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Monday: 8.30am - 12.30pm
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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

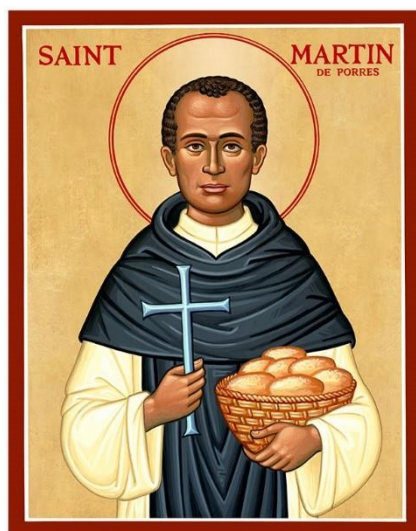
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Spread the Word

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St Martin de Porres Feast Day



Today the Church celebrates the memorial of St. Martin de Porres, religious, who lived a life of fasting, prayer and penance as a Dominican lay brother. He was born in Peru of a Spanish knight and a Negro woman from Panama.

Martin inherited the features and dark complexion of his mother, and for that reason his noble father eventually turned the boy out of his house.

After a turn as a surgeon's apprentice, the young man joined the Dominicans as a laybrother and was put in charge of the infirmary of a friary in Lima. Soon he was caring for the sick of the city and the slaves brought to Peru from Africa — not to mention the animals with which he is often pictured.

Martin had the gift of miracles; and although he had no formal training, he was often consulted on theological questions by great churchmen of his day. St. Rose of Lima and Bl. John Massias were among his close friends. He is unofficially called the patron of social justice.

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Monday 4 November – St Martin's School Mass

St Martin's School will be celebrating a whole school Mass on Monday 4 November at 9.30am for the Feast of St Martin de Porres.

Please note there will be no usual 9am on this day.

Also, parking may be difficult from 7am onwards due to the school families having a before school breakfast.

PARISH HAPPENINGS

LOOKING AHEAD

Sunday 3 November

- 5.30pm St Martin's School Sponsored Mass

Monday 4 November

- 9.30am St Martin's School Mass – Church
(no usual 9am Mass)

- 7.00pm Parish Pastoral Council – Library

- 7.00pm Italian Prayer Group – Church

Tuesday 5 November

- 9.00am Playgroup – Hospitality

- 9.30am Scripture Group – Library

- 7.00pm Social Justice Group - Library

Wednesday 6 November

- 10.30am BED Scripture group – Library

- 6.30pm Legion of Mary – Library

Thursday 7 November

- 9.00am Playgroup – Hospitality

- 11.00am BED Scripture group – Library

Saturday 9 November

- 7.15pm AA – Library

Let us remember in prayer all those who are sick and those whose anniversaries occur around this time Rebecca Herft, Victoria Cenita, 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.

Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults

RCIA sessions have commenced on Thursday evenings, 7pm, in the Parish Library. If you would like more information or intestered in attending, please call Shelly at the parish office on 3398 2977 or email sc.carina@bne.catholic.net.au.

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.

Daily Mass, Break Open the Word and Ordo 2020

- Daily Mass Books \$22.00
- Break Open the Word \$22.00
- Ordos \$12.00

Please contact the parish office on 3398 2977 before **Friday 8 November** to place your order and pay. A notice will be in STW once orders have arrived and are available for collection.

Last Week's 2nd Collection

Loose	\$779.45
Planned Giving	\$3,478.47
Total	\$4,257.92

National Prayer Campaign for Drought

The Catholic Church in Australia is dedicating the month of November 2019 as a time to pray for those affected by crippling drought conditions and to pray for the gift of rain. Parishes, schools, families and other Catholic communities across the country are being encouraged to participate in the National Prayer Campaign for Drought.



Eternal God,

In wisdom and love you created our earth to sustain us and give us life.

We turn to you now in faith, hope and love, asking you to look with favour on our starving animals, on our failing crops.

Strengthen, sustain and give new heart to our farmers and to all who are affected by drought; be with those who support them.

In your loving providence, send abundant rain and restore our parched earth.

Father of all compassion, hear our prayer through Jesus Christ your Son, in whom the promise of new life has dawned, and through the power of the Holy Spirit, the Lord the give of life:

*Renew your faithful people;
Renew the face of the earth.*

*Our Lady of the Southern Cross,
Mary, Help of Christians –
Pray for us.*

*St Mary of the Cross MacKillop –
Pray for us.*

Sacramental Information Evening 2020

The Sacramental overview evening for 2020 will be held on Tuesday 19 November 2019, 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.



November - Month of Remembrance

If you would like a weekday Mass said for the intentions of your departed loved one, November Mass offering envelopes available at the church entrance.

You can also write the names of your departed loved ones in the book of remembrance on the sanctuary.

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 times 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 as 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 save 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.

Children's Choir - 5.30pm Christmas Eve Mass

Practice for the Children's Choir at the 5.30pm Christmas Eve Mass starts on Saturday 24 November, 10-11am. Contact the parish office if your child/children are interested in participating.



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: \$30.00

Proceeds will be donated to

St Vincent de Paul Carina Conference

For reservations,

by Tuesday 19 November 2019

Graziella Cavallaro: 0414 231 204

graziella68@bigpond.com

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.

Healing & Renewal Retreat 2019

Conducted by bro. Jagath Nanayakkara & the Community of the Risen Lord.

- Saturday 23 November, 10am-5pm
Opening To Experience God's Miracle
Christ the King Church, Graceville
(Please bring a dish to share for lunch)
- Tuesday 26 November, 7pm-9pm
5-Keys to Handle Any Crisis with God
Holy Spirit Church Hall, Bray Park
- Friday 29 November, 7pm-9pm
Healing Service
Christ the King Church, Graceville

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