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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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Gospel Reflection by Greg Sunter



Today marks the final Sunday of Ordinary Time in the Church's liturgical calendar and draws us almost to the end of our journey through the Gospel of Luke. Next week's reading of the crucifixion concludes the Year of Luke. It is in this context that we need to read today's Gospel passage. Jesus and his disciples are gathered around the Temple in Jerusalem in the final days before he is to be put to death. The end is imminent and Jesus takes the opportunity to reassure the disciples that, although they are about to experience a period of distress, betrayal and persecution that will stretch well into the future, ultimately, God's love and mercy will triumph – not only in their own lives but also in the world.

The language of passages like today's Gospel can be off-putting at times and can also be seized upon by those who would interpret scripture literally. The graphic descriptions certainly lend themselves to predictions of gloom and doom. However, we must also remember that the Gospel was written some 50 or more years after the death of Jesus. At the time of writing, many of these things had already come to pass. The message for the community who were suffering through these very experiences is that they should not despair because all of this was anticipated by Jesus and that ultimately the reign of God will come about and the effort and distress that they have endured will be vindicated.

Unfortunately, the lectionary has the passage concluding at verse 19; the complete passage continues on for another 17 verses and so we don't get the full effect of Jesus' speech. In the latter portion, Jesus assures the disciples that the kingdom will surely come to pass. It is a promise that we affirm every time we say the Creed.

PARISH HAPPENINGS

LOOKING AHEAD

Sunday 17 November

- 5.30pm Children's Mass – Church

Monday 18 November

- 10.30am Funeral (David Di Mascio) – Church

- 10.30am Dominican Laity – Library

- 7.00pm Italian Prayer Group – Church

Tuesday 19 November

- 9.00am Playgroup – Hospitality Area

- 9.30am Scripture Group – Library

- 7.00pm Sacramental Info. Evening – Church

Wednesday 20 November

- 9.30am Wednesday Friendly Group – Hospitality

- 10.30am BED Scripture Group – Library

- 6.30pm Legion of Mary – Library

Thursday 21 November

- 9.00am Playgroup – Hospitality Area

- 9.30am 2 Hearts Prayer Group – Church

- 11.00am BED Scripture Group – Library

- 7.00pm RCIA Session – Library

Saturday 23 November

- 10.00am Children's Choir Practice – Church

- 7.15pm AA – Library

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.

Daily Mass & Break Open the Word Orders

To those who ordered a Daily Mass Book or Break Open the Word, these are now available for collection from the sacristy.

Sacramental Information Evening

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



Wednesday Friendly Group

The Wednesday Friendly Group meets this Wednesday, 20 November, after 9am Mass. All are welcome to attend.

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

November Mass offering envelopes are available at the church entrance (yellow envelopes with red print). Envelopes can be returned via the basket in front of the book of remembrance, the collection at Mass, or to the parish office. You are also invited to write the names of your departed loved ones in the book of remembrance which is placed on the sanctuary.

National Prayer Campaign for Drought

The Catholic Bishops of Australia have announced a National Prayer Campaign for Drought to take place during November. People across the country are encouraged to pray for the gift of rain, for people affected by the drought and to provide practical support, where possible. The Bishops note that large parts of the country are directly affected by the drought, but the impact is national – and so should the response be national. Access resources and find out more at: www.catholic.org.au/drought



“Dying Peacefully - No Euthanasia” Sunday

(16-17 November): The Archbishop has approved observance of “Dying Peacefully - No Euthanasia” Sunday in the Brisbane Archdiocese on the weekend of 16-17 November. With the critical vote on now in the Western Australian Senate and a number of indigenous groups and doctors recently coming out against VAD, it is certainly a timely occasion to educate the Catholic position and to pray about this issue. A brochure from Archbishop Mark entitled “Love is Stronger than Death”; and insert factsheets about VAD and Palliative Care are available on the tables near the front door of the church this weekend.

St Vincent de Paul – Our Lady of Graces 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 started preparing hampers for the families your early assistance would be greatly appreciated. If you would like any further information please contact me on 0438 982 140.

Barbara Dougherty, President SVdP

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.

New Piano for OLOG

Three weeks ago, our old electronic piano was replaced with a brand new Yamaha digital piano. Many would have noticed that the sound coming from the 'old' piano left much to be desired.



As a result of our faithful contributions to the Planned Giving program, Our Lady of Graces was able to purchase this new instrument. Please go and check out this new instrument in the music area and may its beautiful tones deepen our love of God through song.

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

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COMMUNITY HAPPENINGS

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, Graceville

St Gerard's Christmas Festival

29 November - 23 December. Massive Light Display, Gift Shop and Op Shop, Coffee Shop, BBQ. Free Musical Entertainment every night. See website for schedule (www.olaparishchermerside.org.au)
146 Maundrell Terrace, Chermerside West.

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