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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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Today's gospel is perhaps the most famous of the parables that are unique to the Gospel of Luke. Sadly, what is often overlooked is the accusation aimed at Jesus that leads into the telling of this and two other shorter parables (the Lost Sheep and the Lost Coin – Lk 15:4-10). The Pharisees and scribes accuse Jesus of what they regard to be abhorrent behaviour in relation to the purity code that dominated 1st Century life: not only does Jesus welcome sinners, he actually shares meals with them. This would be absolutely scandalous behaviour. Who you ate with was a reflection of who you were. To eat with sinners and the unclean effectively made you a sinner and unclean.

The three parables Jesus tells in response to this accusation are all about the lost being found and great rejoicing over the finding of the lost sheep, lost coin, or lost son. The Gospel of Luke – more so than any of the others – has a very strong focus on the message of Jesus being addressed to and welcomed by the outcasts and marginalised; in other words, the 'lost' of his society. Rather than being embarrassed by the accusation that he ate with sinners, Jesus would have worn those words like a badge of honour. It was exactly what his mission and ministry was all about – being one with the poor; the outcast; the sinful; the lost. The three parables, and particularly the parable of the lost son, demonstrate the joy of a loving God when one who was lost returns. The extravagant welcome the prodigal son receives from his father is symbolic of the extravagance of God's love that will be poured out for any 'sinner' who returns to God.

LOOKING AHEAD

Monday 1 April

- 7.00pm Italian Prayer Group – Church

Tuesday 2 April

- 9.30am Scripture Group – Library

Wednesday 3 April

- 9.00am Year 1's joining mass

- 6.30pm Legion of Mary – Library

- 6.30pm Choir Practice – Church

Thursday 4 April

- 9.30am Playgroup – Hospitality

Saturday 6 April

- 8.00am Italian Retreat – Library

- 7.15pm AA – Library

Let us remember in prayer all those who are sick
Patrick Coyne, 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** *Robert Jones, Phyllis Rodrigues, Shane Groth and Kerry Kearns*

Sacramental Calendar 2019

31/3 – Confirmation Activity session 1b

23/4 – Confirmation Activity session 2a

28/4 – Confirmation Activity session 2b

+++++REMINDER+++++

All children and parents **must attend** the Family Sessions. There are 2 options per session to ensure that there is maximum opportunity to attend. If you are unable to make it to a session, please call Shelly on 3398 2977 ASAP.

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.

Accommodation needed

Betsy is 31 year old Peruvian Student and has been granted a scholarship to complete her Masters degree and is in need of accommodation. Her timetable at university is from Monday to Friday on a full-time basis. She would need to move in with a family that can offer her a wide-spaced room to accommodate all her belongings. If you can help out, please contact Monica Urbina on 0450719064.

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



Easter, Easter Bunnies and Easter Eggs



The name Easter has its origin with a goddess of the Anglo-Saxons named Eostre. It is believed that she is the goddess of the dawn

and was worshipped in the spring by pagans in Northern Europe and the British Isles. But where did all the bunnies and eggs come from and what do they have to do with Easter? It's a question that many have asked so here we go.

Let's start with the rabbits, or, to be more accurate, the hares. In ancient times, it was widely believed (as by Pliny, Plutarch, Philostratus, and Aelian) that the hare was a hermaphrodite. The idea that a hare could reproduce without loss of virginity led to an association with the Virgin Mary, with hares sometimes occurring in illuminated manuscripts and Northern European paintings of the Virgin and Christ Child. Among German Lutherans, the "Easter Hare" originally played the role of a judge, evaluating whether children were good or disobedient in behaviour at the start of the season of Eastertide [much like Santa Klaus at Christmas]. The idea of the Easter Hare bringing the eggs dates back to about 1682.

And why eggs? Orthodox churches have a custom of abstaining from eggs during the fast of Lent. The only way to keep them from being wasted was to boil or roast them, and begin eating them to break the fast. As a special dish, they were decorated as part of the celebrations. Many Christians of the Eastern Orthodox Church to this day typically dye their Easter eggs red, the colour of blood, in recognition of the blood of the sacrificed Christ (and, of the renewal of life in springtime). Some also use the colour green, in honour of the new foliage emerging after the long-dead time of winter.

So the bunny and eggs aren't, in fact, adaptations of earlier pagan practices as the name Easter is, but rather medieval European Christian practices that have come down to us and has been commercialised and flourishes to this day.

PROJECT COMPASSION



Michaela is a 21-year-old trainee at Purple House, a dialysis center in the Central Desert for people suffering from kidney disease. The Aboriginal-controlled service gives patients the opportunity to stay connected with their culture.

They do this through traditional healing practices and income-generating activities, such as making bush balms and soaps. Please donate to Project Compassion 2019 and help provide essential health care, employment and training for First Australians like Michaela

First Aid Course at Our Lady of Graces

There will be a CPR and First Aid course held here in the Parish Library on Saturday 13 April 2019. Please see the following breakdown:

- *The CPR Course will be first up in the morning at 8am for those who only wish to do CPR or need a refresher. The cost of CPR only is \$50.*
- *For those who wish to do the full First Aid course (CPR included) this will run from 8am through to 5pm. The total cost of the full course is \$99.*

If you are interested in either CPR or First Aid, please contact the office on Monday for enrolment forms and pre-booklet pack.

JOB OPPORTUNITIES

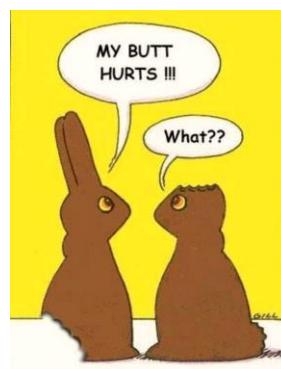
Position Vacant – Parish Coordinator

Applications are open for a position at the Loganholme Catholic Parish. A person with excellent administration and secretarial skills is required for a part time position of Parish Coordinator for 21 hours per week with the times and days to be negotiated with selected candidate. Closing date Friday 19th April 2019

For additional information, please visit the Archdiocese of Brisbane website <https://brisbanecatholic.org.au/> and to careers.

The Archdiocese of Brisbane has standards of conduct for employees and volunteers to maintain a safe and healthy environment. Our commitment to these standards requires that we conduct background referencing for all persons who will engage in direct and regular involvement with children, young people and/or vulnerable adults.

SOMETHING FUNNY



CATHOLIC LEADER

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

- *Communities unite in prayer after Christchurch, refusing to be 'divided by hatred'*
- *Franciscan spirit opens new doors to employment for refugees and migrants*

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