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**Monday:** 8.30am - 12.30pm  
**Tuesday - Thursday:** 8.30am - 3.30pm  
**Friday:** 8.30am - 12.30pm

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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. 35 No. 45 33rd Sunday in Ordinary Time 15 November 2020**

## Reflection by Dianne Bergant CSA

It is not enough that we wait patiently. We are expected to be industrious as we await the advent of the reign of God. We have all been entrusted with talents that really belong to God, and we must use these talents to the best of our ability in the interim between the Lord's departure and his final return. The ideal wisdom figure in the first reading is a model of such industriousness.

Fidelity to the reign of God requires that we be willing to take risks. We do not know the time of the Lord's coming,

and so there will have to be a kind of tentativeness to all of our plans. We will never be able to be certain that they will be brought to fruition. We must spend and be spent without the assurance that we will be able to reap the rewards of our investment. To refuse to risk is to refuse to trust.

If we have been wise and have industriously employed the Lord's talents, which were entrusted to us, we will be richly rewarded. However, if we have not realised the potential that is possessed by our talents, and if we have not employed them as they were meant to be employed, we will be punished. The foolish man in the gospel knew that the householder was exacting. He had some idea of what to expect. He made his choice and he had to accept the consequences of that choice.

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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 4m<sup>2</sup> rule.*

- To attend Sunday Mass, please make a booking by going to [www.carinacatholicparish.org.au](http://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 15 November

- 10.30am Dominican Laity – Library

#### Monday 16 November

- 7.00pm Italian Prayer Group – Church

#### Tuesday 17 November

- 9.30am Playgroup – Hospitality Area

- 9.30am Scripture Group – Library

#### Thursday 19 November

- 9.30am Two Hearts Prayer Group – Church

- 9.30am Playgroup – Hospitality Area

#### Sunday 22 November

- 10.00am Baptism Preparation – Library

**Let us remember in prayer all those who are sick**  
*Julene Murray and those whose anniversaries occur*  
**around this time** *Bill Cummins, Cynthia Hatfield,*  
*John Mathson, Mark Roff and the recently deceased*  
*Colin Canavan, Michael Felsman, Marcus Kirkman.*

### Parish Office Closed: Monday 16 November

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

### Peter's Pence Collection

The Peter's Pence Collection will be taken up as a retiring (leaving) collection across the Archdiocese at all Masses next weekend (21-22 November).

Peter's Pence gives Catholics in Australia an opportunity to join in communion with the Catholic faithful throughout the world in support of the charitable works of the Holy See. The collection allows the Holy Father to respond to the most needy throughout the world, to offer timely, effective emergency assistance.

### Sacramental Program Overview Meeting

The Sacramental Program Overview Meeting for 2021 will be held on Tuesday, 24 November, 7.00pm, in the Church. This is open to all parents who have children of the age of 8 and upward as of 2021 and would to enrol into the program. Also parents with children currently in the Sacramental Program (First Holy Communion and Penance) are also welcome to attend. Enrolment forms for new candidates in 2021 will be available on the night.



Due to COVID-19, we ask the parents attending to register at [www.eventbrite.com.au/e/sacramental-program-overview-meeting-tickets-128585559871](http://www.eventbrite.com.au/e/sacramental-program-overview-meeting-tickets-128585559871).

If you have any questions, contact Shelly at the parish office at [sc.carina@bne.catholic.net.au](mailto:sc.carina@bne.catholic.net.au) or phone 3398 2977.

### 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, 2.00pm. Cost is a gold coin donation.

Further details, including booking information, will be provided in Spread the Word next week.

### Planned Giving

The planned giving envelopes for 2021 are currently being prepared and will be available for collection at the end of November. However if you would like to change from envelopes to direct debit, please contact the Parish Office who will be able to assist you.

### Date Claimer: Parish Working Bees

We will be having a couple of Parish Working Bees on Saturdays 12 & 19 December. Please mark these dates in your diary. Further details, including time, will be provided closer to the dates.

### Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults 'Come & See'

*Do you know someone who is questioning about becoming a Catholic?*

If so, please invite them along to a Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults 'Come & See' evening on *Saturday 21 November, 7.00pm, in the Parish Library.* For further information about the 'Come & See' evening or the RCIA program, contact Shelly at the parish office on [sc.carina@bne.catholic.net.au](mailto:sc.carina@bne.catholic.net.au) / 3398 2977.

### World Day of Prayer Parish Representatives

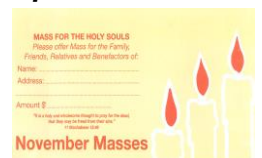


We are looking for one or two volunteers who would like to help and work with our parish representatives for World Day of Prayer, which Our Lady of Graces will be hosting in early March 2021. For further information or to express your interest, please phone Yvonne Matta (3843 1584) or Lenore Sullivan (3398 1254).

### 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.

### 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.

### 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 while there is a funeral.



## 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 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.

## 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.

## 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.

### - Thank You: Lions Club

St Vinnies at Our Lady of Graces would like to thank the once again very kind donation from the local Lions Club for providing their fantastic (and delicious) Lions Club Cakes and Puddings. These will be welcomed by many families struggling financially this Christmas. Many thanks Lions.



## From the Social Justice Committee

### - What is "violence against women"?

Violence against women is any act of gender-based violence that causes or could cause physical, sexual or psychological harm or suffering to women, including threats of harm or coercion, in public or in private life (*UN Declaration*).

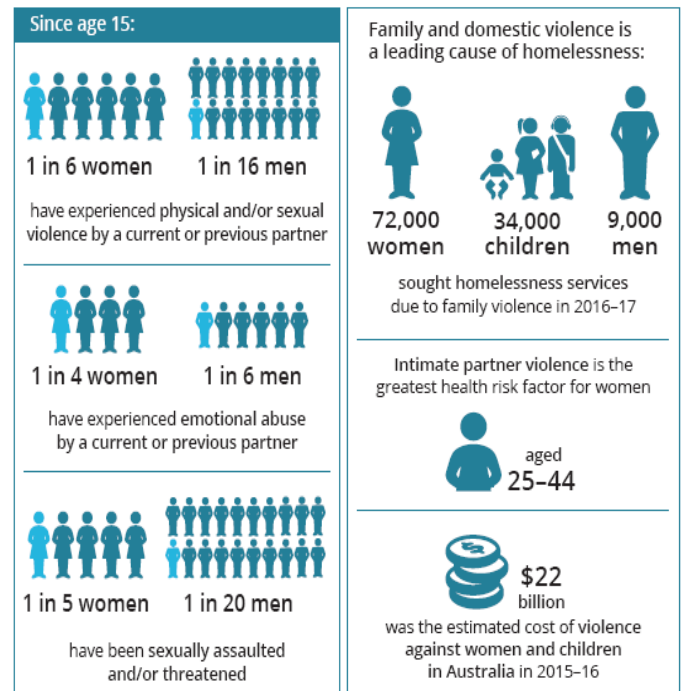
In Australia, violence against women is called many different things, including domestic violence, family violence, intimate partner violence, sexual harassment and sexual assault.

On average, one woman a week is murdered by her current or former partner in this country.

Almost 10 women a day are hospitalised for assault injuries perpetrated by a spouse or domestic partner.

(Information taken from the *Our Watch* website: <https://www.ourwatch.org.au/quick-facts/> *Our Watch* is an independent not-for-profit organisation established in 2013 by the Victorian and Commonwealth Governments. Since then, all State and Territories Governments have joined as members.)

### **Some facts about Family, Domestic and Sexual Violence in Australia - compiled by the Australian Institute of Health and Welfare:**



<https://www.aihw.gov.au/reports/domestic-violence/family-domestic-sexual-violence-in-australia-2018/contents/summary>

### What can we do about this issue?

- Call out any disrespectful behaviour towards women and girls (even jokes)
- Encourage gender equality in the treatment of both young girls and boys
- If you or anyone you know is experiencing any forms of abuse – emotional, psychological, physical or sexual – seek help by calling one of the phone numbers below.

**Find telephone and online support at the numbers and websites below.**

- **1800RESPECT** 1800 737 732 [www.1800respect.org.au](http://www.1800respect.org.au)
- **No to Violence Men's Referral Service (MRS)** 1300 766 491 [www.ntv.org.au/get-help](http://www.ntv.org.au/get-help)
- **Kids Helpline** 1800 55 1800 [www.kidshelpline.com.au](http://www.kidshelpline.com.au)
- **Q Life** 1800 184 527 [www qlife.org.au](http://www qlife.org.au)
- **The National Disability Abuse and Neglect Hotline** 1800 880 052
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