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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
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Spread the Word

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Liturgy Lines:

The Feast of the Presentation of the Lord

The feast of the Presentation of the Lord is celebrated at Masses on 2nd February.

We know from the travel diary of a Spanish woman called Egeria that this feast has been part of the Church's calendar since earliest times. Egeria, who was probably a nun, made a long pilgrimage to the Holy Land between 381 and 384.



The journal of Egeria's travels, written in Latin, was discovered in a convent in Italy in 1884. It is a fascinating and informative document that contains precise descriptions of the places she visited and the liturgies in which she participated, among them an account of the celebration of the Presentation of Christ at the temple in Jerusalem.

The fortieth day after Epiphany is celebrated here with the very highest honour, for on that day there is a procession, in which all take part, and all things are done in their order, with the greatest joy, just as at Easter. All the priests, and after them the bishop, preach, always taking for their subject that part of the gospel where Joseph and Mary brought the Lord into the Temple on the fortieth day. And when everything that is customary has been done, the sacrament is celebrated, and the dismissal takes place.

When the feast of the Presentation spread to the West in the seventh century, it was celebrated forty days after Christmas rather than after Epiphany, that is, on 2nd February. In the middle of the 8th century in Gaul it was given the title "Purification of the Blessed Virgin Mary", a name which was kept until the revised Roman calendar was promulgated in 1969.

At the end of the seventh century, Pope Sergius I instituted a procession before Mass at dawn on the feast day in Rome, with the people carrying lighted candles. From around the 12th century, a blessing of the candles before the procession was added. This led to the feast becoming popularly known as "Candlemas" in English-speaking lands. While this title focuses on a secondary aspect of the celebration, it is nevertheless fitting as the Cantic of Simeon hails Jesus as "a light for revelation to the Gentiles".

Elizabeth Harrington www.liturgybrisbane.net.au

The Little King's Movement Appeal

Today we are conducting The Little King's Movement Appeal. Donation envelopes can be found on the pews. If you are donating, please place your completed envelope in either the 1st or 2nd Collection.

PARISH HAPPENINGS

LOOKING AHEAD

Sunday 2 February

- 9.00am Baptisms in Mass – Church

Monday 3 February

- 9.30am SVdP Meeting – Aquinas Room
- 7.00pm Parish Pastoral Council – Library
- 7.00pm Italian Prayer Group – Church

Tuesday 4 February

- 9.30am Playgroup – Hospitality Area
- 7.00pm Social Justice Group – Library

Wednesday 5 February

- 10.30am BED Scripture Group – Library
- 6.30pm Legion of Mary – Library

Thursday 6 February

- 9.30am Playgroup – Hospitality Area
- 11.00am BED Scripture Group – Library
- 7.00pm RCIA Meeting – Library

Friday 7 February

- 7.30pm 500 Card Group – Aquinas Room

Saturday 8 February

- 7.15pm AA Group – Library

Let us remember in prayer all those who are sick
John Moss, Patrick Coyne, Quintin Olave, June Olave, Malette Sauz and those whose anniversaries occur around this time Noel Boyle, Domenico & Anna Maria Pizzica **and the recently deceased** Linda Brooks, Fr Ray Brain CP, Annette Robinson, Lyle Watson.

Vinnies Bushfire Appeal

Thank you to all who contributed to the bushfire appeal last weekend. Over \$2,600 was raised in our parish.

Last Week's 2 nd Collection	
Loose	\$747.90
Planned Giving	\$4,194.27
Total	\$4,942.17

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.	

The Little King's Movement Appeal

The Little King's Movement for the Handicapped, located in Buranda, caters for people with disabilities in social and spiritual activities. There is no Government funding and the Movement is staffed by volunteers. The Movement, though based on Catholic beliefs, is truly ecumenical and all members are welcomed and respected for their own beliefs.



St Vincent de Paul will be holding their meeting on *Monday 3 February, 9.30am* in the Aquinas Room. Anyone who is interested in becoming a member of SVdP or finding out further information, is most welcome to attend the meeting.

Parish 500 Card Group will meet on *Friday 7 February*, in the Aquinas Room. New members are very welcome to attend.

Parish Social Justice Group

The Parish Social Justice Group will meet in the Parish Library on *Tuesday 4 February, 7pm*. The group urgently needs new members to bring fresh ideas and energy to its deliberations. Any member of the parish community who is willing to attend will be most welcome to assist the group with its role of informing and educating our parish community on social justice issue and Catholic Social Teaching.

Communion to the Sick

The parish has had a request from the family of Nora Pease for someone to take communion to her. If you can assist, please contact the parish office for further information including safeguarding requirements.

Sacramental Program 2020

Confirmation (Year 3 / 8 years old)

- 11 Feb. – Confirmation Parent Information Night, 7-8pm, in the Church. Handout with sessions and booking information will be provided.
- 13 Feb. – Confirmation Enrolments close.

Penance (Year 5 / 10 years old)

- 23 Feb. – Penance Session 1, Option 1, 2-4pm
- 25 Feb. – Penance Session 1, Option 2, 4-6pm

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

Italian News: Feast of St Gabriel

The Italian communities and parishioners of "Our Lady of Graces" are invited to participate in the **Feast of St Gabriel of the Sorrowful Mother** on Sunday 23 February, 10:30 am, with a Solemn Mass. The main celebrant will be Fr Angelo Cagna CS, with Fr Alex Vickers OP concelebrating.

After the Mass, there will be a procession in the car park with the statue and relic of Saint Gabriel. Following the procession, there will be kissing of the relic, in the Church.

In preparation of the Feast, there will be a Triduum on Monday 17, Tuesday 18 and Wednesday 19 February, 7:30 pm. Mass will be celebrated each of these nights by Fr Angelo Cagna CS. Before and after the Mass each night, there will be an opportunity for Confession.

Following the Mass and Procession on Sunday 23 February, those who wish to continue celebrating socially can contact the Brisbane Abruzzo Club 3843 3180, Giovanni Di Nardo 3395 1749, Camillo Masci 0418 758 700 or Vito Di Stasi 0413 633 895 to book for lunch. All welcome.

Brisbane East Deanery Meeting

The first BED Meeting for 2020 will be held on *Wednesday 19 February, 7pm for 7.30pm* here at Our Lady of Graces, in the Parish Library. All parishioners are welcome to attend the meeting.

Ash Wednesday (26 February)

Mass will be celebrated at 6.30am, 9am & 7pm.

Congratulations to Mary Lehn who received a Griffith Australia Day Award recognising her untiring voluntary work, over many years, at Carina Senior Citizens and Our Lady of Graces.

Ageing Wisely Seminar

A seminar on ageing wisely, hosted by Holy Cross Funerals, will be held here at Our Lady of Graces Parish on *Monday 24 February 9.30am – 2pm*.



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.

For catering purposes, please RSVP via the clipboards on the tables at the back of the church.

Ten Steps towards Genuine Human Encounter in Our Digital World

In conjunction with their Social Justice Statement 2019/2020, the Australian Catholic Bishops published a leaflet entitled "Ten Steps towards Genuine Human Encounter in Our Digital World".

Over the months of February and March, these ten steps will be published in Spread the Word. We recommend that members of our parish community read these ten steps and discuss them with other members of their families', especially young members who may be starting to use the various social media platforms.

1. Make Your Online Presence One of Dignity and Respect

We must always remember that each person we communicate with on social media is a real person – made in the image and likeness of God.

- Be careful not to access or post anything that is demeaning, inappropriate or exploitative. Do not be dismissive, judgemental or aggressive in your conversation.
- Read Pope Francis' World Communications Day messages, which show us how the online world can help foster human dignity: <http://w2.vatican.va/content/francesco/en/messages/communications/index.html>
- Access the book by Beth Doherty, Tweet others as you would wish to be tweeted, at the Bishops' online store: www.catholic.org.au/shop/acbc-shop

'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.

COMMUNITY HAPPENINGS

Regina Caeli Over 50's Club

The Regina Caeli Over 50's Club will be celebrating their Opening Mass, Meeting and Morning Tea on *Wednesday 5 February, 9.30am*. For further information, contact Leila Bourke on 3397 1545.

Liturgy Brisbane Parish Workshops

Elizabeth Harrington & Trish Stapleton will present parish workshops on *Celebrating Triduum & Easter*.

- Tuesday 11 February, 6pm - 9pm, Fr Denis Power Centre (Jubilee Parish), 333 Given Tce, Paddington
- Saturday 15 February, 9am - 12noon, Aspinall Hall (Upper Mt Gravatt Wishart Parish), 4 Klumpp Road, Upper Mt Gravatt

Visit www.liturgybrisbane.net.au to purchase tickets.

Valentines Dinner Dance

Venue: Belmont Services Bowls Club, Narracott St, Carina

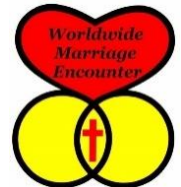
When: Saturday, 15 February 2020

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.



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. The itinerary has the relics visiting the following local locations, while in the Archdiocese of Brisbane.

Our Lady of Mt Carmel, Coorparoo

Thursday, 6 February

4:00pm - Prayer of Welcome

5:00pm - Mass

6:30pm - Veneration of Relics

8:30pm - Evening Prayer – Taize style

9:30pm - Veneration of Relics

10:00pm - Close of Church

Friday, 7 February

7.30am - Reflecting on the Story of the three Saints

9:00am - Mass followed by Rosary

10:30am - Prayer of Farewell

Cathedral of St Stephen

Saturday, 8 February

11:00am - Welcoming Ceremony

11:30am - Mass

12:30pm - Veneration of Relics

6:00pm - Sunday Vigil Mass

Sunday, 9 February

7:00am - Veneration of Relics

8:00am, 10:00am, 12:00pm - Mass

6:30pm - Evening Prayer

7:30pm – Mass

Monday, 10 February

7:00am - Veneration of Relics

8:00am - Mass

Santa Teresa

Spirituality Centre

Wednesday, 12 February

3.00pm - Welcome Prayer

& Veneration of Relics

4:45pm - Evening Prayer

Thursday, 13 February

6.00am - Veneration of Relics

6:20am - Morning Prayer

7:00am - Mass

10:30am - Readings, Prayers & Hymns

11:30am - Midday Prayer

1:30pm - Farewell Prayer

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