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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

Vol. 35 No. 5 5th Sunday in Ordinary Time**9 February 2020****Reflection by Diane Bergant CSA**

We live in a world where appearances frequently matter more than they should. Contrary to this predominating tendency, Jesus teaches us that what we do flows from who and what we are. We can enlighten the world with the message of the gospel, because our lives have been transformed by that gospel and now we ourselves are light for others. We can serve others in various ways, only because we have been saved by God's grace and now we are agents of that grace in the lives of others. Our own renewal becomes the means through which God renews the world.



This may sound grandiose, but it isn't. It is the truth about the way God works. Extraordinary things are accomplished through ordinary people. Jesus grew up as the son of a carpenter; some of the apostles were fishermen; Paul was a tentmaker; we are clerks and teachers, bus drivers and doctors, bank tellers and engineers. Like Paul we come to ministry in weakness and fear and much trembling. It is the Spirit and power of God that work the wonders, and God works them through mundane elements of life such as light and salt.

As children, many of us learned the corporal and the spiritual works of mercy. We learned that we can practise them in every walk of life. Today's readings remind us of this. We may not be asked to perform extraordinary feats, but all disciples of Jesus are called upon to do the ordinary things of life in an extraordinary way.

Ageing Wisely Seminar

Monday 24 February, 9.30am - 2.00pm
Our Lady of Graces Parish Library & Hospitality Area
Entry is FREE
Morning Tea & Lunch provided



Guest Speakers
Centacare Community Services
Home Instead Senior Care
Holy Cross Funerals



Please RSVP via the clip boards at the front door of the church. Alternately, contact the Parish Office on 3398 2977 or carina@bne.catholic.net.au

PARISH HAPPENINGS

LOOKING AHEAD

Monday 10 February

- 7.00pm Italian Prayer Group – Church
- 7.30pm Parish Finance Council – Library

Tuesday 11 February

- 9.30am Playgroup – Hospitality Area
- 7.00pm Confirmation Parent Meeting – Church

Wednesday 12 February

- 10.30am Funeral (John Moss) – Church
- 10.30am BED Scripture Group – Library
- 6.00pm OLOG Diners – Carina Leagues Club
- 6.30pm Legion of Mary – Library

Thursday 13 February

- 9.30am Playgroup – Hospitality Area
- 11.00am BED Scripture Group – Library
- 2.00pm Yr 6 Leadership Liturgy – Church
- 7.00pm RCIA Meeting – Library

Saturday 15 February

- 7.15pm AA Group – Library

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

Rest in Peace: The Funeral for John Moss will be on *Wednesday 12 February, 10.30am*. John was involved in the parish as a Reader at the Sunday 9am Mass for a number of years. We extend our condolences to Narelle and the family at this time.

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

OLOG Diners

The OLOG Diners meet on *Wednesday 12 February, 6pm, at Carina Leagues Club*. This is a wonderful way for parishioners to get to know one another at a venue in our Parish area. All are welcome to attend.

5.30pm Kids' Mass

The next Kids' Mass is *Sunday 16 February at 5.30pm Mass*.

Children can participate by reading, taking up the collection, handing out newsletters, or bringing up the gifts. You need to be available to bring them to the church around 5pm for a little coaching.

To take part, go to www.schoolinterviews.com.au and using code **Lur6g**, register for the ministry of your choice.

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.

St Martin's Beginning of School Year Mass

St Martin's School will be celebrating their beginning of school year Mass on *Friday 21 February, 9.30am*, in the Church.

Please note that there will be no usual 9am Mass on this day.

Thank you for understanding and sorry for any inconvenience caused.

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.

Ash Wednesday

Ash Wednesday, 26 February, marks the beginning of Lent. Mass times will be 6.30am, 9am & 7pm.

The Year 3-6 students of St Martin's School will be joining the parish community at the 9am Mass.

'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



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".

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.

2. Be present to others in the real and virtual worlds

The speed and brevity of communication on social media platforms can be open to misinterpretation and a superficiality that makes others feel that they have not been truly heard or accepted. Similarly, excessive time spent on social media can deprive families and friends of your 'real' presence in their lives.

- Limit the time you spend on devices.
- Take a 'digital detox' for your health and wellbeing. Times of abstinence and reflection fit well with the Seasons of Lent and Advent.
- Establish device free times in your household, for example at meal times.

3. Take care of yourself and others

Unfortunately, cyberbullying, trolling and the objectification of others is not an uncommon experience. We cannot stand by when another is denigrated or threatened.

- Call out bad behaviour and stand by the victim. This can require diplomacy. Be mindful that sometimes abusive behaviour is so irrational and unrelenting, the best option is to disengage.
- Discuss experiences of cyberbullying with your family, friends or school.

Report abuse and access helpful information from the eSafety Commissioner: <http://www.esafety.gov.au/>

4. Every Community Should Promote Digital Literacy

Digital technologies are increasingly necessary in our day to day lives. People of all ages need the know-how to access and navigate the online world. They need information on the operation of platforms and how personal data is used. Education is key to being aware of the great possibilities but also the pitfalls. Through greater awareness, Pope Francis says, 'we will employ technology wisely rather than letting ourselves be dominated by it.'

- Invite a social media expert with knowledge of both the opportunities and challenges of digital platforms to speak with your parish or community group.
- Share information about assistance available from local social service organisations and public libraries for dealing with the digital world.
- Ask the 'digital natives' in your parish to assist in the development of guidelines for the parish social media presence. *Parish Social Justice Group*

Last Week's 2nd Collection

Loose	\$728.40
Planned Giving	\$3,290.27
Total	\$4,018.67

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.

COMMUNITY HAPPENINGS

Liturgy Brisbane Parish Workshops

Elizabeth Harrington & Trish Stapleton will present a parish workshop, at two locations, on *Celebrating Triduum & Easter*. The workshop will explore the rituals & texts of the Triduum and Easter Time, suggest musical repertoire, and discuss ideas for preparing appropriate environment and symbol.

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

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

Care for Our Common World



You are invited to share in a Community Forum, Care for Our Common World Living Laudato Si ...Think Globally, Act Locally. Saturday 15 February, 9.00am-1.45pm,

Our Lady Queen of Apostles, 70 Appleby Rd, Stafford. Expressions of interest, please contact Stafford Parish Office by email: stafford@bne.catholic.net.au or call 3356 7155.

Valentines Dinner Dance

Venue: Belmont Services Bowls Club, Narracott St, Carina

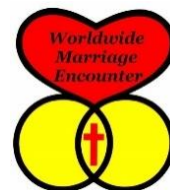
When: Saturday, 15 February 2020

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.



'Anyone for Tenors – Tenori in Concert'

Greg Cooley Wines in association with Villanova College present 'Anyone for Tenors – Tenori in Concert'. A fundraising concert, featuring 3 of the original Ten Tenors, will be held on Saturday, 15 February, 5.30pm – 9.30pm at Villanova College. Funds raised will go to the Australian Filipino Augustinian Solidarity (AFAS). Tickets are available at www.trybooking.com/BGJIV. For further info., refer to the flyer on the noticeboard or contact Kelli on 0421 055 799 or kelli@gregcooleywines.com.au.

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