

## **Reflection by Greg Sunter**

In the Jewish tradition, blood plays a very interesting double role – being both sacred and impure. As we see from this week’s first reading, blood was used as a sign of sealing a covenant and so took on a very sacred significance. Blood was held to be sacred due to its relationship with life and thus God. However, in other circumstances, blood was regarded as forbidden and impure. The Torah forbids the eating of blood and so for meat to be regarded as kosher (ritually proper) it must be drained of all blood at the time of slaughter. This prohibition has to do with an ancient pagan practice of eating blood and was designed to distinguish the Jews from such pagan practices. In the parable of the Good Samaritan we see the two Temple officials avoiding the beaten and bloodied man because to touch him would have made them ritually impure and unable to perform their duties. So we have this interesting contrast that blood was regarded as being both very sacred as well as impure.

It is in the context of sealing a covenant that Jesus used blood at the Last Supper. Jews would have been very familiar with the notion that a covenant with God was sealed with blood and



so for Jesus to describe his blood as being ‘the blood of the covenant’ would have been immediately significant to his disciples and the first audience of the Gospel. Jesus is marking a new covenant between God and God’s people – a covenant in blood like the covenants of old. He is making it clear that God is prepared to start over again with the people – a new covenant for a new phase of the ever developing relationship.

## PARISH HAPPENINGS

### LOOKING AHEAD

#### Monday 4 June

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

#### Tuesday 5 June

- 9.30am Playgroup – Hospitality Area
- 9.30am Scripture group – Library
- 7.00pm Social Justice – AQ Room

#### Thursday 7 June

- 9.30am Playgroup – Hospitality

**Let us remember in prayer all those who are sick** Barbara Pashen, David Zemek, Vilma Gouse **and those whose anniversaries occur around this time** William Hayes, Agnes Hayes, Patricia Bergin, Tonini Nobilio, Una Kenny **and the recently deceased** Alan William Williams and Mary Hammill.

### Corpus Christi Procession

It is that time of year again where we have the Corpus Christi Procession at 2pm, on Sunday 3 June in the city. A bus has been organised again to leave and return to Our Lady of Graces. The bus will leave 1.15pm sharp for the Cathedral, fares are \$5 return single or \$15 return for a family. If you would like to travel with the Parish please write your name down on the folder at the back of the Church. If you have any queries, please contact Bill on 3157 2452.

### Marriage Encounter

Worldwide Marriage Encounter & Our Lady of Mt Carmel Church are hosting **The 5 Love Languages**.

**Date:** June 9th, 2018

**Time:** 9am-5pm

**Venue:** Our Lady of Mt Carmel Primary School all, Norfolk Street, Coorparoo

**Enquiries:** 0403 514 454 Lolita Norris

**Bookings:** <https://trybooking.com>

### Last Week's 2<sup>nd</sup> Collection

Loose	\$877.95
Planned Giving	\$3,068.05
Total	<b>\$3,946.00</b>

### 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 Training Sessions

*..for it is to such as these that the kingdom of God belongs. Mark 10:14*

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.

This means that everyone in the church must ensure that the fundamental rights of children, young people and vulnerable adults are respected. This will be achieved through the development of respectful relationships and a commitment to safety embracing appropriate boundaries, behaviours and practices, in accordance with the Archdiocese of Brisbane Code of Ethical Behaviour for Employees and Volunteers who work in service of the Church as well as adherence to the legislative imperatives of the State.

The office can confirm that **Our Lady of Graces will host a session on Wednesday 31 October from 6.30pm to 8.30pm in the Dominic Centre.**

To secure a place for this evening, you will need to email Ashleigh at the Parish office. If you cannot attend this session, please contact the parish office for the dates and times for the sessions in the city.

### Volunteers Needed Urgently

We are urgently seeking volunteers for the Transport Ministry and the Communion at Home Ministry. This requires a once a week or month commitment. If you think you might be interested or if you know someone who might be, please contact the Parish Office.

### Italian News

On the occasion of the 204<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the creation of the Carabinieri Corps, the ex-servicemen would like you to join a mass to mark this day. It will be celebrated on 10 June 2018 at the 10.30am Mass with Fr Angelo. You are invited to the hospitality area after mass has concluded.

### From the 2018 Ordo

When preaching takes place within the context of the liturgy, it is part of the offering made to the Father and a mediation of the grace which Christ pours out during the celebration. This context demands that preaching should guide the assembly, and the preacher, to a life-changing communion with Christ in the Eucharist. *Evangelii Gaudium (2013) 138*

## Sacrament of Confirmation

Congratulations to the 106 children of the parish who celebrated the Sacrament of Confirmation last Tuesday night in the presence of Bishop Ken Howell and many family members and friends. Grateful thanks to the many parish helpers who gave generously of their time and talent to help make these liturgies so beautiful.



Abigail Worrell	Aiden Elliot
Alessandra Pereira	Alexander Tento
Alice Gregory	Alice Smith
Amelia Furber	Andrea Silagan
Asher Holley	Asher San Jose
Ava Caynila-Wilson	Ayla Cossio
Benjamin Lillico	Benjamin Mackey
Bethany Dinnen	Bronte Ward
Caelan Macintyre	Caitlin Clark
Camelia Perera	Cameron Koch
Charlie Gillett	Charlie Gordon
Charlie Knijff	Charlie Stickney
Charlotte Robinson	Chloe Crisham
Chloe McPherson	Chloe Randall
Chloe Sukkar	Claire Oxenham
Clare Purcell	Edward Cunningham
Edward Gore	Ella Pert
Eloise Davey	Emilia Vo
Emily Mandile	Emily McBrien
Emma Bosiljevack	Emma Carter
Emma Randall	Erin O'Mara
Eva McMurray	Eve Agnola
Francis Gagen	Freya Lyons
George Devantier	Gianni Di Francesco
Harrison Seiler	Hayley Meehan
Imogen Louise Raby	Isabel Ramirez
Isabelle Peel	Jack McDonald
Jack William Oliver	Jacob Degenhardt
James Goodwin	Julietta Romano
Lachlan Walker	Lenny Anastasia
Levi Kane	Liam Anderson
Lola Zulli	Louka O'Shea
Lucas Sargeant	Lucia Pantalone
Luis Stagg	Lyndsey Batey
Lytic McMillan	Markus Maticic
Matilda Ager	Michael Clark
Mila Pearce	Montgomery FitzGerald
Nicholaus Green	Nieve McGarry
Oliver Rivera Rojas	Olivia Scaf
Olivia Hookham	Olivia Stewart
Pablo Cardenas Perez	Patrick Robinson
Phoebe Holland	Piper Hopgood Buckley
Rachel Jesuthasan	Reyshnan Perumal
Rocco Laurito	Rose Richardson
Rowyn Ward	Sam Anastasia
Saoirse McNulty	Shannon Murphy
Shaun Gould	Sofie Jones
Sophia Jimenez	Sophie Hellyer
Sophie Villalobos	Stephanie McGee
Taylor Pert	Thivain Fernando
Valentina Ahumada	Verity Raby
William Armstrong	William McDonald
William White	Xavier Armstrong

## Sacrament of Eucharist – Date Claimer



Children Confirmed at Our Lady of Graces in May 2017 soon commence activities to help prepare them for the important step in their initiation - the Sacrament of Eucharist [First Holy Communion].

A Parent Meeting for parents of children this group will be held in the church at 7pm on Wednesday 27 June.

## SOMETHING FUNNY



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## COMMUNITY HAPPENINGS

### Grail Women of Vision.

Join the Grail in Brisbane to celebrate the life of Maria de Lourdes Pintasilgo (1930 – 2014) first woman Prime Minister of Portugal 1979. Sunday 3rd June 2-4 pm at Justice Place, 5 Abingdon St, Woolloongabba. Short walk from Boggo Rd Station or Bus 66 from Roma St Station. Rsvp [aboudann@gmail.com](mailto:aboudann@gmail.com) or text 0400344921. Afternoon tea – all welcome.

### Introducing the HeartFIT Exercise Program

You are welcome to come for a FREE Trial Session. 3 Local Sessions per Week at St's Peter & Paul Parish Hall Bulimba: 7:30am Monday or 10am Wednesday. Carindale PCYC 8:30am Thursday. Your Body is a Temple of the Holy Spirit. Keep it Strong and Vibrant to Live Life to the Full. HeartFIT Is a Gentle to Moderate Exercise Program for everyone to maintain or regain a Strong Healthy Lifestyle.

The program focuses on:

- \*Strength- Muscle Mass Retention.
- \*Heart Health- Cardiovascular Fitness.
- \*Balance & Flexibility.
- \*Co-ordination & Falls Prevention.
- \*Living Independently Long Term.

Just come along with a water bottle.

For more information call Bruce on 0408 740 543 or email [bruceinthezone@gmail.com](mailto:bruceinthezone@gmail.com)

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