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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

Vol. 34 No. 45**2nd Sunday of Advent****8 December 2019****Gospel Reflection by Greg Sunter**

When John the Baptist performed baptism it was for the forgiveness of sin. The baptism he gave was a mark of the desire to enter into a new life of right action. It was not a baptism of initiation into community that is the case today. John had two key words that he is recorded as preaching: repent and prepare. His call for repentance was a call to turn away from sin; a call to have

a change of heart; a call to turn one's life around and make a fresh start. His call for preparation is in the long line of prophets that includes the great prophet Isaiah from whom we take today's first reading. All of the prophets urged the people towards hope in the future. Isaiah and others spoke specifically of a person – a Messiah – who would bring that hope to reality. But the tradition demanded a readiness for the Messiah and that was the call to preparation that John the Baptist echoed at the beginning of the public life of Jesus.

John's taunting of the Pharisees and Sadducees is an indication of this need for preparation and readiness. He accuses them of being too confident of their own rightness. He demands proof from them of their honest repentance: 'but if you are repentant, produce the appropriate fruit'. Rather, he suspects that they think that salvation is assured for them by virtue of being a Jew; a son of Abraham. He warns them that an axe hangs poised to cut down any part of the Jewish tradition that is failing to produce good fruit. This is a theme that is picked up later by Jesus himself; you can't be complacent about your own position, you have to welcome the new truth revealed by Jesus and give yourself wholeheartedly to God.

2nd Rite of Reconciliation**Tuesday 10 December 7pm**

PARISH HAPPENINGS

LOOKING AHEAD

Sunday 8 December

- 12noon Hour of Grace (Prayer Group) – Church

Monday 9 December

- 7.00pm Italian Prayer Group – Church

Tuesday 10 December

- 6.00pm Social Justice Group – Library

- 7.00pm 2nd Rite of Reconciliation – Church

Wednesday 11 December

- 6.00pm OLOG Diners – Carina Leagues Club

Thursday 12 December

- 9.00am Playgroup – Hospitality Area

Saturday 14 December

- 10.00am Children's Choir Practice – Church

- 7.15pm AA – Library

Let us remember in prayer all those who are sick
Terry Dwyer, Lowleen Buchner, Betty Bendel, Pamela O'Reilly and those whose anniversaries occur around this time
Greg O'Brien, Kevin O'Brien, William & Honora Bergin, Chas Steele and the recently deceased
Fr Joe Flannery, Wayne Bruce, David Matthew Di Mascio, Maria Monteverde.

Working Bee

Thank you to all who came along and assisted at the working bee on Saturday 30 November.

There will be another working bee on Saturday 21 December from 7am till 9.30am, to do a tidy up for Christmas. This will include preparation of the church and a tidy up of the grounds. We ask anyone to bring along equipment that may be able to be used.

Social Justice Group

The Parish Social Justice Group have rescheduled their final meeting for 2019 to this Tuesday, 10 December, 6pm in the Parish Library. Anyone who is interested and committed to social justice is invited to attend the meeting to see if this might be a ministry for them to participate in and serve in as a volunteer.

Parish Office Hours – Wednesday 11 December

The Parish Office will be closed between 11.15am – 2pm this Wednesday, 11 December.

OLOG Diners

OLOG Diners meet for the last time this year on Wednesday 11 December, 6pm, at Carina Leagues Club. This is for all parishioners to get to know one another and enjoy one another's company at a venue in our Parish area. Come and join in the Christmas spirit.

Sacramental Program 2020

Penance (Year 5 / 10 years old)

A handout with dates of sessions for Penance, to be held over February and March 2020, are available from Shelly at the parish office.

Confirmation (Year 3 / 8 years old)

Enrolment forms are available from Shelly at the parish office. Enrolments close Thurs. 13 Feb. 2020.

For inquiries, please contact Shelly on 3398 2977 or sc.carina@bne.catholic.net.au

ADVENT has a twofold character, for it is a time of preparation for the Solemnities of Christmas, in which the First Coming of the Son of God to humanity is remembered, and likewise a time when, by remembrance of this, minds and hearts are led to look forward to Christ's Second Coming at the end of time. GNLYC 39

Children's Choir – 5.30pm Christmas Eve Mass

Practices for the Children's Choir at the 5.30pm Christmas Eve Mass are being held every Saturday, 10-11am, between now and 21 December. Contact the parish office if your child/children are interested in participating.



Joe & Ellie's NET Fundraising

Joe Corbett and Elisha Hiscock, OLOG parishioners, will be joining National Evangelisation Teams (NET) next year. As part of their fundraising, Joe and Ellie will be speaking at Masses next weekend, with fresh pancakes for sale after Mass on Sunday 15 December. Cost is a gold coin donation.

Christmas Cards & Columban Calendars

Christmas Cards and Columban Calendars are now available for sale from the Parish Shop, which is open at most weekend Masses, and the Parish Office during office hours.

Planned Giving Envelopes

Planned Giving Envelopes for 2020 are available for collection from the front door of the church. Please collect to save the parish unnecessarily postage costs. Some givers will have a new number due to a reduction of envelope givers. If you cannot find your envelopes, please contact the parish office on 3398 2977 or carina@bne.catholic.net.au

Advent - Christmas Timetable 2019

Reconciliation

2nd Rite of Reconciliation

Tuesday 10 December 7pm

1st Rite of Reconciliation

Every Saturday 8:30am and 5:30pm

Wednesday 18 December - Friday 20 December
following 9am Mass

Christmas Mass Times

Christmas Eve

5.30pm (Children's Mass) and 8pm

Christmas Day

7am, 9am and

10.30am [Italian Mass]

No Evening Mass on Christmas Day

Weekday Masses

Thursday 26 December (Boxing Day)
to

Friday 3 January

8am Mass only

Parish Office Christmas Closure

Closed from 12.30pm Monday 23 December 2019
and reopen 8.30am Monday 6 January 2020

Advent Adventures is coming!

Fun, games, craft and sausage sizzle.

Ages: 8-12 years

Cost: \$5 per child & \$10 for two or more siblings

Lunch: gluten free sausage sizzle.

Save the Dates:

Monday 16 December, 9am – 12noon

Wednesday 18 December, 9am – 12noon

Seeking parent helpers and volunteers

(Blue Card Required)

- First Aid Officer
- Registration Officer
- Activities and coordination

RSVP by Friday 13 December: call 3398 2977

or email sc.carina@bne.catholic.net.au

ROSTERS

Christmas Masses

The roster for the Christmas Masses is currently near the front door of the church. If you are involved in a liturgical ministry and will be attending one of the Christmas Masses, please write your name down on the list or contact the parish office.

We also invite children who would like to be part of a Tableau at the 5.30pm Christmas Eve Mass. If interested, write your name down on the roster for the Christmas Masses or contact Shelly on 3398 2977 or sc.carina@bne.catholic.net.au.

Rosters for 2020

The rosters listed below are currently in the process of being prepared for 2020.

- Ministers of the Word (Readers)
- Extra-ordinary Ministers of Holy Communion
- Data Projector Operators
- Altar Servers
- Music Ministry
- Washing of Purifiers
- Children's Liturgy of the Word
- Cuppa and Chat

If you are involved in any of the above ministries and wish to change your commitment in any way, please contact the parish office (3398 2977 or carina@bne.catholic.net.au) by **12.30pm on Monday 16 December**. Otherwise, we will assume you are happy to continue in your ministry with the same commitment as 2019.

We also welcome anyone who would like to be part of any of the above ministries. Anyone interested would need to complete any necessary safeguarding requirements. If you are interested or for further information, please contact the parish office.

The Archdiocese of Brisbane has standards of conduct for employees and volunteers to maintain a safe and healthy environment. Our commitment to these standards requires that we conduct background referencing for all persons who will engage in direct and regular involvement with children, young people and/or vulnerable adults.

IMPORTANT

Last Week's 2nd Collection

Loose	\$774.85
Planned Giving	\$3,188.67
Total	\$3,963.52

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.

ST VINCENT DE PAUL

Update

Over the past week St Vincent de Paul volunteers at Our Lady of Graces have been busy packing individualised family hampers for families in need within the local area. Much preparation and work is undertaken to provide a hamper that is reflective of love and hope for the Christmas season. The hampers have only been possible through the generous donations of the San Sisto College, St Martin's Primary School, the Parish community, the Italian Community at OLOG, the Camp Hill/Carindale Lions Club, Bunnings Cannon Hill, the Belmont Bowls club, Fitness First Carindale and the Lord Mayor Community Christmas toy Grant. Please continue to donate as at this time of the year we have requests for help right through the Christmas season.



Italian Community Thank You

The St Vincent de Paul is extremely blessed to have the wonderful support of the Italian Community at Our Lady of Graces. At the recent fundraiser brunch - \$7,700 was raised. Thank you to Graziella Cavallaro for her tireless support in organising this amazing event and for Mrs Coco who started this event 25++ years ago! This funding helps St Vincent de Paul at Our Lady of Graces to assist with practical support to the many who struggle with daily living costs.

Education Funding

St Vincent de Paul is grateful of the support of donations specifically to help families meet education costs. As we move towards one school year closing and another soon opening, keep in mind those families who will financially struggle to pay costs of children going back to school. Even in the "lucky country" there is no such thing as a "free" education and the divide between the haves and have nots is alarming even in a suburb such as Carina.

Finally, over this Christmas season, please keep in your prayers those that we assist may experience the hope and love this Christmas season. If you would like any further information or would love to become a member in 2020, please contact Barbara Dougherty on 0438 982 140.

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