

Reflection by Greg Sunter

In the Western world today, somewhere between one-third and one-half of marriages end in divorce. It's a statistic that we hear wheeled out as a sign of the collapse of family values in our society. However, the reverse statistic is also true: somewhere between one-half and two-thirds of marriages are lasting ones. In the last 30-40 years, divorce has transformed from being a shameful scandal to an accepted, even commonplace, fact of life. It would be uncommon not to know someone affected by divorce. Despite those who argue that divorce is too 'easy', it is an emotional and difficult decision for couples to reach and has rippling impacts on children, extended families and friends.

When the Pharisees in the gospel asked Jesus about the law regarding divorce, they really weren't interested in divorce; they wanted to check Jesus' orthodoxy – how he stood in relation to traditional teaching. Rather than respond to them directly, Jesus asks them first of all to name the teaching to which they refer. He then explains that Moses only ever wrote the instruction because the people were so unwilling to listen to God's way.

For the second time in the last few weeks, the gospel shows Jesus welcoming children and praising their attitude as the way to the kingdom of God. Children of the time had no status and were regarded as literally the property of their father. When Jesus laid his hands on the children and gave them his blessing, this was the action of a father 'claiming' the child as their own. To welcome the kingdom like a little child is to enter into living the kingdom of God without any claim to position or status; to recognise our complete dependence on others; to let go of our ideas of who is important and who is not; to allow ourselves to be 'claimed' by Jesus.

PARISH HAPPENINGS

LOOKING AHEAD

Monday 8 October

- 7.00pm PFC Meeting – Library
- 7.00pm Italian Prayer Group – Church

Tuesday 9 October

- 9.00am Funeral within 9am Mass
- 9.30am Scripture group – Library

Wednesday 10 October

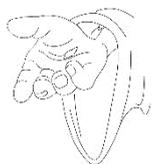
- 10.00am BED Scripture Group - Library
- 7.00pm Legion of Mary – Library

Monday 10 October

- 6.00pm OLOG Diners – Pacific Golf Cub

Let us remember in prayer all those who are sick Rex Bowen and those whose anniversaries occur around this time Geoffrey Frugniet snr., Geoffrey Frugniet jnr., Colin Hoffman, Louise Furey and the recently deceased Bernard Pavitt

RCIA Process



Interested in becoming a Catholic? Have you been away from the church for some time? Do you know anyone who would be interested? An enquiry session for will be held on 21 October 2018.

We invite you to attend the 5.30pm Mass followed by a meeting at 6.30pm in the church. If you are interested or know someone who is, please contact Shelly on 3398 2977 or you can send her an email sc.carina@bne.catholic.net.au

Sunday Funday May 2019



Over the years, our Parish Community has been very supportive of our *Craft and Jam Stall* at this event. We are seeking donations of home-made jams, chutneys, pickles and craft items which will go on sale next May. Currently, we are in need of sugar for jam making and if you have a surplus of lemons, we will be grateful for those as well. If you are making produce or items which you would care to offer, would you please contact Ashleigh in the Parish Office on 3398 2977 or leave items with her for collection please. Many thanks to those who have provided bottles. All contributions are much appreciated.

Daily Mass and Ordo 2018

Daily Mass books and Ordo 2018 are now available for purchase. Daily Mass Books are \$24.09 and Ordos are \$12. If you would like a copy, please contact the parish office on 3398 2977 to order and pay before 15 November 2018.



Vinnies-Enviro Bag (free!!)

To assist with food donation for Our Lady of Graces St Vincent de Paul please take a Vinnies enviro bag to help with your shopping. Simply leave the items in the baskets at the front of the church and all items will be provided to families in need within the local community. The volunteers regularly assist larger families with food donation each week and this includes the support in ensuring over 50 children receive regular basic food each week. Many thanks for your support. Barbara Dougherty (President svdp carina 0438 982140). Items that you may like to consider donating are:

- Men and women's personal hygiene products.
- Toothpaste/toothbrushes (especially for Children).
- Pasta/Pasta Sauce.
- Washing detergent.
- Tin fruit.
- Muesli bars / breakfast items/long-life milk.

The Italian Community of Carina
Is organising a "BRUNCH" to
celebrate
CHRISTMAS



To be held at

The Brisbane Abruzzo Club
150 Fursden Road, Carina
Tuesday 13 November 2018
Time: 10.30am Admission: \$25.00
Proceeds will be donated to
St Vincent de Paul Carina
Conference
For reservations, please call by
Tuesday 6 November 2018
Graziella Cavallaro: 0414 231 204
Maria Coco: 3398 5836

Social Justice Report

At its meeting on 2 October 2018 the Parish Social Justice Group discussed the very successful launch of the Australian Bishops Social Justice Statement 2018/19 "A Place to Call Home – Housing Affordability and homelessness at St James Parish Coorparoo by Fr Frank Brennan SJ on Wednesday 12 September 2018. Five members of Our Lady of Graces Parish Carina attended the launch. The statement was highlighted at Masses at Our lady of Graces on the weekend of 29/30 September 2018. The statement can be read by going to the webpage below and following the links:-

<http://www.socialjustice.catholic.org.au/publications>

Safeguarding Children & Vulnerable Adults Brisbane East Deanery (BED)

Evening Session

Date: Wednesday October 31, 2018

Time: 6.30pm - 8.30pm

Location: Our Lady of Graces Parish,
Dominic Centre,
100 Mayfield Road, Carina, 4152

p: 07 3398 2977

To Book in for this session go to Website

Link: <https://www.trybooking.com/424853>

Invitation Code: *carinasafe*

Daytime Session

Date: Wednesday November 14, 2018

Time: 10am - 12 noon

Location: Regina Caeli

Parish Hall

81 Waverley Rd, Camp Hill, 4152

p: 07 3398 3697

e: reginacaeli@bne.catholic.net.au

For registration & further details contact parishes of Our Lady of Graces Parish & Regina Caeli respectively. Please note, this face-to-face training is only applicable to those registered volunteers who are:

- **providing services for children & vulnerable adults**
- **engaging in activities mainly with children & vulnerable adults**
- **in a leadership/council/finance position also employed by their parish, faith community or the Archdiocese**

For all other volunteers, there will be a video released at the end of this year in which you will be able to watch at home.

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.

Last Week's 2nd Collection

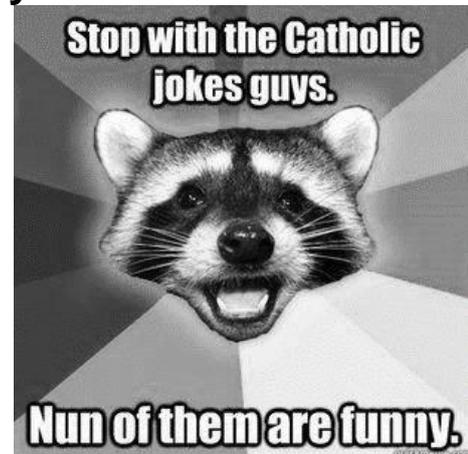
Loose	\$554.20
Planned Giving	\$3,577.50
Total	\$4,131.70

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.

SOMETHING FUNNY

Do you think we should stop?



CATHOLIC LEADER

Catholic Leaders are available at the back of the church. Please ensure that you pay \$2 in the brown box.

- Young Catholics proclaim their love for Jesus at Ignite Conference
- Leading advocates urge that the royal commission into age care investigates with broader scope
- Catholic aid agencies helping victims of quake and tsunami in Central Sulawesi province
- 600 people rally in Toowoomba to stand up for the unborn
- Red Frog's national coordinator says the Australian drinking culture is taking a leap in the right direction
- Woman of great faith shows love and forgiveness in the face of hatred and violence
- Newly ordained Augustinian priest overjoyed about fulfilling childhood dream
- Brisbane couple passionate about reaching struggling parents through new outreach

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