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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

PARISH TEAM:

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Spread the Word

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Reflection by Greg Sunter



In the gospel of Luke, widows represent the lowly of society. They also are a measure of how the society is travelling. In the Old Testament, God commanded the people to care for widows, orphans and strangers. Widows, in particular, were to be cared for by the whole community. From that point on, the level of compassion within the society could be measured by the care extended to the widows. A number of the prophets

point to neglect of the widows as a sign that the community has turned its back on the covenant with God. The gospel of Luke picks up this prophetic tradition and on several occasions uses widows as the key figures in stories or parables.

In this parable, the widow is petitioning her local judge for justice against towards the widow, but the judge fobs her off repeatedly. The widow, knowing that her cause is just, persists and finally wears down the judge.

Another feature of the gospel of Luke is that the lowly and poor – represented here by the widow – are those who recognise their own condition and call on the mercy of God to lift them up. Jesus says that God will see justice done to those who cry out for God's help. Jesus' final comment about finding any faith on earth is a reminder that human beings have a tendency to think they can solve all their own problems and forget that they need God's action in their lives. The faithful in the gospel of Luke are those who know that they are in need of God's mercy and love and call out for it.

LOOKING AHEAD

Monday 21 October

- 10.30am Dominican Laity - Library
- 1.00pm Funeral – Church
- 7.00pm Italian Prayer Group – Church

Tuesday 22 October

- 9.00am Playgroup – Hospitality
- 9.30am Scripture Group – Library

Wednesday 23 October

- 11.00am BED Scripture Group – Library
- 6.30pm Legion of Mary – Library

Thursday 24 October

- 9.00am Playgroup – Hospitality
- 11.00am BED Scripture Group – Library

Saturday 26 October

- 7.15pm AA – Library

Let us remember in prayer all those who are sick and those whose anniversaries occur around this time Gerard Brown, Annamaria Pizzica, Reginald Chapman, Grace Ng, and the recently deceased Jill Jones, Allan Spiller, Fr Anthony Van Dyke O.P., Greg Miller, Jocelyn Villanueva, Mary Joseph and Leonie Arundle.

URGENT PRESCARE VOLUNTEERS

We are need of volunteers on Friday mornings at PresCare at Carina to assist Fr Alex at the Catholic mass & to take communion to the residents on a roster basis. We provide this service to help those who are unable to go to mass here. If you can volunteer please contact the parish on 3398 2977 or Helen Phelan on 0409 055 360.

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 sc.carina@bne.catholic.net.au. More news about the RCIA program will be released soon so stay tuned.

Sacramental Information Evening 2020

The Sacramental overview evening for 2020 will be held on Tuesday the 19th 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.



Important – Planned Giving Program

In 1974 and in the years to follow, the parishioners of Our Lady of Graces gifted this church to the generations that followed. In the 45 years since, we have all worshipped, enjoyed and benefitted by their sacrifice. Sacrifice, because time then were no less difficult than they are today and many made significant commitments both in time and money to create this wonderful building. An example to us of true sacrificial giving.



It may not be obvious, but minor maintenance of our church building is being carried out regularly but as with all buildings, time takes its toll. It has now come to the point where serious and expensive maintenance needs to be addressed, for example: some big ticket items include the roof, the carpet together with internal and external painting. The work required on these is not optional, the longer we leave them, the more expensive they will be to remedy.

So how in these present difficult times when mass attendance is dropping and the cost of everything seems to be rising are we to finance this much needed work?

One way, with an organisation as large as this Parish, is to administer its finances by drawing up annual budgets and just importantly, adhering to that budget. When the Parish budgets are produced in October/November each year, they are based on expected income and expenses. Planned Giving promises are the major part of that expectation.

There is another way out Parish Finances can be helped and in addition saved you chasing around for spare notes or change on a Sunday morning. Moreover, it won't cost any extra to you current promised contribution. Simply move your giving pattern from 'cash on the plate' or the 'envelope system' to an electronic transaction – either by card or direct debit. It is completely safe and many parishioners already contribute in this way.

You need not be concerned about not having anything to put on the plate as there are cards available at the church entrance and may be used in lieu of an envelope and money.

Electronic giving can be easily arranged by calling the parish office (07) 3398 2977.

Thank you for your indulgence and please prayerfully consider how you may assist the Parish finances into the future to tackle the big ticket items that are ahead of us.

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.

Associazione Lucania Del Queensland Christmas Lunch Invitation

As the festive season approaches, the Associazione Lucania del Queensland Inc. would like to invite you, your family and friends to celebrate Christmas with us with a traditional Italian three course meal and great music from "Dominic Taraborelli"

When: Sunday 10th November 2019 at 12:30pm

Where: Brisbane Abruzzo Club
150 Fursden Road, Carina

Cost: \$45.00 members; \$50.00 non-members;
\$20.00 children

All profits from the day will be donated to the "National Breast Cancer Foudation". We look forward to celebrating Christmas with you!

2019 Columban Art Calendar



Do you lose track of your favourite pet's birthday or when each church season starts?

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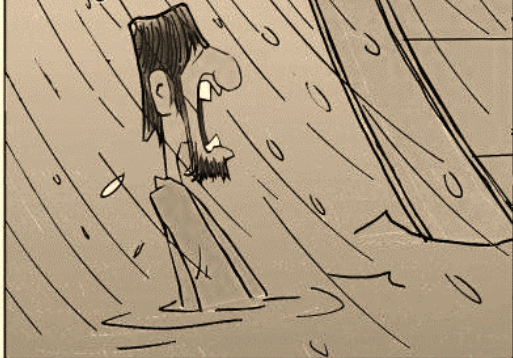
Columban calendar? It has all of the church seasons as well as what each Sunday is e.g. this weekend is the 29th Sunday in Ordinary Time! Not only that but it leaves some rooms to write down your pet's birthday! Available for \$10 at the Piety Store in the church.



SOMETHING FUNNY

The Back Pew - Jeff Larson

OK.. OK.. YOU WERE RIGHT, AND I WAS WRONG..
MR. NOAH-IT-ALL!



It was not until the water was waist deep that Willie Nordblat admitted he was in trouble.

CATHOLIC MISSION WEEKEND 19/20 OCT

Sister Stan Mumuni is at the forefront of the Church's work in reaching out to children in need in Ghana. As the director of the Nazareth Home for God's Children, Sister Stan works endlessly to provide education, healthcare and a safe home for children rescued from life-threatening situations. In line with traditional beliefs, in parts of Ghana, children born with a disability, or whose mother passes during childbirth, are considered to be 'spirit children' and thus at risk of being harmed or killed. Today you have the opportunity to personally partner with the Church in Ghana and offer monthly support to this essential work. All gifts will be directed to life-saving projects for children in need. Your one-off gift today is also very much appreciated and will make a great difference to those in need. Freecall: 1800 257 296 catholicmission.org.au/Ghana



CATHOLIC LEADER

Catholic Leaders are available on the tables at the back of the church.

The Catholic Leaders are \$2 each. We ask that you please pay for them by putting the \$2 in the small wooden boxes provided. Thank you

- *March for Life floods Brisbane's CBD, with 2000 people urging for the protection of the sanctity of life.*
- *St John Henry Newman was canonised alongside four other saints in Rome last weekend.*
- *Maryborough witnesses to devotion to Mary with public square rosary on the weekend.*
- *Bushfires take lives and homes in northern New South Wales and Vinnies is doing all it can to help.*
- *Knights of the Southern Cross want Catholic lay men to find their niche in the Church.*
- *Seminarian and former intern at The Catholic Leader Adi Indra was ordained a deacon in St Peter's Basilica.*
- *Centacare celebrates more than 1000 clients transitioned to the National Disability Insurance Scheme.*
- *Hanar Keka, a young Catholic from Iraq, spent her 30th birthday deep in prayer at St Stephen's Cathedral and reflected on 29 years of life.*

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