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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

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Spread the Word

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Gospel Reflection by Greg Sunter



We will see throughout the coming liturgical year that the gospel of Matthew places a great deal of emphasis on the importance of the Law and upon its proper application. Indeed, the gospel writer casts Jesus in the role of the 'new Moses' – Moses was the great Law-giver of the Old Testament and Jesus is portrayed in this gospel as bringing a new Law to the people of Israel. In this gospel, the proper application of the Law is

as important as the Law itself. In today's passage, Joseph provides an example of the proper application of the Law. His betrothed wife was pregnant; she would have been subject to the Law against adultery and probably would have been stoned to death. Under the Law, Joseph was obliged to divorce her, and yet he determines that he will do so quietly and protect Mary from too much shame and possibly save her life. Joseph did not intend to ignore the Law, but he sought to carry it out in such a way as to bring the least shame and the least hurt to all involved.

The role of Joseph is often overlooked. There is no mention of him during the public ministry of Jesus. In fact the latest mention in any of the gospels is the account of Jesus in the Temple at the age of 12. After that, Joseph disappears and we can only assume that he has passed away by the time Jesus takes up his ministry. Yet Joseph is truly a man of great faith. By rights he should have divorced Mary and walked away. But he trusts in the word of the God that is addressed to him in a dream and from that point on he goes to great lengths to protect and care for his family.

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 to Friday 3 January: 8am Mass only

PARISH HAPPENINGS

LOOKING AHEAD

Monday 23 December

- Parish Office Closes 12.30pm for Christmas break

Saturday 28 December

- 10.00am Wedding – Church

- 7.15pm AA – Library

Sunday 29 December

- 12noon Baptisms – Church

Monday 30 December

- 3.00pm Wedding – Church

Saturday 4 January

- 7.15pm AA – Library

Sunday 5 January

- 9.00am Baptisms in Mass – Church

Monday 6 January

- Parish Office Reopens 8.30am

Friday 10 January

- 7.30pm 500 Card Group – Aquinas Room

Saturday 11 January

- 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
Paula Gregg, Bryan Carson, Domenico & Anna Maria Pizzica, Greg O'Brien, Kevin O'Brien, William & Honora Bergin, Chas Steele and the recently deceased
Ruth Lindert, Fr Peter Grice, Luigi Di Felice, Norma Browne, Venita Grieshaber, Bruno Bertinazzi, Fr Joe Flannery, Wayne Bruce.

Parish Office News

The Parish Office closes for the Christmas period at 12.30pm on Monday 23 December and reopens 8.30am on Monday 6 January.

If you require a priest in an emergency during the Christmas period, please call the parish office number and select option 2 to speak to a priest.

Any messages left on the Parish Office answering machine will not be attended until Monday 6 January.

This is also the last edition of Spread the Word for 2019. Spread the Word will recommence in mid-late January 2020.

Fr Alex, Fr Maurice, Fr Joseph, Fr Pan, Fr Anthony, Shelly and Chris wish you all a Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year!



Advent Adventures

On Monday morning and Wednesday morning of this past week, the Advent Adventures childrens program took place in our Parish. It was a great couple of days with plenty of activities and fun for the kids. Thank you to all who came along and helped out.

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.



Ellie and Joe's NET Fundraising - Update

Thank you to everyone who donated towards our NET fundraising last weekend. We're so appreciative for every dollar we received. Our Fantale raffle continues this weekend, with the winner to be announced early this week. We will also be running Cuppa and Chat again this week after Sunday 9am Mass, with homemade goodies available for a gold coin donation. Stay tuned for some updates in the next newsletter. Until then, thank you again and God Bless!

Ellie Hiscock & Joe Corbett

Working Bee Thank You

Thank you to all the volunteers who came along yesterday to help prepare the church and the grounds for Christmas.

Rosters for the Christmas Masses

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

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.

Parish 500 Card Group

The 500 Card Group will be playing cards on Friday 10 January 2020 at 7.30pm in the Aquinas Room. It would be lovely to see some new faces from the parish join them. All are welcome.

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



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Thank You from Holy Spirit Seminary

Over this year, we have had Seminarists from Holy Spirit Seminary at Banyo attend the Sunday 9am Mass here at Our Lady of Graces Parish. Below is a note from Fr Kevin Smith, Vice Rector at Holy Spirit Seminary.

"This brief note is to thank you Father Alex, and the Parishioners of Our Lady of Graces, most sincerely for your acceptance and support of the seminarists into your Parish for the celebration of the Eucharist on a Sunday morning. The more exposure the students have to the diversity that exists in the Archdiocese the better prepared they can be to serve here. You and your community of faith play an important part in their preparation. Thank you once again, with every best wish and blessing for Christmas and the New Year,"

Ageing Wisely Seminar

A seminar on ageing wisely, hosted by Holy Cross Funerals, is going to be held here at Our Lady of Graces Parish on Monday 24 February 2020.



The day will include guest speakers, lucky door prizes, morning tea & lunch. Entry is free. This is a wonderful opportunity to engage with organisations who offer support and assistance at a time when it is most needed. Please mark this date in your diary. Further information will be provided in the New Year.

'There's more to this than Meets the Eye' How Sacraments Work

This is your chance to hear Fr Paul Turner, renowned US teacher and speaker, liturgist and prolific author. Paul will speak about the sacramental signs of water, bread and wine, oil and the human touch, and how these sacramental signs open up for us the mysterious and powerful action of our loving God. Check out his website: www.PaulTurner.org



Public Lecture: Friday 6 March 2020, 5.30pm - 7.30pm, Hanly Room, Cathedral of St Stephen (parking available in the Cathedral car park).

If you are interested in attending, please contact Shelly at the Parish Office on 3398 2977 or sc.carina@bne.catholic.net.au.

Last Week's 2nd Collection

Loose	\$680.85
Planned Giving	\$3,466.12
Total	\$4,146.97

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 OLOG - Thank you

All members of St Vincent de Paul, at Our Lady of Graces, would like to thank all members of the Parish who have assisted greatly during 2019 in supporting the varied works undertaken by the Conference. Without your ongoing support, the many families in need that we assist would simply go without – in particular the children! Your love and kindness is shared this Christmas with all those in need within Carina. Many thanks.

Barbara Dougherty President, SVdP OLOG



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.

Carols by Candlelight

Celebrate the Octave of Christmas

Share a relaxed evening of Christmas music and carol singing together on the lawn in front of Our Lady of Victories, Bowen Hills (29 Cintra Rd / 1 Roche Ave) on Sunday 29 December, 7pm. BYO picnic blanket, cushion or folding chair (some chairs provided). Enjoy Christmas treats afterwards. Children are encouraged to come dressed in their favourite Bethlehem costume.

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)

Valentines Dinner Dance

Venue: Belmont Services Bowls Club, Narracott St, Carina

When: Saturday, 15 February 2020

Time: 6.30pm for a 2 course meal, cake and coffee/tea

Cost: \$100 per couple

Live Music, Dancing, Cash Bar, Raffle, Lucky Door Prize

Please contact Mel & Maria on 0403 755 273



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