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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

Vol 34 No 4 7th Sunday in Ordinary Time 24 February 2019

Reflection by Greg Sunter

The radical teaching that was begun in last week's gospel as the beatitudes and woes is continued in this week's challenge to be forgiving, compassionate and generous in the same way that God expresses abundant love. As with the blessings and curses of the Beatitudes passage, this teaching continues the challenge to act against cultural and social expectations. Who would be surprised if you were to express hatred for an enemy or for someone who hates you or treats you badly? But Jesus tells his disciples to *love* their enemies and to *do good* to those who hate them. His instruction is contrary to the 'normal' way of doing things – and that's exactly the message Jesus wanted to convey! Rather than a spiteful, vengeful God who keeps score and punishes wrongdoing, Jesus presents a compelling image of a God of unbounded compassion and abundant generosity.

In this passage we find one version of the Golden Rule that appears repeatedly throughout the gospels (as well as most other religious traditions): 'Treat others as you would like them to treat you.' It is followed up with a comment that it takes no effort to treat well people whom you like – anybody can do that. The challenge is to treat people you don't like as you would like to be treated yourself. In a society that had very strict rules about the way to treat different people and clearly established boundaries between different groups, this was a tough ask by Jesus. Bear in mind also that there was an occupying army in the country and Jesus was encouraging the people to treat even their enemies, the Romans, with love, compassion and forgiveness. This was a radical and challenging teaching!

PARISH HAPPENINGS

LOOKING AHEAD

Monday 25 February

- 7.00pm Italian Prayer Group – Church

Tuesday 26 February

- 9.30am Playgroup – Hospitality
- 9.30am Scripture Group – Library
- 4.00pm Penance Prep – Church

Wednesday 27 February

- 10.00am BED Scripture Group – Library
- 7.00pm Legion of Mary – Library

Thursday 28 February

- 9.00am Playgroup – Hospitality

Saturday 2 March

- 7.15pm AA – Library

Let us remember in prayer all those who are sick Henry Bendel, Paula Bendel, Vilma Grouse, Rex Bowen **and those whose anniversaries occur around this time** Amalia Carniato, Mary Marrinan, Sean Duffy, Greg Ross Senior, Les O'Brien, Lawrie Rosso, Terry O'Brien, Noel Boyle **and the recently deceased** Ada Nobile, Sr Vonnie Clarke, Mick O'Brien, Silvana Cappelli Kathleen Calibag, Natividad Umali and Umberto Carniel

Our Lady of Graces Sacramental Program 2019 Confirmation

With Parent Information Night over, all enrollment forms for Confirmation 2019 are due by no later than 3.30pm 14 March 2019. By then, you should have also enrolled in all activity sessions for the Confirmation program. If you have any questions, please contact Shelly via email or phone.

Penance: 1st Rite of Reconciliation

For all children who have **completed** their Confirmation and First Holy Communion, the sessions for Penance will start on 24 February. All parents of eligible children should have received information via Shelly in the Parish Office. If you have not received any notification, please contact OLOG (07) 3398 2977.



Sacramental Calendar 2019

24/2 – Penance Prep session 1a

26/2 – Penance Prep session 1b

14/3 – Confirmation enrolments due

16 & 17/3 – Confirmation Rite of Enrolments

17/3 – Penance Prep session 2a

19/3 – Penance Prep session 2b

26/3 – Confirmation Activity session 1a

31/3 – Confirmation Activity session 1b

Plenary Council 2020

"What do you think God is asking of us in Australia at this time?". There is still time to write down your thoughts,

and the box at the entrance of the church will remain there until March 2019. We are doing this in light of the Plenary Council 2020 which invites everyone to have a say.

For more information about the Plenary Council head to <http://plenarycouncil.catholic.org.au/>



Communion to the Sick

We are in desperate need of minister of communion for those unable to attend Mass anymore, if you can help out please contact the Parish Office.

We are also after a Minister of Communion to take Greg Perkins communion, if you can please get in touch with the Parish Office.

Data Projector Operator Training

On Saturday, 2 March at 11am, I will be holding a Data Projector Operator training session in the church. This will be for all existing DPO's and anyone who wants to become one. Parents, this is a great way to get your kids involved (if they wish to remain in "the background") during mass. For more information about volunteering to be a DPO or if this date does not work for you but you are still interested, please contact me. Ashleigh Vasta, Parish Secretary.

500 Card Group

The 500 card group meets in the Aquinas room on Friday 1 March at 7.30pm, all welcome!

Ash Wednesday News

Following requests from parishioners, we will now be holding an **evening Ash Wednesday Mass at 7pm** in addition to the 6.30am and 9am masses on Wednesday 6 March. This will allow those in the workforce to attend the Ash Wednesday Mass.

The season of Lent is the most appropriate time for celebrating the sacrament of penance. Already on Ash Wednesday the people of God has heard the solemn invitation, *Turn away from sin and believe the good news*. It is therefore fitting to have several penitential celebrations during Lent, so that all the faithful may have an opportunity to be reconciled with God and their neighbour and so be able to celebrate the paschal mystery in the Easter Triduum with renewed hearts.

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The sacrament of Penance is better celebrated *before* rather than during the Easter Triduum.

OLOG Financial Report 4th Quarter 2018

Our Lady Of Graces - Carina			
<u>Income & Expenditure Actual vs Budget</u>			
October - December Quarter 2018			
Revenue	Quarter	Budget	Variance
Collections & Giving	58,745	52,484	6,261
Offerings	2,580	2,151	429
Ministry & Evangelisation	1,525	3,876	-2,351
Other Operating Activities	7,823	3,729	4,094
Total Revenue	70,673	62,240	8,433
Expenses			
Office / Administration	4,935	2,364	2,571
Property & Occupancy	16,904	12,387	4,517
Liturgy	1,518	2,250	-732
Ministry & Evangelisation	2,573	4,938	-2,365
Clergy	100	51	49
Motor Vehicle Expenses	1,269	1,374	-105
Staff Wages & Entitlements	32,292	44,050	-11,758
Diocesan Levies	6,732	6,823	-91
Total Expenses	66,322	74,237	-7,915
Surplus/ Deficit (-)	4,351	-11,997	16,348
Other income	332	0	332
Other expenses	0	500	-500
Net Surplus/ Deficit (-)	4,683	-12,497	17,180
Capital Expenses / Provisions for the quarter included:			
Reserved for major repair works			12,265

Revenue items: The Collections & Giving Budget was set before the Planned Giving Program that was conducted in May 2018, with effect from July 2018, was held. The increase in giving has been comforting for the Parish, supportive of the need for maintenance of our Parish assets. As advised during the Campaign, there are significant costs ahead - particularly in regards the buildings roofing.

Expenditure Items: Whilst a number of the Ministries have been conducted at lower cost than was originally budgeted, we acknowledge the risk that reduced cost may reflect reduced outreach by our Parish.

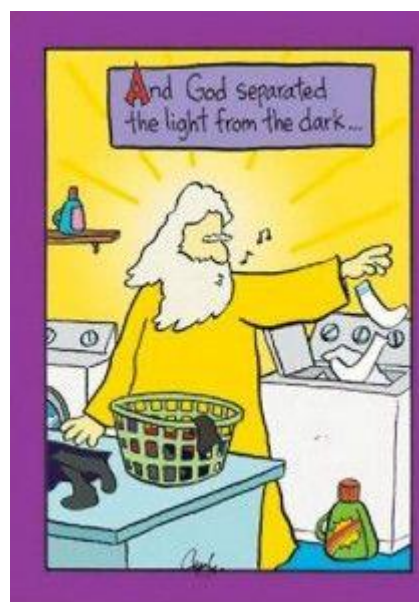
Comment on Outlook: Whilst the finish of the 2018 year was encouraging compared with the Budget for that period, the Finance Council has noted that Pledges made during the Planned Giving Campaign in May 2018 are not being fulfilled and this is impacting on the Parish plans for building maintenance.

COMMUNITY NEWS

Immersion Experience

Are you between 18-35 years old and want to make a difference? Join us for the Canossian Australian Volunteer Immersion to Papua New Guinea from 23rd June – 3rd July 2019. This will be a formation based opportunity to help out in our Canossian mission in Port Moresby and to immerse yourself in another experience of life. Places are limited so get in quick. For more information contact Sr Mel on 0484 007 508.

SOMETHING FUNNY



CATHOLIC LEADER

Catholic leaders are available at the back of the church for \$2.

- Townsville Bishop Tim Harris says crushing debt is falling on people in rural areas after floods
- Vinnies celebrates 125 years of service to Queensland families
- Pro-life organisation fights against abortion with a 40-day prayer and fasting vigil starting Ash Wednesday
- Government plans to encourage more teachers to work at remote Indigenous community schools
- Former senator takes leading role in Catholic education
- Pope confirms the removal of former Washington cardinal and archbishop from the priesthood
- Curia Mass draws together the Brisbane archdiocese workforce

Become a part of the parish Planned Giving Program to help your Parish grow.

We thank, sincerely, all Parishioners who contribute to Planned Giving. Your ongoing commitment and contribution assists the parish to budget for operating expenses (wages, rates, electricity, phones, maintenance etc) as well as parish pastoral planning (faith education, sacramental preparation, resources etc). To obtain Planned Giving Envelopes or to contribute by direct debit, complete this form and place on the plate, or contact the Parish Office. Planned Giving contributions are not Tax Deductable.

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