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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

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## Our Response to the Coronavirus

With a relatively small number of confirmed cases of coronavirus or COVID-19 in Australia, the risk to the general public remains low. However, given the regular assembly of large groups for liturgical celebrations, including our Sunday Masses, the Bishops of Australia have provided us with guidelines to help minimise the spread of the virus.

As from this Sunday, following advice from health authorities both State and National and the Australian Catholic Bishops Conference, the following will be implemented in the Parish of Our Lady of Graces, Carina.

- Individuals should consider their own health, including any potential to infect others with a contagious disease, before attending a public liturgical celebration.
- Holy Water will be temporarily removed from stoups at the doors of the church to reduce the possibility of transmission of the virus. Holy Water will continue to be available for people to take home.
- When exchanging the Sign of Peace, individuals should avoid shaking hands but say "Peace be with you" and offer a smile, wave, nod or bow.
- All Ministers of Holy Communion are to take particular care to wash their hands before and after distributing. Appropriate means will be made available.
- The Parish will cease distributing Holy Communion from the Chalice until further notice. The faithful are reminded that Christ is fully present under either species.
- The coronavirus is easily spread through saliva. In celebrations of the Ordinary Form of the Latin Rite, the Body of Christ will therefore only be administered in the hand for the interim because of the high risk of transmission if people continue to receive on the tongue. Ministers should seek to avoid contact with the communicant's hands.
- Those who are too unwell to attend Sunday Mass – whether due to coronavirus or some other condition – or are at particular risk of contracting the COVID-19 virus can honour their Sunday obligation by participating in a time of prayer within the home, reading the Scriptures or watching Mass on television.

These measures are introduced to maintain the safety and health of this community. They are not to be seen as a change in our liturgical practice, but rather are introduced for safety reasons. We pray that this medical crisis will pass and that those who are affected may experience the healing power of God.

Fr Alex Vickers O.P.  
Parish Priest

## PARISH HAPPENINGS

### LOOKING AHEAD

#### Monday 9 March

- 9.30am Safeguarding Drop-In Session – Library
- 7.00pm Italian Prayer Group – Church
- 7.30pm Parish Finance Council – Library

#### Tuesday 10 March

- 9.30am Scripture Group – Library
- 9.30am Playgroup – Hospitality Area
- 7.00pm Social Justice Group – Aquinas Room
- 7.30pm Liturgy Committee Meeting – Library

#### Wednesday 11 March

- 10.30am BED Scripture Group – Library
- 6.00pm OLOG Diners – Carina Leagues Club
- 6.30pm Legion of Mary – Library

#### Thursday 12 March

- 9.30am Playgroup – Hospitality Area
- 11.00am BED Scripture Group – Library
- 7.00pm RCIA Meeting – Library

#### Friday 13 March

- 7.00pm Stations of the Cross – Church

#### Saturday 14 March

- 7.15pm AA Group – Library

#### Sunday 15 March

- 2.00pm Penance Session 2 – Church
- 5.30pm Kids' Mass – Church

**Let us remember in prayer all those who are sick** Archbishop Emeritus John Bathersby, Betty Bendel, Pamela O'Reilly, Patrick Coyne **and those whose anniversaries occur around this time** Katharina Leitgeb Rainer, Mary (Molly) Karl, Phyllis Rodrigues, Ron Bell, Winnie Henry, Elisabetta Scandurra, Andrew Turner, Jocelyn Beard-Hellstrom, **and the recently deceased** Fr Joe Walsh OSA, Hannah Clarke and children, Fr John Rasmussen, Renata Furlan, Mary Benbow (Sr Helen's Sister), Bernard Coley, Graham Scholefield.

### Safeguarding Drop-In Session

Our Local Safeguarding Representative, Carmen Kee, will be holding a drop-in session this *Monday, 9 March, 9.30am* in the Parish Library for approximately 1 hour. Carmen will be on hand to help anyone who has any questions or requires any assistance with safeguarding & volunteer registration.

The plan is that these drop-in sessions will be held once a month. Therefore if you cannot this Monday, due to the short notice, other opportunities will be available throughout the year.

### Sacramental Program 2020

#### Confirmation (Year 3 / 8 years old)

- 7-8 March – Rite of Enrolment at all Masses
- 22 March – Family Session 1, Option 1, 2-3.30pm
- 24 March – Family Session 1, Option 2, 3.30-5pm

#### Penance (Year 5 / 10 years old)

- 15 March – Penance Session 2, Option 1, 2-4pm
- 17 March – Penance Session 2, Option 2, 4-6pm

#### Helpers Required

We require some volunteers to help run the small group sessions and/or assist at the liturgy of the sacrament itself. If this is something you may be interested in, please contact Shelly at [sc.carina@bne.catholic.net.au](mailto:sc.carina@bne.catholic.net.au) or on 3398 2977.

### Parish Social Justice Group

The second meeting of the Parish Social Justice Group for 2020 will be held on *Tuesday 10 March, commencing at 7pm in the Aquinas Room*. The Parish Social Justice Group urgently needs new members to bring fresh ideas and energy to its deliberations. Any member of the parish community who is willing to attend will be most welcome to assist the group with its role of informing and educating our parish community on social justice issue and Catholic Social Teaching.

### OLOG Diners

The OLOG Diners meet on *Wednesday 11 March, 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 15 March 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](http://www.schoolinterviews.com.au) and using code **Lur6g**, register for the ministry of your choice.

### Communion Visitation at Lorocco Aged Care

Fr Alex is looking for expressions of interest from parishioners who would be interested in being part of a team to take Communion to the residents of Lorocco Aged Care (Scrub Rd, Carindale) as a fortnightly or monthly commitment. If this is a ministry you might be interested in, please contact the parish office for further details.

### Lost Property

We currently have a small amount of lost property, which has been left in the church since the start of this year. If you have lost any items, please check the plastic container located in the sacristy.

### Saturday Morning Mass (28 March)

On Saturday 28 March, the Archdiocese will be holding a Parish Leadership Development Day in the Dominic Centre at St Martin's School. Their day will begin with Mass in Our Lady of Graces Church. Therefore the morning Mass on Saturday 28 March will be at 8.30am. The Mass will be celebrated by Archbishop Mark Coleridge. Reconciliation will be held after Mass concludes. Thank you for your patience and understanding.

### Chrism Mass

Archbishop Mark Coleridge invites you to the Annual Chrism Mass to be held in the Cathedral of St Stephen on *Thursday 2 April, commencing at 7.00pm*. This is a celebration for the entire Archdiocese and all are welcome.

### Working Bee

A parish working bee is scheduled for *Saturday 4 April, 9.30am onwards*. This is to prepare the church and grounds for Holy Week and Easter. Please mark this date in your diary.



## Palm Fronds & Cyprus Pine Branches

Do you have palm trees or cypress pine trees at home? If you do, we would appreciate any palm fronds or small cypress pine cuttings for Palm Sunday (4-5 April). If you are able to assist, please contact the parish office.

### **Lent & Sacred Paschal Triduum 2020**

#### **Stations of the Cross**

Each Friday during Lent 7pm

#### **Reconciliation**

##### 2nd Rite of Reconciliation

Tuesday 31 March 7pm

##### 1st Rite of Reconciliation

Saturdays 8:30am & 5:30pm

Wednesday 1 April following 9am Mass

Good Friday 11am & 4.15pm

Holy Saturday 11am & 3pm

#### **Sacred Paschal Triduum**

##### Holy Thursday [9 April]

*No Morning Masses*

Mass of the Lord's Supper 7pm

*Followed by Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament until 10pm*

##### Good Friday [10 April]

*No Morning Masses*

Stations of the Cross 10am [indoors & outdoors]

Celebration of the Passion of the Lord 3pm

Italian Stations of the Cross 5.30pm

##### Holy Saturday [11 April]

*No Morning Mass*

Easter Vigil in the Holy Night 7pm

##### Easter Sunday [12 April]

Mass 7am & 9am

Italian Mass 10.30am

#### **No Evening Mass on Easter Sunday**

##### Easter Monday [13 April]

8am Mass only [Public Holiday]

## Our Lady of Graces Parish NET Missionaries

During December, OLOG Parishioners Elisha (Ellie) Hiscock and Joe Corbett spoke at Masses to create awareness, and



garner a little support for their year ahead. Both have committed to a year as members of the National Evangelisation Team (NET). To join NET, one must put "normal life" on hold for a year, and commit to a year of reflecting Christ's love to other young people through a range of activities including prayer, workshops and song.

On 22 February 2020, 45 youngsters were commissioned for ministry at an uplifting Eucharist celebrated at Sacred Heart Church, Rosalie. As you can see from the photo, Ellie & Joe were delighted to have Fr Alex concelebrating at that Mass.

All the NETters Joe has introduced to us reflect a strong, authentic sense of mission as each day unfolds before them anew. I cannot think of a more countercultural way for a millennial to spend a year of life. NETters:

- Leave one day with minimal belongings, but must have a Bible and a wristwatch [interesting times: millennials unfamiliar with the latter];
- Initially disappear for six weeks to commune with 44 like-minded faithful youth from across Australia and the globe, participating in rigorous training which includes full day (tech free!!) retreat, training in conducting workshops, instructions in how to cook and skills test to reverse a van with a trailer attached;
- Are formed into a small group, and fly away fired up for Mission on a regime which includes restricted access to social media and communication, a strict budget, limited creature comforts and community life;

And so Ellie, Joe and four others NETters find themselves in Fitzroy, serving the schools and parishes of the Archdiocese of Melbourne in 2020. They will need warm coats! If you are on Instagram, follow them at **teammelbs**

They are in the thoughts and prayers of their families, their friends, and we hope, their parish also.

Thank you to those who have supported so far through prayers, kind words and donations. We hope to keep you updated as the NET year unfolds.

*Kellie Corbett, OLOG Parishioner*

## PROJECT COMPASSION

Twenty-seven-year-old Phany was a struggling farmer and was forced to leave her daughter to take up construction work in the city. Her life has been transformed since joining a Caritas supported program, learning crop growing skills and better water management, to combat drought.



**Please donate to Project Compassion 2020 and help mothers like Phany continue to uplift their communities, and provide food for their families.**

**Let's Go Further, Together.** You can donate through Parish boxes and envelopes, by visiting [www.caritas.org.au/projectcompassion](http://www.caritas.org.au/projectcompassion) or phoning 1800 024 413.

### **Less in Lent**

Lent is a season for stripping away excess in order to make space for God. Unlike the Gathering / Entrance hymn, the Sending Forth / Recessional hymn has never actually been part of the Mass. Mass ends with the priest's blessing wherein we are sent forth to live and spread the Gospel. Therefore, during the season of Lent, we have lessened the music by not having a Sending Forth / Recessional hymn and instead depart in silence.



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