

Spread the Word

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The community of Our Lady of Graces acknowledges the Traditional Custodians of the land on which our parish stands.

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Monday: 8.30am - 12.30pm
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MASS TIMES

Saturday: 6pm
Sunday: 7am, 9am & 5.30pm
10.30am (Italian)

Weekday: 6.30am & 9am
Monday - Friday
8am Saturday
& Public Holidays

RECONCILIATION

Saturday: 8.30am - 9.00am
5.30pm - 6.00pm
or by appointment

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Gospel Reflection by Greg Sunter

This week's gospel is a wonderful example of the teaching style of Jesus. It even tells us that 'he would not speak to them except in parables'. Jesus used the parable form almost exclusively to share his message. He used imagery that was familiar to his audience; parables about the everyday life of a rural community: seeds, planting, growing, harvesting. The secret of Jesus' parables, when we understand the cultural context, is that there was always a 'twist in the tale' – what is called a 'discombobulating shift' – that turns the expected outcome of the story on its head.



This is nowhere more evident than in the image of the mustard seed. On the surface the parable is about the kingdom of God starting from very small, humble beginnings and growing into something great. However, immediately prior to this kingdom parable, Jesus has reminded us that the community makes a living out of growing grain crops like wheat for bread, etc. His parable about the mustard seed describes a tiny seed that grows into a great shrub 'so that the birds of the air can shelter in its shade'. A farming community that was growing grain crops would be greatly alarmed at the thought of actually attracting birds to their fields or even nearby. Jesus' message about the kingdom of God is that it is actually disruptive and invasive. The kingdom brings unrest and disquiet to the predictable. The kingdom of God is unsettling. This is a much more challenging parable than it appears from a literal reading.

Living the Gospel – Seed on the land

The first parable in the gospel passage describes the unerring work of the kingdom. It is like the seed that almost magically transforms into a fully grown plant that may be harvested – apparently without any external forces. Of course, we know that plants need to be fed, watered, weeded and nurtured to ensure their proper growth. However, the kingdom of God works in our lives in a similar way – if we feed and nurture it, the kingdom will produce a great harvest. Even if we don't pay it attention, the kingdom is present and acting in our world.

PARISH HAPPENINGS

LOOKING AHEAD

Sunday 16 June

- 5.30pm Kids' Mass – Church

Monday 17 June

- 7.00pm Italian Prayer Group – Church

Tuesday 18 June

- 9.30am Japanese Language Playgroup
– Hospitality Area

- 10.00am Funeral: Gail Power – Church

- 6.00pm Social Justice Group
(Reconciliation Action Plan) – Aquinas Room

- 7.00pm First Holy Communion
Parent Information Meeting – Church

Wednesday 19 June

- 9.45am Novena: OLPH – Library

- 6.30pm Legion of Mary – Library

Thursday 20 June

- 9.45am Two Hearts Prayer Group – Library

Sunday 23 June

- 8.00am Baptism Preparation – Church & Library

Let us remember in prayer all those who are sick, Mary Osmond, Karen Egan, Kim Simpson, David Eaton, Liam O'Brien, Ancilla Richards, Jocelyn Bonney, Riley Dwyer, Elliott Jones-Perrin, Caroline Massa, Hein van der Heide those whose anniversaries occur around this time Vicki Johnson, Giovanni Felesina Ron Roff, Bob Mollison, Fay Bouel, Benjamin Mendoza, Alice Mollison, John Sullivan, Paul Sullivan, Christopher Oxenham, Umberto Cicchini, Levina White, Tony Whitby, Brian Deere, Olga Clapcott, Giuseppe Di Carlo, Peter Hapuarachchi, Carmel McLean, Florence Roberts, Colin Salm, Anthony (Tony) Connor and the recently deceased Gail Power, Eugene Carniel, Peter Haren, Lew Wobcke, Trevor Russell, Margaret Young, Giovanni Di Clemente, Fr Jim Smith.

Sunday 5.30pm Kids' Mass

Thank you to the children with their families and the youth/young adults who have helped assist in some of the ministries at the Parish Kids' Mass this weekend.

Thank you also to those who provided and served the soup and bread after Mass.

Our next monthly Kids' Mass will be Sunday 5.30pm Mass on 21 July

Sacramental Program 2024

First Holy Communion (Year 4 / 9 years old)

The First Holy Communion Parent Information Meeting will be held this *Tuesday, 18 June, 7:00pm-8:00pm* in *Our Lady of Graces Church*.



This meeting is for parents of children in Year 4, or those 9 years of age or older, who have already received the Sacrament of Confirmation and wish to prepare for First Holy Communion.

It is asked that at least one parent per family attend this important meeting.

For further information, please contact Shelly on 3398 2977 or sc.carina@bne.catholic.net.au

Preparation sessions will begin after the School Holidays.

Funerals This Week

Gail Power, parishioner of 50+ years passed away last Sunday. Gail's funeral will be held at Our Lady of Graces this coming Tuesday, 18 June, at 10.00am. Our prayers are with the Power family at this time.

Eugene Carniel, Saturday 6.00pm Mass parishioner, passed away a week last Friday. Eugene's funeral will be held at St Joseph's, Stanthorpe on Wednesday 19 June at 10.30am. For parishioners who are unable to travel to Stanthorpe, the 9.00am on Wednesday will be offered for Eugene. The funeral will also be livestreamed from Stanthorpe at <https://betterwaytostream.com.au/>. The Passcode to the livestream website is 04-09-1939

Kneeling Mats

For those who sit outside in the Hospitality Area for our Weekday Masses, some mats have been purchased so people do not have to kneeling directly onto the tiles. If you wish to use one of the mats, collect one as you enter the Hospitality Area and return after Mass.

Social Justice Group

– Reconciliation Action Plan Meeting

The Social Justice Group will be meeting this Tuesday, 18 June, 6.00pm in the Aquinas Room to look at the Reconciliation Action Plan for the Parish. Anyone interested in coming along is more than welcome to join the meeting and discussion.

IMPORTANT: Car Park - Friday 9.00am Mass

Parishioners are advised that parking may be limited for 9.00am Mass this Friday, 21 June. This is due to St Martin's holding their Dominican Pillar Awards Ceremony at 8.40am in the Dominic Centre.

We will do our best to ensure that the majority of the car parks marked CHURCH are left for those attending 9.00am Mass. However you may wish to give yourself an extra few minutes, just in case you need to park down the street.

St Vincent de Paul Meeting

The next meeting of St Vincent de Paul will be held this Tuesday, 25 June, 7.00pm in the Aquinas Room (access via the Church and down the internal stairs). New members are more than welcome.

St Vincent de Paul

St Vincent de Paul Our Lady of Graces Carina
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To donate non-perishable food, you are welcome to leave in the baskets at the church door on weekends or drop into the Parish Office.

Sunday Mass Count

Parishioners may be interested to know what the numbers were from the Mass Count held over the Sundays in May. Below is the average at each Mass Time over the month of May for 2024 & 2023.

Mass Times	2024	2023
Saturday 6.00pm	136	122
Sunday 7.00am	86	86
Sunday 9.00am	184	198
Sunday 10.30am [Italian]	78	77
Sunday 5.30pm	152	168

Fr Alex Reappointed as Parish Priest

Dear Fr Alex,

After consultation with your provincial, Fr Dominic Murphy OP, I reappoint you Parish Priest of Our Lady of Graces Parish, Carina. I am sure the parishioners will welcome your reappointment.

I pray that the God of peace will bless you and those entrusted to your care.

As always in the Lord,
+ Mark Coleridge, Archbishop of Brisbane



Farewell to Fr Anthony

Fr Anthony Walsh OP will be moving to Adelaide at the end of June.

We wish Fr Anthony all the best with his move to Adelaide.

Peter's Pence Collection

The Peter's Pence Collection will be taken up as a retiring (leaving) collection at all Masses on 29-30 June. The collection is taken up at Masses the weekend around the Feast of Sts Peter and Paul (29 June).

Peter's Pence gives Catholics in Australia an opportunity to join in communion with the Catholic faithful throughout the world in support of the charitable works of the Holy See. The collection allows the Holy Father to respond to the most needy throughout the world, to offer timely, effective emergency assistance.



Update on the Church Roof Project

Work continues this week on the Western Side of the Church. All the work on the Western Side of the Church, should be completed by the end of June. Then the scaffolding will be relocated to the Eastern Side of the Church for the next stage.

Roof Project Costs

To give parishioners an idea, so far we have paid approximately \$350,000 in Progress Payments for the Roof Project so far.

The Roof Project, including variations to date, will cost the Parish \$630,000.

If you wish to make a donation towards the Roof Project, are more than welcome to and will be greatly appreciated. To make a donation, place in an envelope marked "Roof Project" and place into the collection or contact Chris at the Parish Office.

Children's Liturgy of the Word

Please note that there will be NO Children's Liturgy of the Word on Sunday 23 June due to the School Holidays.

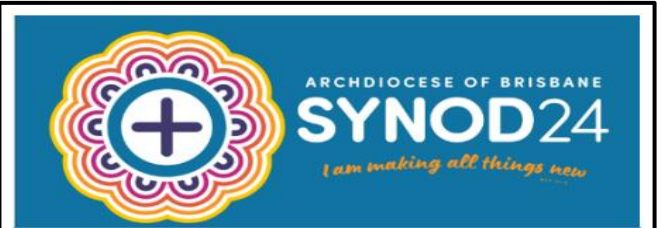
Children's Liturgy of the Word will resume on Sunday 14 July during 9.00am Mass.



Date Claimer: Parish Pastoral Visit

Archbishop Mark will be making a Parish Pastoral Visit to Our Lady of Graces Parish from **Friday 2 August to Sunday 4 August**. This will occur on the same weekend that we celebrate the Feast of St Dominic in the Parish.

Further details will be provided closer to the visit.



In three months, the Archdiocese of Brisbane will hold **SYNOD24: I Am Making All Things New**. This significant gathering of 150 people from across the Archdiocese will take place at the Holy Spirit Seminary's Xavier Centre on 6 & 7 September and 11 & 12 October. The **SYNOD24: I Am Making All Things New** Opening Mass and Closing Mass will be open to public with more information to be made available in the coming weeks.

Q: Who will be attending SYNOD24: I Am Making All Things New?

A: This gathering of the faithful will represent the full diversity of our Archdiocese and will include young people, members of multicultural communities, representatives from Archdiocesan agencies and organisations, representatives from social justice organisations and health care, lay representatives from each deanery, religious men and women from a range of orders, Clergy representatives and our Vicars and Bishops. The synod will be overseen by Archbishop Mark Coleridge with Bishop Tim Norton SVD as Chair. A full list of all those attending will be published in the lead up to the first session in September.

COMMUNITY NEWS

Catholic Mission Event



Catholic Mission invites you to a dialogue on Mission in Action as we hear Cardinal Giorgio Marengo share how we can help support the work of the church in Mongolia.

Cardinal Marengo, who first went to Mongolia in 2003, is a strong believer in interfaith dialogue. It is through the grace of God he continues his ministry in Ulaanbaatar, Mongolia.

When: Monday 24 June 2024, 6.00pm - 7.30pm

Venue: Hanly Room, Francis Rush Centre
196 Charlotte Street, Brisbane

Bookings are limited, please register via

[website.trybooking.com/cQTQF](https://www.trybooking.com/cQTQF)

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