

Reflection by Greg Sunter

As a young person, there is nothing better than being in love! Sure, loving your family and being loved by them is pretty important, but to 'fall in love' with someone and have that love returned is something quite extraordinary. Love sets us on fire! To be loved by someone else makes all the tough times endurable; it makes us believe in ourselves because someone else sees something worthwhile within us. It's exciting and it's incredibly life-giving!

This is something of the message that Jesus is trying to convey to his disciples in this week's gospel. He is trying to share with them some understanding of the incredible joy he experiences through his relationship with the Father. And just as he is loved by the Father, so Jesus loves his disciples and so are they invited to share in the love of the Father. Jesus' whole mission and ministry was to share with people the love of God that he knew so intimately. His actions towards the 'lesser ones' of the world was to demonstrate to them that they are not only worthy of love but were already loved. Jesus tells his disciples that all they have to do to constantly remain in his love is to keep his commandments and then he clarifies for them that his only commandment to them is to love one another as Jesus loved. To live in the love of Jesus and know the love of the Father, all we have to do is love one another. It seems simple. The challenge is that we are to love all people – even those who make our lives difficult and unpleasant. As we are told in the Gospels of Luke and Matthew, 'If you love only those who love you, what credit is that to you? Even sinners love those who love them!' (Lk 6:32; Mt 5:46)



PARISH HAPPENINGS

LOOKING AHEAD

Sunday 6 May

- 12.00pm Confirmation Activity 2 (a)
- 2.00pm Confirmation Activity 2 (b)

Monday 7 May PUBLIC HOLIDAY

8AM MASS ONLY

- 7.00pm Italian Prayer Group – Church

Tuesday 8 May

6.30AM MASS ONLY – 9AM MASS

CANCELLED

- 11.00am Funeral – Church
- 3.00pm BED Scripture meeting – AQ Room
- 3.30pm Family Activity Session 2 (c)
- 6.00pm OLOG Diners – Pacific Golf Club
- 7.00pm Liturgy Committee – Library

Wednesday 9 May

- 7.00pm Legion of Mary – Library

Thursday 10 May

- 9.30am Playgroup – Hospitality
- 3.30pm Confirmation Activity 2 (d)

Saturday 12 May

- 3.00pm CRL – Church and Library
- 6.00pm AA – Library
- 7.00pm BED Trivia Night – Dominic Centre

Let us remember in prayer all those who are sick Vilma Gouse and those whose anniversaries occur around this time Una Kenny and the recently deceased Leo Power and Patrick Long.

IMPORTANT NOTICE re Tuesday 9am Mass

The 9am Mass on Tuesday 8 May has been **cancelled** due to a large funeral being held here in the Parish. 6.30am Mass will go ahead. We advise that all parishioners try and avoid the area after the 6.30am mass until about 2pm. Scripture Group and Tuesday Playgroup have also been cancelled for the day. We apologise for any inconvenience and thank you for your understanding.

Public Holiday – AGAIN!

Dear parishioners, Monday 7 May will be a public holiday and therefore the office will be closed and there will only be an 8am Mass.

Celebrate Mother's Day with a Rosary

The Legion of Mary invite you to join them at 4pm on Sunday the 13th of May for a rosary in front of Mary's shrine at the back of the church. There will also be a rosary after 9am mass during May to make a bouquet of prayers to Mary. In fact, why not make a habit of daily mass, the world could do with our prayers.



Volunteers for Trivia Night

We are currently after volunteers to assist us with for the set-up of the Dominic Centre on the day of the Trivia. If you can help please contact Ashleigh on 3398 2977.

BED Trivia Night at Our Lady of Graces

This year Our Lady of Graces is hosting the Trivia Night in the Dominic Centre on Saturday 12 May 2018.

Now I just want to give you a bit of a gee up because I... I mean **we** really want to take home the trophy after it was wrongfully given to St Peter's and Paul's last year! Well I say it is time for us to claim it back as the rightful winners!!

This year the theme is a decade of decades so we will be moving throughout the years in a series of 6 rounds + 2 table question rounds. We also have plenty of raffle prizes to be won on the night!

The Trivia Night is for the young and young at heart and we invite you all to come along for a fun night. Please see the details below or check out the flyer on the notice board outside:

When: Saturday 12 May 2018

Where: Our Lady of Graces, Dominic Centre

Time: 7pm for a 7.15pm start

Price \$15/person BYO alcohol and food

Soft drinks and water available on the night for purchase

Come dressed as your favourite decade - There will be a prize for the best dressed table!!

For further details or to book a table, please contact Ashleigh in the Parish Office on 3398 2977 or email carina@bne.catholic.net.au

The Month of May

Within the cycle of a year, the Church unfolds the whole mystery of Christ, from his incarnation and birth until his ascension, the day of Pentecost, and the expectation of blessed hope and of the Lord's return...

In celebrating this annual cycle of Christ's mysteries, the Church honours with special love Mary, the Mother of God, who is joined by an inseparable bond to the saving work of her Son. In her the Church holds up and admires the most excellent effect of the redemption and joyfully contemplates, as in a flawless image, that which the Church itself desires and hopes wholly to be.

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Italian news

Tutta la comunità italiana è calorosamente invitata a partecipare alla veglia di Pentecoste, che si terrà sabato 19 maggio 2018, cominciando alle ore 8:00am., con la santa Messa della parrocchia e dopo la Messa si comincerà la celebrazione della veglia con padre Angelo Cagna. Per ulteriori informazione telefonare a padre Angelo 0423 648 736, o Vito Di Stasi 0413 633 895.

Safeguarding Training Sessions

Thank you to all of you who have waited patiently to hear information about the Safeguarding Training Sessions. The Safeguarding Sessions are paramount to the church to ensure that we are able to look out for those who are vulnerable.

Last week, received information about the possibility of hosting a session at the Parish. I can confirm that we have secured Wednesday 31 October from 6.30pm to 8.30pm in the Dominic Centre. To secure a place for this evening, you will need to email Ashleigh at the Parish office. Alternatively, the dates provided below will be held in the Francis Rush Centre in the City:

Session Dates and Times:

10 May 2018	12.30pm – 2.30pm
12 June 2018	12.30pm – 2.30pm
29 July 2018	10.00am - 12.00pm
16 August 2018	12.30pm – 2.30pm
13 September 2018	12.30pm – 2.30pm
18 October 2018	12.30pm – 2.30pm
7 November 2018	12.30pm – 2.30pm
6 December 2018	12.30pm – 2.30pm

When you have selected a time, please contact the Parish Office via phone 3398 2977 or email ologcc@bigpond.net.au to book it in.

Sacramental Program/Confirmation Sessions



With the 1st lot of Confirmation activities done and dusted, we now move onto the 2nd round. One of the activities will be focused on the gifts of the Holy Spirit, people and promises and Pentecost. This begins on Sunday 6 May and continues throughout the week.

Following this, we have the children being presented with the creed at all masses over the weekend of 12/13 May.

Parents, please make sure you have checked which session you are booked in for. If you have any problems, please contact Shelly via email sc.carina@bne.catholic.net.au or call the office on 07 3398 2977.

San Sisto College Open Day – Sunday 20 May from 1 pm until 4 pm

We invite you to meet our students and teachers while exploring our stunning campus and state-of-the-art facilities.

Enjoy guided tours, student performances, faculty demonstrations and displays at Open Day 2018. These provide a unique snapshot of what it feels like to join the San Sisto community. Displays including those from Languages – Japanese and Italian, HPE – Sport and Physical Enrichment, Drama, Textiles, Art, Humanities and Science are always popular, and there will be dress-ups in the Rose Retail Shop. Our café, coffee cart and barbeque will provide refreshments for those keen to take a rest and enjoy the Cecilia Square student entertainment activities. Music and voice presentations of all kinds will be on offer, from ensembles to busking. With the smell of food and the sound of music in the air, there will be plenty to see, experience, do, taste and listen to at Open Day 2018.

Register for Open Day 2018 and discover the San Sisto difference. To register, visit www.surveymonkey.com/r/OpenDay2018

Mother’s Day Luncheon

'A Delicate Taste Catering is holding a Mother's Day Luncheon Fundraiser to enable donations to "Help Support Jarvis" on Friday May 11 2018 at the St Oliver Plunkett Parish Hall. - Beauvardia St Cannon Hill. Entry is \$20.00 per person. Morning Tea is at 10.30 am - Lunch is at 12 pm. There will be A Lucky Door Prize; Raffles and Prizes; Everyone is Welcome - Please contact Edith on Tel. 33985294 or Mob. 0439734369

Iona College Enrolment Applications for Year 5 in 2020

Iona College is now accepting enrolment applications for the 2020 enrolment intake:

Year 5 in 2020 - applications close Friday 8 June 2018: (boys who have commenced Year 3 in 2018).

Year 5 in 2020 - Prospective Families Information evening will be held on Thursday 24 May at 7.00pm in IPAC.

To complete an Enrolment Form, please go to www.iona.qld.edu.au, click Enrolments.

Contact the College Registrar, Sharon Young on 3893 8801 or at enrol@iona.qld.edu.au for further assistance.

Iona College Open Day

Iona College will hold Open Day on Monday 4 June 2018 from 1.30pm to 4.00pm.

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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