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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

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Our Lord Jesus Christ, King of the Universe

## Reflection by Dianne Bergant CSA

We have now come to the end of the liturgical year, the point that marks the transition from one period to another. Today we see that the kingdom of God is inclusive. Its embrace is as comprehensive as is the embrace of God. Criteria for membership are not based on obedience to the commandments or on conformity to ritual obligation, but on the bonds of love and concern.



What we do for others, we do for Christ, because Christ is identified with those in need. We very seldom see the face of the glorified Christ in the faces of the needy; it is more often the face of the disfigured Christ that is turned to us. We see his fear and his shame, his brokenness and sense of loss. As difficult as it may be to look into such eyes, it is precisely the needy with whom Christ is identified.

Having entered into the frailty of human nature, identified himself with the needy, and handed himself over to death, in the end Christ will have conquered all. It is a curious kingdom that he has won, a kingdom of the weak rather than the strong. He has turned the standards of the world upside down. He has shown that it does not take strength to ignore or to exploit the needy, but it does take strength to overcome our own selfishness in order to serve them. The kingdom that Christ hands over to God is a kingdom of love and care.

## Sunday Mass at Our Lady of Graces Parish

*Please continue to book each week to attend Sunday Mass at Our Lady of Graces Parish. Capacity at all Sunday Masses has now increased, based on 1 person per 2m2 rule. Refer to Page 3 for COVID-19 Update & Changes that came into place on Tuesday 17 November, 4pm.*

- 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

#### Saturday 21 November

- 7.00pm Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults  
'Come & See' Evening – Library
- 7.15pm Sri Lankan Mass – Church

#### Sunday 22 November

- 10.00am Baptism Preparation – Library

#### Monday 23 November

- 7.00pm Italian Prayer Group – Church

#### Tuesday 24 November

- 9.30am Playgroup – Hospitality Area
- 9.30am Scripture Group – Library
- 10.30am Funeral: Antonietta Paolucci – Church
- 7.00pm Sacramental Info. Evening – Church

#### Wednesday 25 November

- 10.30am Funeral: Jay Elbourne – Church

#### Thursday 26 November

- 9.30am Playgroup – Hospitality Area
- 1.30pm Funeral: Norah Convine – Church

#### Sunday 29 November

- 12.00 noon Baptisms – Church
- 2.30pm Thomas Cantley Singers Concert – Church

**Let us remember in prayer all those who are sick** Pamela O'Reilly, Julene Murray **and those whose anniversaries occur around this time** Bill Cummins, Cynthia Hatfield **and the recently deceased** Antonietta Paolucci, Jay Elbourne, Mary Convine, Colin Canavan, Michael Felsman.

### 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, is 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.

### Peter's Pence Collection

The Peter's Pence Collection will be taken up as a retiring (leaving) collection across the Archdiocese at all Masses this 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 presents

## Wayfaring Stranger

An afternoon of sacred, folk & contemporary song.

Featuring the Jacaranda Guitar Quartet.

2:30pm, Sunday 29 November 2020

(please note amended start time)

Gold coin donation gratefully accepted at the door. Due to COVID restrictions, numbers are limited for this event. Pre-registration is required at the link <https://forms.gle/sfB3Ytd7PiZm4Sjh8> or otherwise call Kellie on 0409 580 428.

### 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.

### Christmas Cards & 2021 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.

### 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).

### Communion at Home Ministry

With the COVID-19 Telephone Outreach Initiative in place, we are having requests from parishioners who are unable to attend Mass, for various reasons, however would like Communion at Home.

The parish is therefore looking for more people who would be interested in being part of the Communion at Home Ministry. The involvement would be once a month for 30 minutes.

For further information or to express your interest in this ministry, contact either Suzanne Schultz on 0425 544 005 or the parish office.



### COVID-19 Update & Changes

Effective from last Tuesday, 17 November 2020, 4pm, changes came into place for Places of Worship.

#### **What has changed under the new guidelines?**

- Both indoor rooms and outdoor spaces for Places of Worship can now have a maximum of one person per 2 square metres, regardless of the size of the space. We can, therefore, cater at least 200 in the church.
- Please note that physical distancing is to be observed *to the extent possible*. This means that people should distance as much as they can while adhering to the current occupancy restriction of one person per 2 square metres. It may be challenging to achieve 1.5 metre physical distancing at full capacity, but people should distance as much as practically possible in these situations. People living in the same household are not required to physically distance from each other.

*At Our Lady of Graces, we will continue to use every 2nd pew to keep the distancing between rows. The green dots remain only at the ends of the pews, so you know which pews you can sit in.*

- Weddings and Funerals can have up to 200 people in attendance.

#### **What has not changed under the new guidelines?**

- Cleaning protocols remain the same.
- Contact details must be collected for all visitors and Mass attendees and stored securely for at least 56 days
- If food and drink is served, you comply with the Food Services Industry Plan and ensure there is no self-service or buffet style food and that participants are seated.
- All Catholics remain dispensed from their Sunday obligation until further notice.
- The Sign of Peace should be without physical contact.
- The Body of Christ should be administered only in the hand and the chalice should be received by the celebrant alone.
- Collections should be contactless – that is, no passing a plate from person to person.

### Our Lady of Graces Christmas Masses 2020

Due to the COVID restrictions, there will be a slight alteration to the usual Christmas Mass schedule. This is so we can accommodate the anticipated numbers that usually attends each Christmas Mass. We won't be able to have the usual large Masses with the congregation spilling outside the church. Bookings will need to be made to attend Christmas Mass and marshalling to take place.

The Christmas Mass timetable for 2020 is currently being finalised and will be published next weekend, together with the booking information. Bookings for the Christmas Masses will open on 1 December.



### 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.

### 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.

#### **- Online Financial St Vinnies Donations**

St Vincent de Paul Qld is currently undertaking a change to their banking system. If you currently donate or would like to donate funds directly to the Our Lady of Graces Conference of St Vincent de Paul, you can by using the following banking details.

Account Name: **St Vincent de Paul,**

**Our Lady of Graces Carina**

BSB: **064 786** Account Number: **100007239**

Please contact the President 0438 982 140 or email [brdougherty@bigpond.com](mailto:brdougherty@bigpond.com) for any queries regarding this change or a receipt. Please be assured that all funds donated go directly to helping those in need within the local community. Many thanks.

*Barbara Dougherty, SVdP OLOG Conference*

### COMMUNITY NEWS

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