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**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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**1st Sunday of Advent**

**29 November 2020**

## ***New Testament Commentary: Wake Up!***

The vestments change, the Gospel changes as the Church moves into a new cycle recalling and celebrating God's coming to our world in Jesus. This year we will hear the earliest written Gospel, that of Mark, written around the year 70 CE. These were years of conflict for the early Christians. The Emperor Nero had begun to persecute Christians in the year 64 and they were considered to be practising a new and superstitious cult.

In Palestine things were no better for there had been a Jewish uprising against Rome in 66 that led to the destruction of Jerusalem. Mark's community was under threat and beside all these external factors, Jesus had not returned to them as they were expecting. For forty years they had kept faith but as time passed the waiting became harder.

The Gospel speaks into this situation. Be alert. Stay awake. The Master *will* return. Mark uses popular images associated with the end of time according to first century Jewish imagination. There was an expectation that the Messiah would return before the end; that the Messiah would lead a war against the Kingdom of evil; this moral struggle would be felt by the whole cosmos with earthquakes and famine. Mark also points to the reality that Christians were experiencing; no longer welcome within Judaism because they were saying the Messiah had come in Jesus; being brought to trial before Roman courts for not worshipping Caesar. This was the life and death struggle for Mark's community.

Living now, so many centuries distant from the Gospel events, Mark's words take on a special urgency. Complacency and routine can replace alertness and watchfulness. After such a long time perhaps we run the risk of failing to recognise the Master. Last week's Gospel revealed this difficulty. 'When did we see you hungry and thirsty, sick or naked?' We might say in response, 'Of course we would have welcomed you – but we didn't know it was you.' This is the alertness that we are called to; to recognise God's coming in the most unlikely ways. As the carols ring out around the shopping centres, watch out, be alert. You never know the time when God will come to you.

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## **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. We can have up to 250 people in the church.*

- 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.**
- Parishioners who do not have internet access may phone the parish office on 3398 2977 during office hours.



## PARISH HAPPENINGS

### LOOKING AHEAD

#### Sunday 29 November

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

#### Monday 30 November

- 7.00pm Italian Prayer Group – Church

#### Tuesday 1 December

- 9.30am Playgroup – Hospitality Area
- 9.30am Scripture Group – Library
- 10.30am Funeral: Giovanni Melita – Church
- 7.30pm Social Justice Group – Library

#### Thursday 3 December

- 9.30am Playgroup – Hospitality Area

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

### Thomas Cantley Singers presents

## *Wayfaring Stranger*

*An afternoon of sacred, folk & contemporary song.*

*Featuring the Jacaranda Guitar Quartet.*

**2:30pm, THIS 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

Planned Giving Envelopes for 2020 are available for collection from the front door of the church. 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](mailto:carina@bne.catholic.net.au)

### 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.

### 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 desperately 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

Changes came into place for Places of Worship, effective from Tuesday, 17 November 2020, 4pm.

#### ***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 have up to 250 people 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.

All other COVID protocols, which includes cleaning, contact tracing, and hand sanitising, remain in place.

### Sacramental Program 2021

#### Penance (Year 5 / 10 years old)

The session dates handout for Penance, in February and March 2021, is available from the parish office.

#### Confirmation (Year 3 / 8 years old)

Enrolment forms are available from the parish office. Enrolments close on Thursday 25 February 2021.

### St Vincent de Paul Online 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 Barbara Dougherty on 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.

### 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.

### Sacrament of Reconciliation

The Sacrament of Reconciliation currently is only being celebrated by appointment. Please contact the parish office to make an appointment.



### Christmas Mass Timetable 2020

Given the current restrictions we have to abide by under the COVID Industry Safe Plan for Places of Worship, the Christmas Mass Timetable for 2020 will be different from previous years. This is so we can easily include additional Masses to the timetable, if there is a sudden change in restrictions. Some Masses will also need to be held in the Dominic Centre, which can accommodate more people than in Our Lady of Graces Church. Below is the Christmas Mass timetable as it currently stands.

#### **Christmas Eve**

- 6pm Our Lady of Graces Church
- 6pm Dominic Centre
- 8pm Our Lady of Graces Church

#### **Christmas Day**

- 7am Dominic Centre
- 9am Dominic Centre
- 10.30am [Italian] Our Lady of Graces Church

**Note: NO Evening Mass on Christmas Day**

The booking system for the Christmas Masses will open on **Tuesday 1 December**. Please go to the parish website [www.carinacatholicparish.org.au](http://www.carinacatholicparish.org.au), click on the "Christmas Mass" icon and select the Christmas Mass time and venue you wish to attend. For the Christmas Eve 6pm Masses, note there is no venue swapping allowed on the evening.

If you cannot access a computer, please phone the parish office to make your booking from **Tuesday 1 December**.

To book for the 10.30am Italian Mass, please contact Vito Di Stasi (3398 5738).

For all of these Masses to proceed as planned, **we will need lots of helpers!**

We will need many marshals and ushers at each Mass, as well as the usual Mass ministries. Also, assistance will be required a few days before and after Christmas to help set-up and pack-up the Dominic Centre. Please contact the Parish Office if you are able to assist.



### Changes to the Collects in the Roman Missal

On 13 May 2020, Cardinal Robert Sarah, Prefect of the Congregation for Divine Worship and the Discipline of the Sacraments, wrote to Episcopal Conferences in relation to a change to the Trinitarian conclusion to the collects (opening prayers) in the Roman Missal (2010).

Until recently, a typical conclusion to the collect read as follows:

Through our Lord Jesus Christ, your Son,  
who lives and reigns with you in the unity of the Holy Spirit,  
one God, for ever and ever.

Cardinal Sarah's letter indicated that the inclusion of the word "one" before God is problematic in relation to the Latin text: "Deus, per omnia saecula saeculorum". The inclusion of the word "one" before God, Cardinal Sarah wrote:

... can serve to undermine the statement of the Son's unique identity within the Trinity which the Latin formulas so strongly convey and, on the other hand, it can also be interpreted as saying that Jesus Christ is "one God". Either or both of these interpretations is injurious to the faith of the Church.

It is clear from the Latin texts that the doxology emphasises the divinity of Our Lord, Jesus Christ, the Incarnate Son, who intercedes on our behalf, as the Second Person of the Blessed Trinity, to the Father and which prayer is made in the unity of the Holy Spirit. Thus the Son's role of priestly mediation is made clear. To transfer the Trinitarian relational element in unitate as meaning unus Deus is incorrect.

The omission of the word "one" before God will mean that the three possible conclusions to the collects [as outlined in the *General Instruction of the Roman Missal* (2012), n. 54] will read as follows:

Through our Lord Jesus Christ, your Son,  
who lives and reigns with you in the unity of the Holy Spirit,  
God, for ever and ever.

**Or**

Who lives and reigns with you in the unity of the Holy Spirit,  
God, for ever and ever.

**Or**

Who live and reign with God the Father in the unity of the Holy Spirit,  
God, for ever and ever.



Following advice from the Bishops Commission for Liturgy, the Australian Catholic Bishops Conference approved the change to the Trinitarian conclusions to the collect prayers in the Roman Missal. The change will take effect from the First Sunday of Advent, 29 November 2020.

*Bishops Commission for Liturgy | 28 September 2020*

**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.

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