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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

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Reflection by Greg Sunter

In our post-modern world, the lesson of the hypocrite seeking to remove the speck from their neighbour's eye before removing the log from their own has at times been taken too far and too literally. We are often confronted with a minimalist notion that nobody can be corrected or criticised because one person's opinion is just as good as the next person's. In this view, there is no room for universal truths; no room for authority; no room for an over-arching view of the world or a meta-narrative – an underlying 'big picture' story for life.

On the surface, the idea that one person's opinion is as valid as any other's seems very democratic and sociable. However, it is fundamentally not true. Someone who has spent a lifetime studying and practising in a particular field of endeavour cannot be lightly dismissed as 'that's just your opinion'. Yet, all too often, such learned knowledge and experience is given the same weight as ill-informed and sometimes mischievous opinion – frequently in the name of 'balanced' discussion.

For some people immersed in the post-modern culture this wash of opinion dressed up as fact is not only confusing but sometimes dangerous. Social norms and even laws can be seen as just another opinion that differs from my own. The opinions of friends and complete strangers on the internet or social networks are held with the same level of legitimacy as established sources of social, moral, legal and religious authority. Whilst it is proper to question established authority and require accountability and justification, the absence of universal truths and meta-narratives lead us back to the proverb that begins today's gospel: the blind leading the blind.

PARISH HAPPENINGS

LOOKING AHEAD

Monday 4 March

- 7.00pm Italian Prayer Group – Church
- 7.00pm PPC Meeting – Library

Tuesday 5 March

- 9.30am Playgroup – Hospitality
- 9.30am Scripture Group – Library

Wednesday 6 March (Ash Wednesday)

- 7.00pm Legion of Mary – Library

Thursday 7 March

- 9.00am Playgroup – Hospitality

Saturday 9 March

- 7.15pm AA – Library

Let us remember in prayer all those who are sick Henry Bendel and Paula Bendel and those whose anniversaries occur around this time Colin Aitkinson, Amalia Carniato and the recently deceased Ada Nobile

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.



Sacramental Calendar 2019

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

Welcome to our Seminarians

Last weekend, we welcomed 3 seminarians from the Holy Spirit Seminary. This is an attempt to expose them to the routine of the Liturgical year as celebrated in the Parish and give them an experience of both the fruits and challenges of the Parish Sunday celebration of the Eucharist. So we welcome Nathan Webb and BJ Perrett, from the Diocese of Toowoomba and Thomas Popovic from the Archdiocese of Brisbane. We have put up their pictures alongside their names on the notice board outside for you to see. If you see them around be sure to say hi!

LENT AND ASH WEDNESDAY

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.

- Catholics are obliged to receive holy communion at least once a year, in Australia and New Zealand between Ash Wednesday and Trinity Sunday
- Ash Wednesday and Good Friday are days of fast and abstinence. The law of fasting binds those who have completed their eighteenth year, until the beginning of their sixteenth year; the law of abstinence binds those who have completed their fourteenth year. (CCL 97, 1251-52)

Stations of the Cross

Stations of the Cross will be held every Friday of Lent starting at 7pm and will continue through to Good Friday. The first set of Stations will be on Friday 15 March. All are welcome to attend.

Finding Time in the Day for Lent

The fast pace of your life may seem to leave little time and energy for the traditional Lenten practices. But you can weave moments of [spiritual awareness](#) and service into even the busiest of schedules. The trick is to see Lenten practice as part of, rather than in addition to, each activity of your ordinary hectic day. The three foundational practices of Lent are prayer, fasting, and almsgiving. This week maybe consider thinking about prayer in a new way.

PROJECT COMPASSION

Project Compassion Sunday, 3rd March 2019

Please take home a Project Compassion box and/or a set of donation envelopes and support Caritas Australia this Lenten season themed **"Give Lent 100%"**. This year's Project Compassion showcases the many ways we work around the world with our local partners to offer hope to people most vulnerable to extreme poverty and injustice. As Pope Francis said, "The future does have a name... and its name is hope."



You can donate through Parish boxes and envelopes, or by phoning 1800 024 413 or visiting www.caritas.org.au/projectcompassion

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.

Teen's Retreat 2019

Teen's Retreat is a Catholic retreat organised for Teens, which includes up-lifting talks, praise and worship and Eucharistic celebrations etc with our very own Parish Priest, Fr Alex, as a key speaker for the program. The details regarding the program are listed below:

Date: 05 April 2019 (7PM) till 07 April 2019 (4PM).

Venue: James Byrne Centre, Highfields, Toowoomba.

Participant Age group: 14 to 17 years

Key Resources: Fr. Alex Vickers & Fr. Stanley Kozhichira

Cost: (including food and accommodation): \$185 per participant

For registrations, please contact:

- Jasmin Santhosh: 0402468520
- Diana Sony: 0470545331
- Shaan Gomez: 0431310577

For more information, please see the flyers outside on the notice boards.

Sunday Funday 26 May 2019



Over the years, our Parish Community has been very supportive of our *Craft and Jam Stall* at the Sunday Funday. As the date draws near we are still seeking donations of home-

made jams, chutneys, pickles and craft items which will go on sale in May. If anybody has lemons or cumquats, they would be appreciated. If you are making produce or items which you would like to donate, would you please contact Ashleigh in the Parish Office on 3398 2977 or leave items with her for collection please. Many thanks to those who have already provided craft items and sugar. All contributions are much appreciated.

Playgroup

Every Tuesday and Thursday we have a playgroup that is run by a group of mother's here at Our Lady of Graces in the hospitality area. At this stage, the Tuesday playgroup is at full capacity but there are still vacancies in the Thursday group. It is a chance for mothers and children to come together for a fun playtime and to socialise. All are welcome to join. If you wish to know more information, please contact the Parish Office.

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.

Position Vacant – Parish Youth Ministry Worker

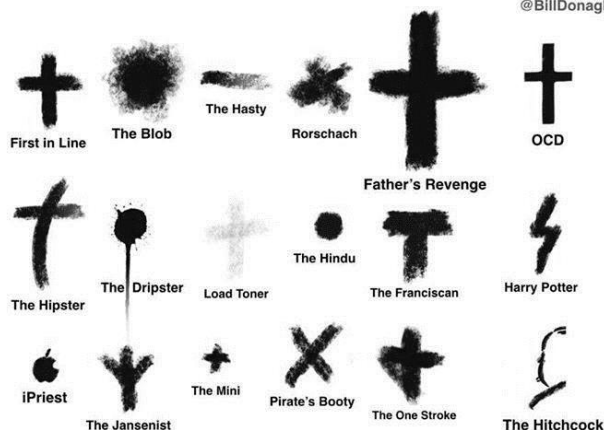
Applications are open for a position at the Star of the Sea Cleveland Parish. A person with good pastoral and liturgical knowledge is required for a part time 2-year fixed contract position of Parish Youth Ministry Worker for 10 hours a week to work across a variety of weekdays, weekends and evenings. **Applications close on 10th March 2019.** For additional information, please visit the Archdiocese of Brisbane website <https://brisbanecatholic.org.au/> and to careers.

SOMETHING FUNNY

Has anyone had any of these crosses before?

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- Townsville diocese thrilled to welcome newly ordained Deacon Emene Kelemete
- Church leaders promise laws and concrete actions to protect children and the vulnerable after the conclusion of historic four-day summit on abuse
- Royal commission reports reveals Aussie care workers are overworked and underpaid
- A new seminarian at Holy Spirit Seminary in Banyo shares his discernment journey into the priesthood

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