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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

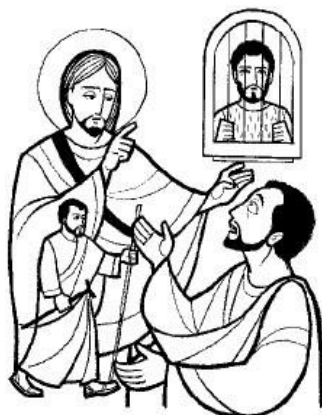
Reconciliation:

Saturday: 8.30am - 9.00am
5.30pm - 6.00pm
or by appointment

PARISH TEAM:

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Spread the Word

Vol. 34 No. 46**3rd Sunday of Advent****15 December 2019****Gospel Reflection by Greg Sunter**

Why would John the Baptist send messengers to question Jesus? We recall from last week's gospel passage that John had a somewhat 'fire and brimstone' perception of what Jesus would be like. Perhaps as he sat in his prison cell John began to wonder whether Jesus was indeed the Messiah that John believed him to be. Perhaps the question was not for himself but rather for his disciples that he sent to

Jesus. Given the answer that Jesus provided them, perhaps John's intention was for the disciples to recognise that Jesus was in fact the one that John had proclaimed and that the disciples should switch their allegiance to Jesus. John probably guessed that he would not be leaving that prison alive and may have been leading his disciples to the next step in their discipleship by having them go and scrutinise Jesus.

The indirect answer that Jesus provides to the query would have not sounded like such a roundabout response as it does to us. The picture Jesus describes of the blind seeing, the lame walking, lepers cleansed, and the deaf hearing would have been very familiar to those who were listening and the first audience of this gospel. These were signs of the coming of the Messiah that had been foretold by the prophets. In his answer, Jesus effectively says, 'Well, all the things that are supposed to happen when the Messiah comes are happening now with me. There's your answer!'

The reading continues to build on the Advent themes of anticipation, preparedness and hope. As we draw closer to the celebration of the Nativity, in this reading is confirmation that our hope is not misplaced. Today's readings emphasise the joy that lies in the anticipation and expectation of what is coming.

1st Rite of Reconciliation**Wednesday 18 Dec. – Friday 20 Dec., following 9am Mass**

PARISH HAPPENINGS

LOOKING AHEAD

Monday 16 December

- 9.00am Advent Adventures – Library / Hospitality

Wednesday 18 December

- 9.00am Advent Adventures – Library / Hospitality

Saturday 21 December

- 7.00am Working Bee

- 10.00am Children's Choir Practice – Church

- 2.15pm Wedding – Church

- 7.15pm AA – Library

Let us remember in prayer all those who are sick Fritz Salana, Patrick Coyne, 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** Norma Browne, Venita Grieshaber, Bruno Bertinazzi, Fr Joe Flannery, Wayne Bruce.

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 this weekend, with fresh pancakes for sale after Mass on Sunday. Cost is a gold coin donation.

Christmas Cards & Columban Calendars

Christmas Cards (\$5 per pack) and Columban Calendars (\$10) are now available for sale from the Parish Shop, which is open at most weekend Masses, and the Parish Office during office hours.

Advent Adventures

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.

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

Working Bee

We have 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.



Children's Choir – 5.30pm Christmas Eve Mass

The final practice for the Children's Choir at the 5.30pm Christmas Eve Mass is this Saturday, 21 December, 10-11am.



Advent - Christmas Timetable 2019

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 reopens 8.30am Monday 6 January 2020

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.

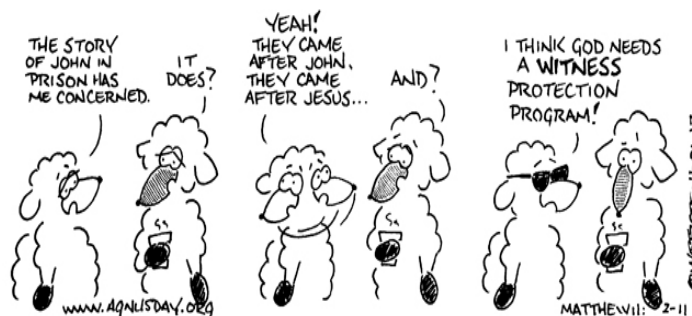
For inquiries, please contact Shelly on 3398 2977 or sc.carina@bne.catholic.net.au

Nativity Displays at Local Shopping Centres

Westfield Carindale and Kmart Plaza Cannon Hill have Nativity displays in their centres. Parishioners may like to contact Centre Management to thank them for the displays and to encourage them to continue the practice. With acknowledgement, they may continue in future years but, if no one seems to care, they may discard the displays one day.

Westfield Carindale 3120 5400, option 5

Kmart Plaza Cannon Hill 3399 3600, option 1



Agnus Day appears with the permission of www.agnusday.org

The Christmas Novena begins on 17 December. At this point, the Advent focus shifts to the Christmas story and the Virgin Mary. These days serve to prepare more directly for the Lord's birth. **GNLYC 42**

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

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.

COMMUNITY HAPPENINGS

Lights of Christmas 2019

Gather on the lawn at the Cathedral of St Stephen to celebrate the joy of Christmas with an extraordinary sound and light show. The Lights of Christmas is a free event open to the public that will delight families with music, food and children's activities every evening 11 – 24 December, 6.30pm – 10.30pm.



St Gerard's Christmas Festival

Now until 23 December. Massive Light Display, Gift Shop and Op Shop, Coffee Shop, BBQ. Free Musical Entertainment every night. 146 Maundrell Terrace, Chermside West.

Be Part of the Media Apostolate

If you can comfortably commute to the Cathedral Parish at least once every 3 months and would like to become a volunteer webcaster, please phone 3324 3227 or email communications@bne.catholic.net.au. This service is an invaluable assistance to people who are infirmed or shut-in.

Saint Therese of Lisieux - Australian Visit in 2020

The relics of St Thérèse of Lisieux and her parents Sts Louis and Zélie Martin will be touring Australia in 2020. A draft itinerary (subject to change) shows the relics visiting the following local locations.

- Our Lady of Mt Carmel Coorparoo (6-7 February)
- Cathedral of St Stephen (9-10 February)
- Santa Teresa Centre Ormiston (13 February)

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