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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

We are perhaps more familiar with the Beatitudes from the Gospel of Matthew in which the kingdom of heaven is promised to those who are 'blessed' because of their afflictions. Rather than the Sermon on the Mount from the Gospel of Matthew, the Gospel of Luke presents the same event and teaching as the sermon on the plain as it occurs on 'a piece of level ground'. This version may appear a little more confronting than the Matthew version. Rather than the afflicted being 'blessed', they are to be 'happy'. It seems odd that anybody should be happy to be poor, hungry, mourning or reviled and we would certainly regard these as states of sadness and difficulty; not times for rejoicing at our good fortune! However, this gospel in particular frequently reminds us that God does not think, feel and behave as we might expect. God's actions are frequently contrary to the expectations of society. The Gospel of Luke makes it plain that the reign of God will upend the structures of society. The lowly will be raised and the mighty will be brought low. It is in this context that the poor, the hungry and the outcast are regarded as happy. Their happiness comes from the reassurance that although they are rejected and dismissed by society, they are indeed the most favoured of God. Whatever the world dishes up to such as these, they can rejoice in the knowledge that in the reign of God their fortunes will be reversed and they will be favoured. However, just as the fortunes of the poor and afflicted will be reversed for the better, those who are rich, well fed, happy and well regarded will also have their fortunes reversed. Alas to them! Their comfort and joy leaves no room for the generosity of God!



PARISH HAPPENINGS

LOOKING AHEAD

Monday 18 February

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

Tuesday 19 February

- 9.30am Playgroup – Hospitality
- 9.30am Scripture Group – Library
- 7.00pm Social Justice - Library

Wednesday 20 February

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

Thursday 21 February

- 9.00am Playgroup – Hospitality

Saturday 23 February

- 7.15pm AA – Library

Let us remember in prayer all those who are sick Vilma Grouse, Rex Bowen **and those whose anniversaries occur around this time** Mary Marrinan, Sean Duffy, Greg Ross Senior, Les O'Brien, Lawrie Rosso, Terry O'Brien, Noel Boyle **and the recently deceased** Mick O'Brien, Silvana Cappelli Kathleen Calibag, Natividad Umali and Umberto Carniel

Our Lady of Graces Sacramental Program 2019 Confirmation

With Parent Information Night over, all enrollment forms for Confirmation 2019 are due by no later than 3.30pm 14 March 2019. By then, you should have also enrolled in all activity sessions for the Confirmation program. If you have any questions, please contact Shelly via email or phone.

Penance: 1st Rite of Reconciliation

For all children who have **completed** their Confirmation and First Holy Communion, the sessions for Penance will start on 24 February. All parents of eligible children should have received information via Shelly in the Parish Office. If you have not received any notification, please contact OLOG (07) 3398 2977.



Sacramental Calendar 2019

- 24/2 – Penance Prep session 1a
- 26/2 – Penance Prep session 1b
- 14/3 – Confirmation enrolments due
- 16 & 17/3 – Confirmation Rite of Enrolments
- 17/3 – Penance Prep session 2a
- 19/3 – Penance Prep session 2b
- 26/3 – Confirmation Activity session 1a
- 31/3 – Confirmation Activity session 1b

Plenary Council 2020

"What do you think God is asking of us in Australia at this time?". There is still time to

write down your thoughts,

and the box at the

entrance of the

church will remain there until March 2019. We are doing this in light of the Plenary Council 2020 which invites everyone to have a say.

For more information about the Plenary Council head to <http://plenarycouncil.catholic.org.au/>

PlenaryCouncil2020
Listen to what the Spirit is saying...



St Vincent de Paul Nth QLD Flood Appeal

North Queensland has had a difficult beginning to their 2019. As you are all aware, they have seen excessive flooding, with many losing their homes, belongings, crops, livestock and even their lives. As they begin to pick up what pieces may be left, we are reminded of what it is to be a community and how (even though we are far away) we are still a part of their community, as they are ours.

As Easter draws near I saw a quote from Pope Francis to the Jubilee audience in March 2016 in which he said, "Love and charity, are service, helping others, serving others. There are many people who spend their lives in this way, in the service of others. ... When you forget yourself and think of others, this is love! And with the washing of the feet the Lord teaches us to be servants, and above all, servants as He was a servant to us, for every one of us."

With the above quote in mind, St Vincent de Paul have declared a public disaster appeal for North Queensland communities affected by the devastating floods.

The Vinnies North Queensland Flood Appeal aims to provide assistance to flood affected people in Townsville and surrounds.

You can donate by the following: by credit card can be directed to the website <https://www.vinnies.org.au/donate> or to the North Queensland Flood Appeal bank account below. Cheques can also be sent to State Administration and marked North Queensland Flood Appeal.

Bank: CBA

Account name: St Vincent de Paul Society
BSB: 064-000

Account Number: 13661492

We will also be placing out the Red Tins, usually used for the Christmas Appeal, these will instead be used for any cash donations you may wish to give.

Every dollar counts, please donate to help these families rebuild their lives.

OLOG Financial Report 4th Quarter 2018

Our Lady Of Graces - Carina			
<u>Income & Expenditure Actual vs Budget</u>			
October - December Quarter 2018			
Revenue	Quarter	Budget	Variance
Collections & Giving	58,745	52,484	6,261
Offerings	2,580	2,151	429
Ministry & Evangelisation	1,525	3,876	-2,351
Other Operating Activities	7,823	3,729	4,094
Total Revenue	70,673	62,240	8,433
Expenses			
Office / Administration	4,935	2,364	2,571
Property & Occupancy	16,904	12,387	4,517
Liturgy	1,518	2,250	-732
Ministry & Evangelisation	2,573	4,938	-2,365
Clergy	100	51	49
Motor Vehicle Expenses	1,269	1,374	-105
Staff Wages & Entitlements	32,292	44,050	-11,758
Diocesan Levies	6,732	6,823	-91
Total Expenses	66,322	74,237	-7,915
Surplus/ Deficit (-)	4,351	-11,997	16,348
Other income	332	0	332
Other expenses	0	500	-500
Net Surplus/ Deficit (-)	4,683	-12,497	17,180
Capital Expenses / Provisions for the quarter included:			
Reserved for major repair works			12,265

Revenue items: The Collections & Giving Budget was set before the Planned Giving Program that was conducted in May 2018, with effect from July 2018, was held. The increase in giving has been comforting for the Parish, supportive of the need for maintenance of our Parish assets. As advised during the Campaign, there are significant costs ahead - particularly in regards the buildings roofing.

Expenditure Items: Whilst a number of the Ministries have been conducted at lower cost than was originally budgeted, we acknowledge the risk that reduced cost may reflect reduced outreach by our Parish.

Comment on Outlook: Whilst the finish of the 2018 year was encouraging compared with the Budget for that period, the Finance Council has noted that Pledges made during the Planned Giving Campaign in May 2018 are not being fulfilled and this is impacting on the Parish plans for building maintenance.

Data Projector Operator Training

On Saturday, 2 March at 11am, I will be holding a Data Projector Operator training session in the church. This will be for all existing DPO's and anyone who wants to become one. Parents, this is a great way to get your kids involved (if they wish to remain in "the background") during mass. For more information about volunteering to be a DPO or if this date does not work for you but you are still interested, please contact me. Ashleigh Vasta, Parish Secretary.

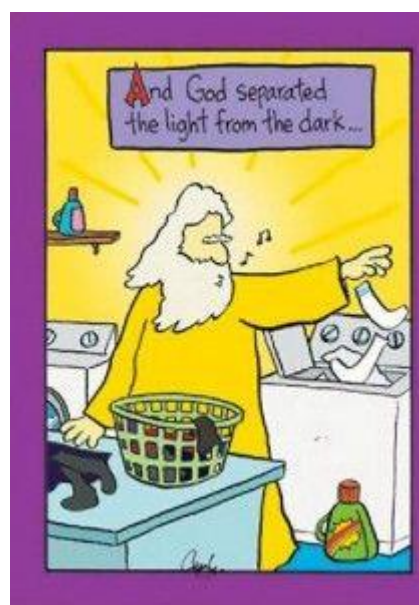
Wednesday Friendly Group

The Wednesday Friendly Group will meet next Wednesday 20 February in the Hospitality Area after the 9am Mass.

Two Hearts Prayer Group

The Two Hearts Prayer Group will recommence next Thursday 21 February after the 9am mass.

SOMETHING FUNNY



CATHOLIC LEADER

Catholic leaders are available at the back of the church for \$2.

- Pope offers consoling prayer
- Young Leaders keen to give back
- Brigidine College celebrates 90 years
- New era for St Laurence College
- Vinnies in the blood
- Adoration unlocking grace
- Regional focus Rockhampton

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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