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**Monday:** 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

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# Spread the Word

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**6 December 2020**

## **New Testament Commentary: Get Ready**

Here we have the first written proclamation of the Gospel – the Good News of Jesus the Christ, the Son of God. Mark wastes no time in his announcement with a long introduction but instead immediately introduces John. Since the discovery of the Dead Sea Scrolls scholars now know that at this time there were some in Israel who had a strong sense that God's Kingdom was about to break into history. The community of Qumran by the Dead Sea lived with this expectation and they also practised rituals of cleansing. While there is no evidence that John was part of this group, his message and manner are similar. God's reign is coming. Prepare for it by seeking forgiveness.



Baptism, immersion in water, was a common Jewish practice as a way of purifying oneself before participating in major religious festivals. John applies this ritual to a desire for repentance as preparation for the coming Kingdom. John was remembered as a great and holy man of God. He too attracted disciples and even Jesus came to him seeking his baptism. These historical facts must have puzzled the early Christians, particularly if some of John's disciples were now part of the Jesus group. How were they to speak about John, recognising his greatness while acknowledging that Jesus was even greater? In trying to understand John's role in Jesus' story, Mark looks back to the Jewish Scriptures and uses the prophets Malachi and Isaiah to clarify that John's role is one of preparation for another greater figure who is on the way.

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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 2m<sup>2</sup> 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.**
- 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.



## PARISH HAPPENINGS

### LOOKING AHEAD

#### Sunday 6 December

- 12.30pm Baptisms – Church

#### Monday 7 December

- 7.00pm Italian Mass – Church

- 7.00pm Parish Pastoral Council – Library

#### Tuesday 8 December

- 9.30am Playgroup – Hospitality Area

- 9.30am Scripture Group – Library

#### Wednesday 9 December

- 10.30am Funeral: Nicola Paolucci – Church

#### Saturday 12 December

- 7.00am Working Bee – Church & Grounds

- 1.00pm Jesus Youth – Church & Hospitality Area

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

### Farewell Marie McMillen

Marie McMillen has advised the parish this week that she is moving into an aged care facility in Lowood, so as to be closer to her family. Marie is a founding parishioner of the parish from the days of the tent and was involved in many different areas of parish life over this time. We wish Marie well in her move.

### Parish Working Bee



We are having a working bee on Saturday 12 December, 7am onwards, to do a tidy up for Christmas. This will include preparation of the church, tidy up of the grounds and any other odd jobs that need doing. If you are able to come along and assist, we ask you to bring any equipment that may be able to be used.

Please note that the second working bee on Saturday 19 December will now not go ahead.

### Planned Giving

Planned Giving Envelopes for 2021 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)

### 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

### 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.

### 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.

### 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. Please be assured that all funds donated go directly to helping those in need within the local community.

### Sacrament of Reconciliation

The Sacrament of Reconciliation currently is only being celebrated by appointment. Contact the parish office to make an appointment. Please note that there will not be any schedule times for Reconciliation prior to Christmas.

## 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 (FULL)
- 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**

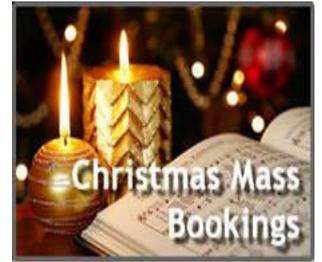
The booking system for the Christmas Masses is now open. Please go to the parish website [www.carinacatholicparish.org.au](http://www.carinacatholicparish.org.au), click on the "Christmas Mass" icon and select the Christmas Mass time and venue you wish to attend. For the Christmas Eve 6pm Masses, note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

If you cannot access a computer, please phone the parish office to make your booking.

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. Parish Office if you are able to assist. **Assistance is also required to help set-up the Dominic Centre on Wednesday 23 December, 7pm-8pm, and pack-up on Monday 28 December, 9am.**



### Thank You: PresCare Vela

The students of St Martin's Primary School, in the last few weeks, made book marks for the residents of PresCare Vela. The residents thank St Martin's for the book marks which were very well received.

### 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.

### 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.

### Thank You: Thomas Cantley Singers

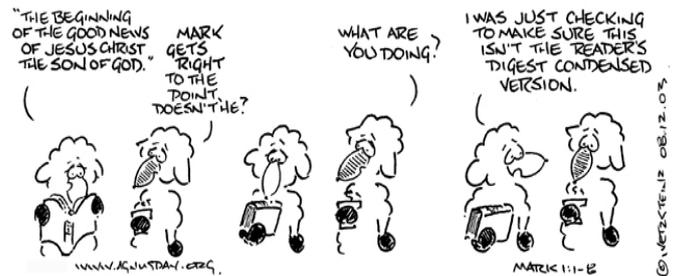
The Thomas Cantley Singers (TCS) would like to extend grateful thanks to all who supported the choir with their attendance at last Sunday's concert. We hope you agree it was a lovely way to spend a Sunday afternoon. 🎵🎵🎵

Our most sincere thanks to Father Alex for his support of this community activity, which has been particularly valuable in a challenging year.

A final note [🎵], the TCS is always open to welcoming new singers. If you are interested, please contact us at [tcsingers@gmail.com](mailto:tcsingers@gmail.com).

Kellie Corbett

### Agnus Day – The Lectionary Comic Strip



Agnus Day appears with the permission of [www.agnusday.org](http://www.agnusday.org)

### Vocation View

The cry of the people: "Lord, let us see your kindness". Who will prepare the way of the Lord coming to us today?

To talk to someone about your vocation, contact the Vocation Brisbane office on 1300 133 544, [vocation@bne.catholic.net.au](mailto:vocation@bne.catholic.net.au) or visit their website [www.vocationbrisbane.com](http://www.vocationbrisbane.com).

### SUPPORT SERVICES AVAILABLE

Are you experiencing financial hardship at this time?

Contact Vinnies on 1800 846 643. A hand up not a hand out.

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