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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



This week's gospel passage flows on directly from last week's gospel and continues the teaching of Jesus about prayer. Whereas the preceding passage emphasised the need for persistence in prayer, this passage is about the way in which we come before God in prayer. It is the tax collector, whose simple prayer is 'God, be merciful to me, a sinner,' who goes home at rights with God. In this simple prayer, the tax collector

recognises that he is not in right relationship with God and asks for God's mercy. This is a hallmark of the lowly and outcast in the gospel of Luke: they recognise their need and seek God's forgiveness and mercy. The model of faith that is depicted over and over again in this gospel is the one who recognises their need for God's loving mercy and asks for it. We are repeatedly reminded that God's mercy, forgiveness and abundant love are constantly out-flowing towards us and all we have to do is humbly desire and welcome them.

Humility is at the heart of this parable. The Pharisee is representative of those who are assured of their own rightness but who rely on comparison with others to make themselves feel righteous and justified. The actions of this man were not limited to Pharisees alone, nor are they limited to a particular time and place. This man's attitude of asserting his own faithfulness and religious observance by comparison with others can be easily seen in the world today. All faiths seem to be afflicted with these characters who assure themselves of their own 'goodness' by railing against those who are different. But, as the parable assures us, it is the humble who are exalted by God.

PARISH HAPPENINGS

LOOKING AHEAD

Monday 28 October

- 7.00pm Italian Prayer Group – Church

Tuesday 29 October

- 9.00am Playgroup – Hospitality

- 9.30am Scripture Group – Library

Wednesday 30 October

- 11.00am BED Scripture group – Library

- 6.00pm Shalom Healing – Church

- 6.30pm Legion of Mary – Library

Thursday 31 October

- 9.00am Playgroup – Hospitality

- 11.00am BED Scripture group – Library

Friday 1 November

- 7.30pm 500 Card Group

Saturday 2 November

- 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.



From the Parish Secretary

Well, this is the very last piece that I will be writing as your Parish Secretary. I would like to thank you all for the past 4 years that I have been here and for all of the beautiful cards and words of thanks and praise that you have given to me over the past few weeks. It has been a pleasure working here as your Parish Secretary and working alongside Fr Alex, Chris, Shelly and the Dominican Community. Upon reflection of my time here, words cannot express the gratitude I have for our community, we are truly blessed to have one another and such a strong bond as a Parish and I have never felt more at home than I do here, truly nothing compares. So with a heavy heart I bid you all farewell... and I will see you at Christmas! (Maybe). I will keep Our Lady of Graces and her people in my prayers. God bless, Ashleigh Vasta.



Last Week's 2nd Collection

Loose	\$781.30
Planned Giving	\$3,692.67
Total	\$4,473.97

Planned Giving Program

To join the parish Planned Giving program please contact the parish office who will arrange for your payment method. Where possible the parish encourages electronic giving via Direct Debit or Credit Card.

THINKING AHEAD

Based on readings for the 31st Sunday in Ordinary Time (3rd November).

Blessed are the merciful, for they will have mercy shown them.

The word *mercy* can represent authority, in that we can be at the mercy of someone or something, or others be at our mercy. Mercy requires a loving response that demonstrates compassion, gratitude and forgiveness in situations.

The readings next week demonstrate the Beatitude above. They give us an insight to God's mercy, and how we are called to follow His example. They remind us that mercy is an internal resolve to care for and justly treat others, demonstrated in our actions. It is in our acts of mercy that we can better understand God's love for humanity.



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.

*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 26 November 2019
Time: 10.30am Admission: \$25.00
Proceeds will be donated to
St Vincent de Paul Carina Conference
For reservations, please call by
Tuesday 19 November 2019
Graziella Cavallaro: 0414 231 204
Maria Coco: 3398 5836*

**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 Foundation". We look forward to celebrating Christmas with you!
Vito Di Stasi 0413 633895 or 3398 5738.

500 Card Group

The 500 Card group meet again in the Aquinas Room next Friday 1 November at 7.30pm.
All welcome.

SOMETHING FUNNY

Why the long face?....



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

- The Church in Australia is calling for a united call to prayer for rain for embattled farmers suffering drought.
- Active Refugees and Migrant Integration Australia founder Protas Muhirwa says a million Australians don't speak English, blocking pathways to employment and wellbeing.
- Centacare's Nicole Morgan organised a water drive, sending two fleet buses and a trailer full of water to Stanthorpe.
- Brisbane Catholic schools celebrate the Indigenous graduation at St Stephen's Cathedral.
- Faith inspired rehabilitation program helps Australian military veterans forgive and ease decades of suffering.
- The Frassati Fraternity recently held their first muster since their formation in 2011, showcasing the evangelising spirit of young Catholic men.
- Emotion hits Bishop Shane McKinlay as he takes up the call to lead in regional Victoria.
- Jonathan Hohl's bad New Year's Eve night in Fortitude Valley helped him rediscover his faith.

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