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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
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Spread the Word

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The Hour and the Time

Israel was often portrayed as a bride in Jewish scriptures. So, the question was: 'When would the Bridegroom – the Anointed One of God, the Christ – appear?' Jesus' warning is to the attendants of the bride: 'Be alert, be vigilant, be prepared.' *Some* (the five foolish attendants) did miss the moment: the earthly ministry of Jesus of Nazareth.



But his warning is also for the Catholic Church which is the new Bride of Christ. We are the attendants to the Bride and the imperative applies to us also: Be alert, be vigilant. Be prepared for the eruption, the intervention of Our Lord Jesus Christ, the Bridegroom, into *our* history, into *our* moment of time.

For example, is Christ coming to meet us in the modern movements which demand to hold authority accountable, or which press for just recognition of women? We can foolishly remain in the dark or we can wisely try to throw light on these questions. Only then we will be able to discern whether indeed it is the Lord who is approaching.

We could pause to pray that we be ready when the Bridegroom responds to the ancient prayer: 'Come, Lord Jesus!'

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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

Monday 9 November

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

Tuesday 10 November

- 9.30am Playgroup – Hospitality Area
- 9.30am Scripture Group – Library
- 7.30pm Liturgy Committee – Library

Thursday 12 November

- 9.30am Playgroup – Hospitality Area

Saturday 14 November

- 10.00am Baptisms – Church

Sunday 15 November

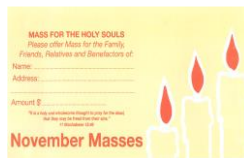
- 10.30am Dominican Laity – Library

Let us remember in prayer all those who are sick Antonia Stark and those whose anniversaries occur around this time Cynthia Hatfield, John Mathson, Mark Roff, Gerard Brown, Gwen Petchell **and the recently deceased** Colin Canavan, Michael Felsman, Marcus Kirkman, Dan Reilly, Claudia Angelucci

November - Month of Remembrance

- November Mass Offering Envelopes

November Mass Offering Envelopes (yellow envelopes with red print) are available from the tables near the church entrance. When you fill in the envelope, please print clearly so that the details can be easily read. Envelopes can be returned via the basket in front of the Book of Remembrance, either collection at Sunday Mass, or to the parish office.



- Book of Remembrance

The Book of Remembrance, which lists the names of your departed loved ones, will be displayed on the sanctuary during the Month of November. To alleviate the sharing of pens and paper under our COVID Safe Industry Plan, please do not enter names into the Book of Remembrance. Instead, fill in a November Mass Offering Envelope and return via one of the ways listed above. The parish office staff will then enter the names from the returned envelopes into the Book of Remembrance.

NAIDOC Week 2020

This week, 8-15 November, is National Aboriginal and Islander Day Observance Committee (NAIDOC) Week. The NAIDOC 2020 Theme "Always Was, Always Will Be" recognises and celebrates the first nations people who have occupied and cared for this continent for over 65,000 years. NAIDOC 2020 invites all Australians to embrace the ancient history of this country – a history which dates back thousands of generations.

Parish Social Justice Group



Private Prayer in the Church

The church is open during parish office hours for private prayer. Entry into the church is via the office. Please be weary, due to COVID restrictions, that the church is not available for private prayer while a funeral is being celebrated.

2021 Columban Art Calendar

The 2021 Columban Art Calendar is available for purchase for \$10 each. The calendars are available through the parish office on weekdays and piety store on weekends. If paying via cash, please have the correct money. Card is also accepted when purchasing at the parish office.



Wall of Remembrance

In 1998, a Wall of Remembrance was established behind the church as a way for parishioners to have a permanent memorial for their loved ones.

Due to the increase in both administration and plaque costs, the overall price has been raised to \$200. This being \$100 for a space and \$100 for a basic plaque.

For further information, including the reserving of a space and/or ordering of a plaque, please contact the parish office.

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 on mobile 0438 982 140.

COVID-19 Reminders

A friendly reminder of the following COVID-19 protocols in place.

- Please arrive at Mass at least 10 minutes beforehand. This so everyone is seated by the when Mass starts.
- Hand sanitise when you arrive and leave. Sanitising stations are located at the church and parish office entrances
- Maintain the 1.5m distance from each other, including before and after Mass, and processing to Communion.

Sacrament of Reconciliation

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

COVID-19 Outreach Initiative to Parishioners

Earlier this year, in the midst of the COVID-19, a few of our volunteers phoned a number of our parishioners through a telephone outreach initiative.



To build on what was developed earlier this year, a couple of our volunteers have started to ring parish families randomly, on behalf of the parish team, to check-in and see how you are going.

If you know of someone who would like a phone call or is in need of support, let the staff at the parish office know and they will add the person to the list of people for one of our volunteers to phone.

Parish Office – Monday 16 November

Please note that, due to staff leave, the parish office will be closed on Monday 16 November.

Date Claimer: Thomas Cantley Singers Concert

The Thomas Cantley Singers will be holding a concert at Our Lady of Graces Church Carina on Sunday afternoon 29 November.

Further details including time, cost and booking information will be provided in Spread the Word next week. Booking numbers will be limited. Mark this date in your diary.

Agnus Day – The Lectionary Comic Strip



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SUPPORT SERVICES AVAILABLE

Are you experiencing financial hardship at this time?

Contact Vinnies on 1800 846 643.

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Lifeline - 13 11 14

Beyond Blue - 1800 512 348

Kids Helpline - 1800 551 800

MensLine Australia - 1300 78 99 78

Data Projector Operator Ministry & Music Ministry - Expressions of Interest

We looking for expressions 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.

Philippines hit by second typhoon in a week

Caritas Australia's partners are monitoring the effect of Super Typhoon Goni which has struck the Philippines and will soon hit Vietnam, one week after Typhoon Quinta struck both countries.

Super Typhoon Goni hit the eastern island province of Catanduanes on Sunday. The storm moved through heavily populated regions including the main island of Luzon, causing at least 10 deaths and leaving three people missing. It is expected to hit Vietnam tomorrow.

More than 390,000 people in the Philippines have fled their homes, including more than 345,000 people to evacuation centres, raising concerns about further spreading COVID-19. The Philippines has had more than 383,000 cases of coronavirus and currently has more than 27,000 active cases.

Caritas Philippines is monitoring the progress of Typhoon Goni and is working with local church organisations to respond. At this stage, challenges include infrastructure damage and shelter.

Due to the impact of COVID-19, support will be channelled through Caritas Australia's Church and NGO partners in the Philippines.

Caritas Philippines national director Bishop Colin Bagaforo said: "The typhoon will surely bring greater poverty to our communities, as they have also been battling against the effects of COVID-19. So with humility, we appeal for everyone's sincere acts of kindness, generosity and compassion."

CathNews, published 4 November 2020

COMMUNITY NEWS

Spend Time with God Every Morning

Sign up to receive the Daily Gospel Reflection. These reflections are mailed to your inbox at 6am each day (Monday to Friday) and are just a three minute read that could be done over breakfast, intended to invite you into prayer. Written by Catholic lay people (men and women from Evangelisation Brisbane), for Catholic lay people about the gospel of the day to help you start your day with God. Subscribe via the QR code or



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