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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
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Spread the Word

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Reflection by Dianne Bergant CSA

The frequency with which we consider the question of insider-outsider is an indication of how important universalism and the breaking down of boundaries is within our religious tradition. All peoples, all lands are called on to praise God. Furthermore, God cares about and cares for all people (see Is 19:25), and God works through all people to accomplish good in the world: Gandhi, a Hindu of Indian origin; Martin Luther King, Jr, a Baptist minister; Susan B. Anthony, a suffragist; Nelson Mandela, a Black South African, etc. Human beings have always realised that, in comparison with the grandeur and expansiveness of the universe within which they live, they are weak and vulnerable creatures. This has led them to believe in and offer homage to a divine being, or beings. Praise of God has always been an expression of awe and gratitude as well as humility.

If neither gender, nor race, nor age, nor class nor culture qualifies one for being an insider, what does? Today's readings suggest that it is service of others. In breaking down the walls of prejudice, the social activists of our own age liberate not only the oppressed groups to which they belong, but also those who oppress them. The lives of these dynamic people show us that service of others draws them into our circles and encircles us in theirs. With open arms God invites all into an embrace of divine love. As God has embraced us, so we are called to embrace all others.

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Sunday Mass at Our Lady of Graces Parish

It is essential that you booking each week to attend Sunday Mass at Our Lady of Graces Parish. This is particularly important now as we are reaching capacity at all Sunday Masses based on 1 person per 4m² rule.

- To attend Sunday Mass, please make a booking by going to www.carinacatholicparish.org.au and clicking on the "Mass Bookings" image. **Bookings open on Monday morning and close on Friday at midday of each week.**



- Bookings must have the correct contact details of each person.
- Parishioners who do not have internet access may phone the parish office on 3398 2977 during office hours.
- Booking for Sunday Mass ensures you a seat, as long as you arrive before Mass starts. It also helps to make the process quick and easy for the marshal at the door and also for yourself.
- Please arrive early. This so everyone is seated when Mass starts.
- If you turn up at a Sunday Mass without a booking, there is no guarantee that space will be available. You will be turned away if we are at capacity.

PARISH HAPPENINGS

LOOKING AHEAD

Sunday 18 October

- 10.30am Dominican Laity – Library
- 4.00pm Practice for Sacrament of Confirmation on Tuesday 20 October – Church

Monday 19 October

- 7.00pm Italian Prayer Group – Church

Tuesday 20 October

- 9.30am Playgroup – Hospitality Area
- 9.30am Scripture Group – Library
- 1.30pm Wedding – Church
- 5.00pm Sacrament of Confirmation – Church
- 7.00pm Sacrament of Confirmation – Church

Thursday 22 October

- 9.30am Playgroup – Hospitality Area

Sunday 25 October

- 10.00am Baptism Preparation – Library
- 4.00pm Practice for Sacrament of Confirmation on Tuesday 27 October – Church

Let us remember in prayer all those who are sick and those whose anniversaries occur around this time
Gwen Petchell, Marcos Natividad, Rufina Natividad, John Glynn, and the recently deceased.

World Mission Sunday & Catholic Mission Appeal

Today, Sunday 18 October, is World Mission Sunday. Pope Francis has written a message for World Mission Sunday, which is available via the below link.

www.vatican.va/content/francesco/en/messages/index.html#messages

As part of World Mission Sunday, the Catholic Mission Appeal will be held. The appeal this year highlights the important work of the Church in Cambodia, which aims to reach out to those who have been affected by disability, and give them hope and support to live a fulfilling life. This appeal shares the story of Chen, a landmine survivor who lost both his legs when he was 16 years old. You can give through a text message (Text GIVE to 0488 854 436), donate online at catholicmission.org.au/Cambodia or via the appeal envelopes which are on the back tables.



Italian Sunday Mass

The Italian Sunday Mass returns to the normal time of 10.30am as of this weekend, 18 October 2020.

Sacrament of Confirmation

Last Tuesday evening, 13 October, we began our ceremonies for the Sacrament of Confirmation. Further ceremonies will be held the next two Tuesday evenings, 20 & 27 October.



Blessed Carlo Acutis

The Catholic Church had a very exciting weekend (10-11 October) with the beatification of Blessed Carlo Acutis in Assisi. Carlo had a passion for the poor, the Eucharist and computers. When Carlo wasn't writing computer programmes, he was known in his neighbourhood for his kindness to those living on society's margins. He contracted leukaemia at a young age and offered his pain for the Universal Church and Pope Benedict XVI. Carlo had asked his parents to take him on pilgrimages to sites of known Eucharistic miracles, but as his health was worsening, this was prevented. His zeal for Jesus drove him to apply his passions to developing a website where he recorded each reported Eucharistic miracle, (www.carloacutis.com/en/association/mostramiracoli-eucaristici), saying "the more Eucharist we receive, the more we will become like Jesus, so that on this earth we will have a foretaste of heaven". Carlo passed in 2006 at age 15.



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2021 Columban Art Calendar

The 2021 Columban Art Calendar is available for purchase for \$10 each. The calendars are currently only available through the parish office on weekdays. Payment can be via cash (correct money only) or card.

2021 - Daily Mass Book, Break Open the Word and Ordo

We are taking orders for the following annuals:

- Daily Mass Books \$22
- Break Open the Word \$22
- Ordos \$12

To order, please contact the parish office by **12.30pm, Friday 30 October**.

This allows for the ordered books to be available before the new liturgical year commences on 29 November.



Sacrament of Reconciliation

The Sacrament of Reconciliation currently is only being celebrated by appointment. Please contact the parish office to make an appointment.

New Encyclical from Pope Francis: "Fratelli Tutti"

Pope Francis has written an Encyclical Letter entitled "Fratelli Tutti", which is on Fraternity and Social Friendship. This encyclical, completed during the Coronavirus pandemic, is available via the link www.vatican.va/content/francesco/en/encyclicals/documents/papa-francesco_20201003_enciclica-fratelli-tutti.html

Data Projector Operator Ministry & Music Ministry - Expression of Interest

We are looking for expression of interest of parishioners who may be interested in assisting at Mass in the Data Projector Operator Ministry or Music Ministry.

There are vacancies for Data Projector Operators at the Saturday 6pm and Sunday 5.30pm Masses.

There are vacancies for Musicians & Singers at the Saturday 6pm, Sunday 9am and Sunday 5.30pm Masses.

To find out if one of these ministries is suitable for you, please contact the Parish Office.

Queensland's COVID Safe Future - Stage 4

~ Are there any changes in the Parish?

- COVID-19 Emergency Response Act 2020 has been extended till 11.59pm Thursday 31 December 2020.
- Public Health Restrictions on Businesses, Activities and Undertakings Direction (No. 7) issued under this act and effective from 4pm 2 October 2020 continues to require the parish to operate under the COVID Safe Industry Plan for Places of Worship in Queensland. www.covid19.qld.gov.au/government-actions/approved-industry-covid-safe-plans/places-of-worship
- As yet the interfaith body responsible for the COVID Safe Industry Plan for Places of Worship has not issued any changes, but they are working with the Government to ensure the plan is consistent with Stage 4 requirements.

So at this point the answer to the question is, we have not been informed of any changes.

We still are mandated (or otherwise risk a \$6,000 fine or imprisonment) to:

- Direct parishioners to stay home, if they are sick, in self-isolation or quarantine.
- Record attendees in a Contact Tracing Register that includes full name, contact number, address, date and time.
- Adhere to a maximum capacity based of 1 person per 4m² and keep to the social distancing rule of 1.5m between households.
- Maintain good hygiene practices – cleaning the church after every Mass, handwashing / sanitising etc.

However, we all know things can change very quickly. If there are any changes, parishioners will be advised.

St Vincent de Paul Christmas Appeal 2020

Like many things for the year of 2020, the St Vincent de Paul (Vinnies) group at Our Lady of Graces anticipate that the delivery of our annual Christmas hamper Appeal may look a little different this year.



Our key aim as always is to support those suffering hardship in our local community. For the year of 2020 Christmas Appeal, we are seeking the support of our wonderful Parish Members. You may like to help us support those in need this Christmas by -

- Donating a financial contribution directly.
- Sponsoring a family or group of single people and providing a hamper targeted to their needs.
- Gifting to the Vinnies Conference gift vouchers including grocery vouchers.
- Donating cash via the Parish Office.
- Donating Christmas foods in the Vinnies baskets at the entrance of the Church.

The Conference provides targeted support, to the individual or family, to ensure no items are wasted. If you would like any further information, please contact Barbara Dougherty (President) on mobile 0438 982 240.

COMMUNITY NEWS

Bishop Michael Putney Memorial Lecture

Queensland Churches Together and Brisbane Roman Catholic Council for Ecumenism & Inter-religious Relations invite you to the Bishop Michael Putney Memorial Lecture on Tuesday 20 October 2020 at 7.30pm.

This lecture is being conducted by Zoom rather than in person. The speaker is to be Dr Sara Gehlin from the Faculty of Theology at the University of Helsinki in Finland. She is the author of "Pathways for Theology in Peacebuilding: Ecumenical Approaches to Just Peace".

RSVP: Register in advance for this meeting: <https://us02web.zoom.us/join/zoom/register/tZcpc-2trD0sHdRt8STiyhSFjsCirnGpl9Fr> or email: Jackie at admin@gct.org.au

After registering, you will receive a confirmation email contain-ing information about joining the meeting.

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Our next COVID-SAFE live-out weekend will be held from **24-25 October 2020** at Hendra (Brisbane inner suburb) from Saturday morning until Sunday afternoon (including Mass).

For bookings or details contact: Maria and David Murphy, dandmmurphy@optusnet.com.au or (07) 3342 1456

For further information, visit www.wwme.org.au



The Queensland State Election is coming up on 31 October. This is an important opportunity for us to use our voice and our vote for the benefit of the whole community. Find out more about the issues you might reflect on when casting your vote at <https://bit.ly/35xXSZL>

Palms Australia Orientation Course

Palms Australia places Australians with communities that request their particular expertise to help develop the skills of local people. Palms will enter its 60th year with an Orientation Course in January 2021. A fresh group of skilled and committed applicants will be thoroughly prepared for this cross-cultural mission in remote parishes, schools and communities as soon as international travel resumes. If you are interested in learning more please visit www.palms.org.au

In the readings, the table of God's Word is spread before the faithful, and the riches of the Bible are opened to them.

General Instruction of the Roman Missal #57

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