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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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Gospel Reflection by Greg Sunter



Life after death, in one form or another, is a common belief of most of the major faiths of the world. It is certainly a basic tenet of Christian faith. Because the gospels record Jesus as speaking about an afterlife, we tend to assume that this was a common belief of his time. However, within the different groups of Judaism, there was significant diversity of belief about this point.

While the Pharisees believed in resurrection, the Sadducees did not. The Sadducees, whose name means 'righteous ones' were an elite group within the Jewish faith. They were purists in their adherence to the Torah and their rejection of any later teachings or writings – this actually put them in conflict with the Pharisees, although the two groups are often portrayed in the gospels as being united against Jesus. Today's gospel passage depicts an attempt by the Sadducees to ridicule belief in an afterlife by questioning Jesus about an extremely exaggerated scenario.

The reply Jesus gives largely ignores the farcical nature of the question. Rather, Jesus makes clear that the resurrected life is not merely an extension of the earthly life. The things that are of concern in this world are not an issue in the next. Through death and resurrection, life is changed; not ended. This idea can be challenging at a time when we are mourning the loss of a loved one, yet we are called to respond to that challenge with a genuine hope and trust in the life that goes on in a different way. Jesus, in fact, dismisses the whole idea of death as an ending by saying that to God all people are alive, whether on earth or in the resurrection.

PARISH HAPPENINGS

LOOKING AHEAD

Monday 11 November

- 7.00pm Italian Prayer Group – Church
- 7.30pm Parish Finance Council – Library

Tuesday 12 November

- 9.00am Playgroup – Hospitality
- 9.30am Scripture Group – Library

Wednesday 13 November

- 10.30am BED Scripture Group – Library
- 6.00pm OLOG Diners – Carina Leagues Club
- 6.30pm Legion of Mary – Library

Thursday 14 November

- 9.00am Playgroup – Hospitality
- 9.30am Morning Tea (Sr Helen) – Dining Room
- 11.00am BED Scripture Group – Library
- 5.30pm San Sisto Graduation Mass – Church
- 7.00pm RCIA Session – Library

Saturday 16 November

- 7.15pm AA – Library

Sunday 17 November

- 5.30pm Children's Mass – Church

Let us remember in prayer all those who are sick and those whose anniversaries occur around this time John Matson, Don (D.A.T) Reay, Mark Roff, Sharon Grau, Rebecca Herft, Victoria Cenita, Gerard Brown, **and the recently deceased** Fr Martin Doyle, George Keryk, Patricia (Pat) Marshman, Grace Travers, Janet Fitzgerald, Jill Jones, Allan Spiller.

OLOG Diners

Wednesday 13 November, 6pm, at Carina Leagues Club. All parishioners are welcome.

Morning Tea – Sr Helen Rankin

A morning tea will be held in the Priests' Dining Room on Thursday 14 November, after 9am Mass, for Sr Helen Rankin (Sr Steve) who will be here for a short visit. Those who would like to catch up are welcome. A small plate to help with catering would be appreciated. *Pat Pieper 0449 073 896*

Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults

RCIA sessions have commenced on Thursday evenings, 7pm, in the Parish Library. For further information or if you are interested in attending, please contact Shelly at the parish office on 3398 2977 or sc.carina@bne.catholic.net.au.

Last Week's 2nd Collection

Loose	\$838.70
Planned Giving	\$3,478.62
Total	\$4,317.32

Parish Planned Giving

To join the Parish Planned Giving program please contact the Parish Office to arrange for your contribution method. The parish encourages electronic giving via Direct Debit or Credit Card. Electronic giving is safe and makes life easier for both yourself and the parish.

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, contact Shelly at the parish office on 3398 2977 or sc.carina@bne.catholic.net.au.



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.



Working Bee

A parish working bee is scheduled for Saturday 30 November, 7am onwards. Please come along if you can lend a hand.

November - Month of Remembrance

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

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

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 rain.



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 giver 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.*

St Vincent de Paul – Our Lady of Graces

This year has been another very busy year for all those involved with the branch of St Vincent de Paul, Our Lady of Graces. From January this year to the 3 November, the following have been assisted by the SVdP OLOG through emergency food/financial assistance -

- 0 to 16 years - 448 children.
- 17 to 24 years – 90 young adults.
- 25-44 years – 267 adults.
- 45 -64 years – 152 adults
- 65+ - 4

This is a total of 961 people in our local community. In addition to this number another 600 visits over the 12 month period as part of our bread run / produce delivery throughout the year – the aim of this program is to prevent families falling into food crisis, 84 local children were assisted with School Costs to ensure they had adequate school uniforms and books and the financial costs of all this assistance is just under \$57,000. This assistance is only possible through the generosity of many, the Italian Community at OLOG, individual donations, St Martin's and San Sisto College appeals, the local Lion's club, parish members and the Parish, external and internal donations/grants, food donations etc. I would like to thank everyone involved with SVdP OLOG. A very small group of very talented people are able to assist in varied roles to support the most vulnerable in our community. I hope this information is helpful to understand those we are supporting in our local community. Our role is not to judge but to spread the love and service of Jesus by our actions. As we head towards celebrating the birth of Christ we again seek your help with our Christmas appeal.

- Christmas Appeal 2019

This year we are again seeking your assistance to bring a little joy to the families / individuals who are struggling this Christmas. We are grateful for the support of the San Sisto College, St Martin's Primary, the Lion's Club, the Italian Community (fundraising event 26 November) and local business. However, it will require much support to assist this year and we would be grateful for any of the following donations –

- Christmas food treats
- Long life custard, milo, cordial, soft drink
- Stationery gifts
- Toiletry packs
- School item gifts – colour pencils, pencil cases, water bottles, lunch boxes
- Gift cards for local stores, food gift cards
- Financial donations

As we have already starting preparing hampers for the families your early assistance would be greatly appreciated. Our current financial balance is \$8657.79 as we head into our Christmas period and School year for 2020. If you would like any further information please contact me on 0438 982 140. *Barbara Dougherty, President SVdP*

*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

COMMUNITY HAPPENINGS

Irish Community November Remembrance Mass
Sunday 17 November, 12noon, St James' Church, Coorparoo. Tea/coffee will be served afterwards. For further information, contact the Irish Australian Support Association of Qld Inc. on 0432 087 328.

Mt Carmel Seniors Social Club

Thursday 21 November, 8.30am, bus excursion to Murwillumbah including tour of the Margaret Alley Gallery. Cost \$50, includes morning tea and lunch. Bus will depart from Our Lady of Mt Carmel Church, Coorparoo. Bookings via Paddy on 0414 334389.

St Cecilia Day Ecumenical Concert

Friday 22 November, 7pm, St James' Church, Coorparoo. At this event, Christian musicians will present a variety of sacred songs. All are welcome and admission is free. A light supper will be provided at the conclusion of the concert at approx. 8.30 pm.

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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