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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 8****3rd Sunday of Lent****24 March 2019*****Reflection by Greg Sunter***

When Jesus is asked about the deaths of some Galileans and some residents of Jerusalem, he seizes the opportunity to remind his audience that their obsession with the 'sin' of the victims is misplaced. He challenges all who are listening that unless they repent, they will all perish in a similar fashion. This would have been very confronting to those in the audience who were ingrained in the thinking that 'bad things only happen to bad people'. The purity codes of the day stated that if one maintained purity of action – obeying the Law and respecting the prohibitions on certain actions – then one was fulfilling one's duty and maintaining right relationship with God. Jesus chastises the people for this attitude and tells them that they all must 'repent'. For 1st Century Jews, the word 'repent' had a greater depth of meaning than our current understanding. Rather than simply 'being sorry', to repent meant to completely turn life around – both individually and as a society. His injunction to repent would be seen as a challenge to question motives and actions and set a new direction.

To follow this up, Jesus tells his audience a parable about a fig tree that has not borne fruit after three years. There are many interpretations of this parable and it is often interpreted in isolation from the gospel passage that immediately precedes it. Given the challenge to 'repent' that is given so strongly, we can see the parable as an example to the listeners that their time for repenting is running out. The one year reprieve for the fig tree is an indication to the listeners that their change of heart and change of spirit had better take shape in the very near future.

LOOKING AHEAD

Saturday 23 March

- 9.00am Choir Practice – Church

Monday 25 March

- 10.30am Dominican Laity - Library

- 7.00pm Italian Prayer Group – Church

Tuesday 26 March

- 9.30am Playgroup – Hospitality

- 9.30am Scripture Group – Library

Wednesday 27 March

- 6.30pm Choir Practice – Church

Thursday 28 March

- 9.00am Playgroup – Hospitality

Saturday 29 March

- 7.15pm AA – Library

Let us remember in prayer all those who are sick
Rex Bowan, Vilma Ghouse, Henry Bendel and Paula Bendel **and those whose anniversaries occur around this time** *Noel Hughes, Nunzia Zappala, Michele Grasso, Jorge Asido, Pat Boyle* **and the recently deceased** *Phyllis Rodrigues, Shane Groth, Kerry Kearns, Giovanna Manocelli and Coral Ryan*

Parking in the front entrance round-a-bout

We would like to remind parishioners again, not to park in the front entrance round-a-bout. If you are dropping off disabled or elderly persons, please do so and find another car space. The reason for this is that if we need emergency services, this hampers and restricts the access needed. Thank you for your consideration.



Sacramental Calendar 2019

26/3 – Confirmation Activity session 1a

31/3 – Confirmation Activity session 1b

+++++VOLUNTEERS NEEDED+++++

Volunteers are needed to help run the Confirmation Activity Session, must have an active BlueCard. If anyone is interested, please contact Shelly.

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. We are still seeking donations of home-made jams, chutneys, pickles and craft items which will go on sale in May. If you are making produce or items which you would like to donate, would you please contact the Parish Office. Many thanks to those who have already provided craft items and sugar. All contributions are much appreciated.

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. All are welcome to attend.

Easter Roster 2019

The Easter Roster is now out on the back table, please note you can only volunteer for **ONE** ministry per mass. Thank you.

Palm Fronds and Cyprus Pine branches – Palm Sunday

We are currently putting a call out for anyone who have either palm fronds (that we can tie to the pews) or small Cyprus pine cuttings. We would need them on the Saturday the 14th of April but not earlier as we need them to be as lively as possible. If you are able to assist please call the parish office.



Easter Eggs for the Great Easter Egg Hunt!

For the past couple of years, Our Lady of Graces have been holding the Great Easter Egg Hunt on Easter Sunday after the 9am Mass and we are coming back again! We are seeking donations of bags of small Easter eggs, if you have any that you would like to donate, could you please bring them to the Parish Office. Also, if anyone would like to volunteer to assist on the day please contact Ashleigh in the office. Thank you in advance.



Easter Timetable 2019

II Rite of Reconciliation

Tuesday 9 April at 7pm

Individual Reconciliation:

Wednesday 10 April at 9.30am

Good Friday 19 April at 11am & 4pm

Holy Saturday 20 April at 11am & 3pm

Easter Ceremonies:

Holy Thursday: 18 April 7pm

Followed by Adoration of Blessed Sacrament until 10pm

Good Friday: 19 April

Stations of the Cross at 10am

Celebration of the Lord's Passion at 3.00pm

Italian Stations of the Cross at 7.30pm

Holy Saturday: 20 April

Vigil Mass 7pm

Italian Vigil Mass 9.30pm

Easter Sunday: 21 April

Mass 7am, 9am

Italian Mass 10.30am

There will be NO 5.30pm Mass



PROJECT COMPASSION



Peter goes to a boarding school in the Solomon Islands which has experienced water shortages for 60 years. Previously, students would have to walk kilometres each day in search of clean water, which was particularly challenging for Peter

who is living with a disability. With Caritas Australia's support, the school has created a new reliable water system. With more free time and fewer illnesses caused by dirty water, Peter can fulfil his hope of focusing on his studies, providing him with brighter future. **Please donate to Project Compassion 2019 and help lift communities in Indonesia out of poverty, and give them hope to protect our common home. Lives change when we all give 100%.** You can donate through Parish boxes and envelopes, by visiting www.caritas.org.au/projectcompassion or phoning 1800 024 413.

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 or Shaan Gomez: 0431310577

Scripture study special guest

Jeff Cavins, who is well known by EWTN audiences worldwide for his regular program Life on the Rock and Understanding the Mystery of the Bible, will be in Brisbane to show us how awesomely simple it is to read the Bible and how easy it is to understand it.

Date: 05 May 2019 (Sunday)

Venue: St. James Catholic Parish Catholic Church, 165 Old Cleveland Rd., Coorparoo

Time: 12 noon to 5:00 pm

Fee: Free (but we request donations)

Bring-a-plate to share. Drinks provided

Enquiries: Sonny @0421437752

First Aid Course

Our Lady of Graces will be holding a first aid course on Saturday 13 April 2019. If you are interested and want to know more information, please contact the Parish Office.

500 Card Group

The 500 card group meet again in the Aquinas Room on Friday 5 April at 7.30pm. If anyone is interested, please feel free to contact Josephine at josephinecoyne@hotmail.com. All welcome!

COMMUNITY NEWS

Mission trip to Flores, Indonesia with Fr. Nev Yun 24 June – 4 July 2019

By going on mission you will experience the simple life and radiant joy of the Missionaries of the Poor brothers, and assist in caring for children with disabilities. Many volunteers are inspired and moved by the loving kindness of the brothers, and time spent with the children. For more information, please feel free to watch our video at <https://vimeo.com/mopsupporters/missiontrip>

You are all invited to our Information Day on **Sunday 31st March 2019, commencing after 8.30am Mass, Holy Family Church, 37 Ward St, Indooroopilly.**

For more information, please contact:

0412 073 965 / lamurifamily@outlook.com

3371 7446 / indooroopilly@bne.catholic.net.au

SOMETHING FUNNY



CATHOLIC LEADER

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

- *United in prayer. New Zealand put their hope in God after horror mosque attacks in Christchurch*
- *Showing love to Townsville. Communities raise more than \$100,000 for Townsville flood appeal.*
- *Ethiopian Airlines. Humanitarians killed on doomed flight*

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