

Reflection by Greg Sunter

Jesus reminds us in this gospel that to join him in bringing about the reign of God requires absolute commitment and a willingness to give up that which is most precious to us. The rich man who approached Jesus was genuine in his desire to fulfil all the requirements of the Law to attain eternal life. Jesus quoted to him all the commandments that deal with right relationships with others. The man is able to tick these off and assure Jesus that he has been doing this since childhood – a pretty big claim in the first place! Then Jesus ‘looked steadily at him and loved him’ – he looked on him with the eyes of love; the eyes that see to the heart of a person, and in that look knew what was most important to the man. Jesus could tell by his dress no doubt that the man was wealthy and so it is this aspect of the man’s life that Jesus chooses to challenge him about. This gospel shouldn’t necessarily be read as a condemnation of wealth – rather, it is the man’s inability to surrender his wealth that Jesus challenges. Jesus sees to

the heart of the man and asks if he is willing to give up that which is most important in his life. The man is unable to do what Jesus asks of him and goes away sad. Why sad? He’s sad because he knows that he has been tested and failed. He knows that what he genuinely desired was within his reach but he needed to let go of his position, his status, his wealth, to be able to grasp what he desired in both hands.



PARISH HAPPENINGS

LOOKING AHEAD

Monday 15 October

- 7.00pm Italian Prayer Group – Church

Tuesday 16 October

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

Wednesday 17 October

- 9.30am Wednesday Friendly Group – Hosp.
- 10.00am BED Scripture Group - Library
- 7.00pm Legion of Mary – Library

Thursday 18 October

- 9.30am Playgroup – Hospitality Area
- 9.30am Two Hearts Prayer Group – Church

Sunday 21 October

- 6.30pm RCIA Enquiry Session – Church

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

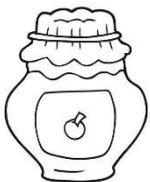
RCIA Process



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 surfeit 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.

2019 Columban Art Calendar

The 2019 Columban Art Calendar is now available for purchase from the Piety Store in the church for \$10.

Daily Mass and Ordo 2019

Daily Mass books and Ordo 2019 are now available for purchase. Daily Mass Books are \$24.10 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.

Feast of St Gerard Majella

There has been a bus organised for a trip to the Marion Vally for the Feast of St Gerard Majella on Saturday 20 October 2018. The bus will be leaving the parish at 8.00am. To book, please contact Vito Di Stasi on 3398 5738.



Wednesday Friendly Group

Join us in the Hospitality Area after 9am Mass this Wednesday for a morning tea and a chat! We hope to see you there!

Sausage Sizzle Fundraiser

Elisha Hiscock, a parishioner, will be joining the NET Team next year. As part of Elisha's fundraising, a sausage sizzle will be held after 5.30pm Mass on Sunday 21 October. Cost is a gold coin donation.

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

Communion to the sick – Volunteers needed!

Communion to the Sick or more so, Communion at Home, is a most rewarding ministry to be a part of. There are many parishioners who are unable, for a variety of reasons, to attend Mass with the rest of our community. The gratitude of these parishioners to receive communion and the inclusion they feel in knowing they continue to be a part of our community is most obvious.

We ask that you consider becoming involved in this ministry as it can be very rewarding and it is most appreciated. A visit may be short or long and whatever day of the week that is most suitable for the both of you. Visits may be monthly, fortnightly or weekly it is your choice. If you are interested please call the parish office on 33982977.

5.30pm Children's Mass

Children's Mass is next Sunday evening 21 October at 5.30pm Mass. Your child may read, collect, hand out newsletters, or bring up the gifts. You need to be available to bring them to the church around 5pm for a little coaching. To take part, go to www.schoolinterviews.com.au and using code **Lur6g**, register for the ministry of your choice.

Advent Adventures is coming!

Fun, games, craft and sausage sizzle.

Ages: 8-12 years

Cost: \$5 per child & \$10 for two or more siblings

Lunch: gluten free sausage sizzle.

Save the Dates: Tue Dec 18 & Thu Dec 20.

9am – 12noon

Seeking parent helpers and volunteers:

- First Aid Officer – Blue Card required
- Registration Officer – Blue Card required
- Activities and coordination – Blue Card required

Old and used Christmas Cards are needed for craft activities. Please drop these off to Shelly at the parish office. Watch this space for further details!

Last Week's 2nd Collection

Loose	\$623.20
Planned Giving	\$3,374.30
Total	\$3,997.50

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.

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.

CATHOLIC LEADER

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

- Archbishop Mark Coleridge celebrates special mass at St Stephen's Cathedral for couples celebrating their golden anniversaries
- Brisbane man to pay homage to his 'spiritual father' Archbishop Oscar Romero at canonisation in Rome this Sunday
- Responding to the health needs of people in remote Australia
- All creatures great and small blessed on St Francis' feast day celebrations at ACU
- Brisbane honours the Columbans at a thanksgiving Mass for 100 years of mission and service

Become a part of the parish Planned Giving Program to help your Parish grow.

We thank, sincerely, all Parishioners who contribute to Planned Giving. Your ongoing commitment and contribution assists the parish to budget for operating expenses (wages, rates, electricity, phones, maintenance etc) as well as parish pastoral planning (faith education, sacramental preparation, resources etc). To obtain Planned Giving Envelopes or to contribute by direct debit, complete this form and place on the plate, or contact the Parish Office. Planned Giving contributions are not Tax Deductable.

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