

OFFICE HOURS:

Monday: 8.30am - 12.30pm
Tuesday - Thursday: 8.30am - 3.30pm
Friday: 8.30am - 12.30pm

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Parish, Carina

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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The Baptism of the Lord

10 January 2021

Reflection by Dianne Bergant CSA

With this feast, the Christmas cycle comes to a close. It expands the universality of God's presence proclaimed on the Epiphany and locates it in the messianic mission of Jesus established at his baptism.

Water is a rich symbol. Essential for life, it represents fertility and bounteous prosperity. It possesses the mysterious ability to transform the barren desert into a luxurious carpet of blossoms. It refreshes and nourishes; it is the source of life; it is life itself.

Water is also a symbol of the spiritual life. It issues from some hidden wellhead in God, and it gushes forth as a fountain of refreshment and regeneration. The messianic age, a time of well-being and complete fulfilment, is envisioned as a time of feasting on the fruits of a fertile and productive land, a land that resembles a well-watered garden.

The baptism of Jesus was an event that marked him as the Son of God. But how could this be confirmed? Who but God could authenticate such a claim? And God did authenticate it! The heavens were torn apart; the Spirit descended upon Jesus; the voice of God acclaimed him 'Son'. A similar testimony confirms Jesus' divine sonship – the Spirit, the water and the blood. These witnesses now testify to his victory over death and the glory of his resurrected life. By faith we too enter his victory; with him we pass through water and blood; and the testimony of God authenticates our own resurrection life.



Sunday Mass Bookings

Please continue to book to attend Sunday Mass at Our Lady of Graces Parish. Capacity, based on 1 person per 2m² rule, is 250 people in the Church.

To book, go to www.carinacatholicparish.org.au and clicking on the "Mass Bookings" image. If you do not have internet access, call the parish during office hours on 3398 2977 to make a booking.

- Sunday 17 January (*Bookings now open & close Friday 15 January, 12 noon*)
- Sunday 24 January (*Bookings open online on Sunday 10 January, 6.30pm*)

Tips for Booking Online for Sunday Mass

1. Include the name of each person attending.
2. The "Address 1" field requires the house number and name of the street.
3. The "Address 2" is to be left blank.
4. The "City" field should have the suburb you live in (i.e. Carina).
5. Ensure all fields with the * (astriacts) are filled in.



PARISH HAPPENINGS

LOOKING AHEAD

Depending on the Lockdown Restrictions

Wednesday 13 January

- 10.30am BED Scripture Group – Library
- 6.00pm OLOG Diners – Pacific Golf Club

Thursday 14 January

- 11.00am BED Scripture Group – Library

Sunday 17 January

- 10.30am Dominican Laity – Library

Let us remember in prayer all those who are sick
John McLellan, Pamela O'Reilly and those whose anniversaries occur around this time Lyle Watson, Teresa Simento, Mary Murrinan **and the recently deceased** John Mahony, John Mooney, Betty Bendel.

Lockdown

The Parish Office is closed and Public Masses are cancelled due to the lockdown.

Livestreamed Masses are available from The Cathedral of Stephen at the following times below. Go to www.brisbanecatholic.org.au

Saturday 11.30am
Sunday 8am & 10am
Monday 8am

Spread the Word Photos

The observant eye will have noticed that the photos on the front of Spread the Word have changed for 2021. The left and right photos are the statues of Our Lady and St Martin, taken last year before sunrise. The centre photo is from the 2019 Easter Vigil.

Christmas Masses Thank You

Thank you to all those who helped in anyway with the Christmas Masses at Our Lady of Graces. From set-up, to assisting at any of the Masses, to pack-up, it is all very much appreciated.

Ordinary Time

This Monday, 11 January, we begin the 1st Week of Ordinary Time. Ordinary Time is devoted to celebrating the mystery of Christ in all its aspects. Ordinary Time continues until the Season of Lent, which begins with Ash Wednesday on 17 February.

OLOG Diners will meet for dinner at Pacific Golf Club (Pine Mountain Road, Carindale) on Wednesday 13 January at 6pm. Wednesday night is Pizza and Pasta night with a selection of dishes for \$14.90. All parishioners are welcome.

Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults

Do you know someone who is questioning about becoming a Catholic?

The RCIA (Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults) program is starting up on *Thursday evenings, 7.00pm, in the Parish Library, from 21 January*. For further information about the RCIA program or to register an interest in joining the program, contact the parish office via email carina@bne.catholic.net.au or phone 3398 2977.

Communion at Home Ministry

The parish is desperately looking for more people who would be interested in being part of the Communion at Home Ministry. The involvement would be once a month for 30 minutes. For further information or to express your interest in this ministry, contact either Suzanne Schultz on 0425 544 005 or the parish office.

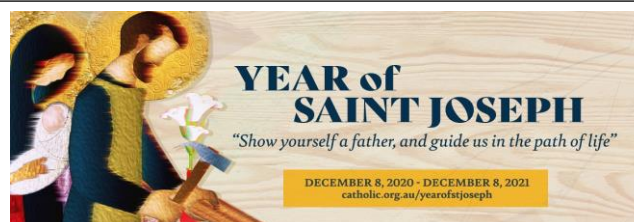
Rosters for 2021

The rosters listed below are currently in the process of being prepared for 2021.

- Ministers of the Word (Readers)
- Extra-ordinary Ministers of Holy Communion
- Data Projector Operators
- Altar Servers
- Music Ministry
- Washing of Purifiers

If you are involved in any of the above ministries and wish to change your commitment in any way, please advise the parish office by **12.30pm this Friday, 15 January 2021**.

We also welcome anyone who would like to be part of any of the above ministries. Anyone interested would need to complete any necessary safeguarding requirements. If you are interested or for further information, please contact the parish office.



Pope Francis has declared a Year of St Joseph in honour of the 150th anniversary of the saint's proclamation as patron of the Universal Church.

The year began December 8, 2020, and will conclude on December 8, 2021, according to a decree authorised by the Pope and announced.

The decree said that Francis had established a Year of St Joseph so that "every member of the faithful, following his example, may strengthen their life of faith daily in the complete fulfilment of God's will". In addition to the decree, Francis issued an apostolic letter dedicated to the foster father of Jesus.

The Pope explained in the letter, titled *Patris Corde* ("With a father's heart") and dated on December 8, 2020, that he wanted to share some "personal reflections" on the spouse of the Blessed Virgin Mary.

"My desire to do so increased during these months of pandemic," he said, noting that many people had made hidden sacrifices during the crisis in order to protect others. "Each of us can discover in Joseph – the man who goes unnoticed, a daily, discreet and hidden presence – an intercessor, a support and a guide in times of trouble," he wrote. "St Joseph reminds us that those who appear hidden or in the shadows can play an incomparable role in the history of salvation."

Pope Pius IX proclaimed St Joseph patron of the Universal Church on December 8, 1870, in the decree *Quemadmodum Deus*. © CathNews