to seek the truth? Have you questioned yourself about becoming a Catholic? Ask yourself these questions no more and register your interest in the Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults by calling the office on 33982977 or email us at <a href="mailto:sc.carina@bne.catholic.net.au">sc.carina@bne.catholic.net.au</a>. More news about the RCIA program will be released soon so stay tuned.

#### From the Parish Secretary



We are finally happy to announce that Chris Larter, our current Finance Officer, will be taking over as the new Parish Secretary upon my departure. Chris has been an employee of the Parish for just over 3 years now and has always

looked after the Parish Secretary role while I have been on leave in the past. The Parish Secretary and Finance Officer Role will be merged together once again with Chris wearing both hats. There is no doubt that Chris will be an exceptional Parish Secretary and do an even better job than I ever could. If you see Chris around, be sure to congratulate him. Ashleigh Vasta.

#### From the Parish Office

For the week of Monday the 30<sup>th</sup> of September through to Thursday the 3<sup>rd</sup> of October the Office will only be open from 8.30am to 12.30pm on all days due to short number in staff. Subsequently, the Office will also be closed on Friday the 4<sup>th</sup> and Monday the 7<sup>th</sup> of October. Thank you for your patience.

#### From Eugenia Gomez

A very grateful thank you to Fr's Alex, Maurice, Pancras and Joseph and all the parishioners of Our Lady of Graces for your prayers love and support, for Malcolm and I during Malcolm's illness and recent passing. We had a mass of thanksgiving offered for all of your intentions. Thank you and god bless, Eugenia Gomez and family.

#### **Social Justice Sunday**

At all Masses this weekend we are celebrating Social Justice Sunday. The Australian Bishops have chosen "Making it Real; Genuine Human Encounter in our Digital World" as the theme for their Social Justice Statement 2019/2020. A small number of the Summary of their Social Justice Statement and a leaflet entitled "Ten Steps towards Genuine Human Encounter in our Digital World" are available on the tables at the entrance to the Church. Anyone who wishes to read the full Social Justice Statement can find it on www.socialjustice.catholic.org.au.

#### Multicultural Mass - EOI

We are seeking expressions of interest for different nationalities to get involved with our Multicultural Mass on Saturday 19 October at the 6pm Mass. It would be great to get as many nationalities involved as possible. If you are interested, please write your details down on the form at the back of the church.

Breaking of the Bread. By reason of the sign, it is required that the material for the Eucharistic Celebration truly have the appearance of food. Therefore, it is desirable that the Eucharist bread, even though unleavened and made in the traditional form, be fashioned in such a way that the priest are Mass with the people is truly able to break it into parts and distribute these to at least some of the faithful... the gesture of the fraction or breaking of bread, which was quite simply the term by which the Eucharist was known in apostolic times, will bring out more clearly the force and importance of sign of the unity of all in the one bread... GIRM 321

#### Sacramental Information Evening 2020

The Sacramental overview evening for 2020 will be held on Tuesday the 19<sup>th</sup> of November 2019 at 7.00pm in the church. This is open to all parents who have children of the age of 8 as of 2020



and upward and for those who have children currently in the Sacramental Program (First Holy Communion and Penance). Enrolment forms for the new candidates for 2020 will be distributed on the night. If you have any questions, please contact Shelly Stone on 3398 2977 or you can email her at sc.carina@bne.catholic.net.au.

#### THINKING AHEAD

A thought to consider before the readings for the 26<sup>th</sup> Sunday in Ordinary Time.

Before becoming Pope, Cardinal Jorge Mario Bergoglio gave a speech. In part he said:

"There are two images of the Church: a Church which evangelises and comes out of herself by hearing the word of God with reverence and proclaiming it with faith; and the worldly Church, living within herself, of herself, for herself..."

The readings for the upcoming weekend (28 September) ask us to reflect and check in on which image we show in our personal lives.

#### **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.

#### St Vincent's Blue Angel Team

St Vincent's Private Hospital Brisbane is a private Catholic not-for-profit hospital specialising in medical care for those with chronic, complex and multiple health needs. We offer services for adolescents to the elderly. Our hospital was established by the Sisters of Charity in 1957. Since then we have been providing compassionate and innovative medical care.

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Volunteers perform an integral role at St Vincent's Private Hospital Brisbane and are highly valued members of our Hospital community. Whether you are interested in volunteering your time weekly, fortnightly or monthly – we look forward to hearing from you.

Please contact our Manager Volunteer Services, Toni Leahy, via phone (07 3240 1194) or email (<u>Toni.leahy@svha.org.au</u>) for information about our volunteer roles.

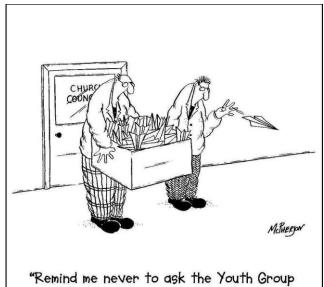


#### **Encounter Myanmar**

Encounter Myanmar: Still two places left on an enlightening journey with the Executive Director of Palms Australia. Travelling November 16-29. Enquire via email <a href="mailto:palms@palms.org.au">palms@palms.org.au</a> or call 02 9560 5333.



#### **SOMETHING FUNNY**



"Remind me never to ask the Youth Group to help fold the church bulletins again."

#### **CATHOLIC LEADER**

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

- Thousands of young people rallied in Brisbane under the broad banner of 'School Strike for Climate' to urge Australian leaders to take action on climate crisis.
- Winner of the School Leader of the Year award, former principal Michael Nayler's continues to make a difference in young lives after suffering a brain aneurism at his school Book Week in 2017.
- St Vincent de Paul Society recognised five long-serving Vincentians at a dinner commemorating 125 years of the organisation in Queensland.
- Catholic human rights advocate claims Indonesia militia are working alongside soldiers in a brutal crackdown on independence demonstrators in West Papua.
- Campus missionary Vivien Dolar says the Church needs to facilitate people's relationship with God, help them understand the Church and give them the freedom to be who God has created them to be.
- Youthful sacristan Hayden Kennedy says helping to 'make a space for Christ' in the cathedral is the most satisfying part of his job.



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