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NEWSLETTER

◆ KEVIN SMITH parish priest ◆ HELEN PRICE and HELEN COLE parish secretaries ◆ PAUL BLINKHOFF school principal ◆

First Sunday of Lent

The origins behind the purpose of Lent lie in the journey of conversion of those who wished to become Christian. Initially this journey was a very long process that could take years. It reached its highpoint with the celebration of the Sacraments which only took place at the Easter vigil, the holy night of the Lord's resurrection. The time immediately before this celebration had a particular concentration of prayer by the catechumens and the faith community. Once again we can be grateful to Vatican Council II and the liturgical movement of the time for the renewed appreciation of the ancient wisdom. On Sunday afternoon, the first Sunday of Lent, our four catechumens will gather with their sponsors and all catechumens from throughout the Archdiocese at the Cathedral of St Stephen for the celebration of the Rite of Election. The Archbishop will acknowledge their readiness for the Sacraments and their names will be recorded as they are enrolled for the Easter celebrations. They will no longer be called catechumens but rather the Elect. (Similarly, we refer to the Prime Minister "elect" after the election result until being officially installed by the Governor General.)

This Rite of Election is one of several rites or ceremonies that will take place during Lent. (It's where the R in RCIA comes from.) Please be aware that these occur for the sake of both the elect and the parish community. They call all of us to prayer, to deepen our christian life and to support those who will join the community at Easter. Please keep James Rebecca, Bronwyn and Chris in your prayers.

All are invited to morning tea at 9.00am on Sunday to farewell Gerry Crooks. Gerry no longer resides in the parish and his commitments also mean he will no longer be involved in the music ministry. Gerry has served this community very generously in organising musicians, the selection of music and often leading the music at several Masses on one weekend. We will miss his talents and generosity. Please come along to the morning Tea as we express our sincere thanks and wish Gerry well.

God bless for a fruitful Lent,
Fr Kevin

We acknowledge the traditional owners and custodians, who have walked upon and cared for this land for thousands of years. We acknowledge the continued deep spiritual attachment and relationships of Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander peoples to this country and commit ourselves to the ongoing journey of reconciliation.



Please pray for our departed loved ones, especially Walter Jarrett, Margaret Gibson, Magdalena Gomez and Don Clinen **recently deceased and also for** Mal Thomson, Dennis Duncan, Bill Hanley, Robyn Illett, Stan Grzegorzolka, deceased members of Begley-Bourke Family, Patricia Vieyra, Mary Hooper, Giuseppe Saffioti, Francesca Saffioti, Ross Saffioti, Jarrett Family, Patricia O'Connell, John Stapleton and Margaretha Atta Widodo.



Please remember the sick in your prayers – Margaret Linnett, Harold O'Connell, Pete Waldron, Tony Desbrow, Cooper Price and Hazel Langthorne.

Liturgy and Prayers this Week		27 February – 5 March
Monday	-	-
Tuesday	-	-
Wednesday	7:00pm	Mass
Thursday	9:00am	Mass
Friday	8:00am 7:00pm	Mass + Adoration Stations of the Cross
Saturday	9:00am	Mass
Sunday	5:30pm(Saturday), 8:00am and 5:30pm	Second Sunday of Lent
Readings – Genesis 12:1-4 2 Timothy 1:8-10 Matthew 17:1-9		
Reconciliation	Saturday 9:30am and 5:00pm	
Rosary and Angelus	Saturday before the 9:00am Mass	
Meditation	Tuesday 4pm at the Convent, 50 Hawthorne Road, Hawthorne.	

DIARY DATE CLAIMERS 2023

Sunday 26 February

Morning Tea at 9am in the Parish Hall - Farewell for Gerry Crooks
Social Justice Group will meet at 9:45am in the Parish Board Room.

Tuesday 28 February

Carers Group meet at 10am

Thursday 2 March

Playgroup meet at 9am in the Hall

Saturday & Sunday 4/5 March
Parish Bake Stall

PARISH NEWS AND EVENTS

COVID REQUIREMENTS – Please continue with routine precautions minimising the risk of transmission -


- Stay home when you are sick
- Maintain good hand hygiene
- Maintain social distancing (1.5m) when queuing for Holy Communion and when entering/exiting the Church.
- Wear a mask when in close contact with others.

PLEASE CONTINUE TO SUPPORT YOUR PARISH

- **Collection Boxes at the church doors** - cash donations
- **Tap and Go device** – pre-set to \$10 donation at the door
- **Give via direct debit or your Credit Card** - please call the parish office or find the form on the website ([Quick Links](#))
- **Direct deposit donation to our bank account** - BSB 064 786 A/C 100016732 (Ref: surname)

Another easy way to support the Parish is by using the Parish Giving App: <http://parishgiving.brisbanecatholic.org.au>





Goal Seven
Community Resilience and Empowerment
Participate in "Clean up Australia Day" (5 March)

PROJECT COMPASSION – After losing her father when she was just 10-years-old, Laxmi was at risk of falling further into extreme poverty. But with the support of our partner Caritas Nepal, Laxmi joined a child's club, became a leader in her school and is now a mentor to other children in her village. PLEASE DONATE TO PROJECT COMPASSION 2023. Together, we can help vulnerable communities face their challenges today and build a better tomorrow **For All Future Generations.** You can donate through Project Compassion donation boxes/envelopes available at the church doors, by visiting caritas.org.au/project-compassion, or by calling 1800 024 413.



THE STATIONS OF THE CROSS will be celebrated each Friday during Lent at 7pm. Please join us in the church as part of your Lenten journey. All welcome.



CHILDREN'S LITURGY of the WORD is held during the Sunday morning 8am Mass in school terms. After the opening prayer, children will gather together in the Parish hall to celebrate and learn about the Liturgy of the Word in a way that is engaging for their level of understanding. We encourage young primary school aged children to attend.

The first **PARISH BAKE STALL** for 2023 will be held on the weekend of 4th and 5th March. A delicious selection of baked goods will be available to purchase, with all proceeds going to community members in need. Cash and EFTPOS will be available.

SOCIAL JUSTICE GROUP – will meet this Sunday at 9:45am in the Parish Board Room.

ADORATION OF THE BLESSED SACRAMENT– celebrated each Friday in the church. Please join us to pray for families, our parish and world peace. Stop in on the way to work or school. All welcome.

CARERS' MEETING for anyone caring for someone with a physical or mental illness, 10am Tuesday 28 February in the parish hall. All welcome.

PARISH MISSION EVENT – The Catholic Guy (Bruce Downes) is coming to Our Lady of Graces, Carina during this Lenten season and you're invited! Four inspiring sessions 23-28 March 2023, admission is free. Presented through music and the arts, it is at times deeply prayerful, powerful and profoundly funny. For more information, please see brochures at the church doors.

PARISH SACRAMENTAL PROGRAM FOR 2023

Please mark these important dates in your diary.

FIRST COMMUNION (Year 4 children)

Parent information sessions

4 May 7pm OR 5 May 9:30am

Celebration of First Holy Communion 10-11 June

CONFIRMATION (Year 3 children)

Parent information sessions

20 July 7pm OR 21 July 9:30am

Celebration of Confirmation 29 August



PLAYGROUP BULIMBA is on each Thursday morning during the school term from 9am-11 am. Low cost at \$2 per week or \$15 per term (together with a Playgroup Queensland membership). Come along to the parish hall this Thursday 2 March for 'Messy Play'. ALL WELCOME, including parents, grandparents or carers.

ROSARY will be held in the Parish hall this Saturday commencing at 4:30pm. Everyone welcome to join this group.



WORLD DAY OF PRAYER Friday 3 March, commencing at 10am. Hosted by the Morningside Uniting Church, 43 Thynne Road, Morningside. This year the Taiwanese committee will lead prayers.

A sense of humour is a gift from God. Laughter unites us.
What's the difference between an alligator and a crocodile? I believe the main difference is that one will see you later and the other will see you in while. I could be wrong. I'm not a zoologist!

IN THE ARCHDIOCESE



VOCATION VIEW: Lent is a season of renewal, of spiritual growth. These forty penitential days invite us to strive for our true calling. Please pray for Vocations. To speak to someone about your vocation please contact the Vocation office on 1300 133 544 or vocation@bne.catholic.net.au

TWO MINUTE HOMILY by priests from across the Archdiocese of Brisbane. You are able to watch this week's homily [here](#).

LENTEN CONCERT SERIES - Each Thursday in March at 12noon, in St Stephen's Cathedral. Come explore the 40-day journey of Lent through music – featuring compositions inspired by the key themes and scripture readings of Lent. A time of inspiration and reflection before the 12:30pm Mass. All welcome, free admission.



ST JAMES COLLEGE, SPRING HILL is a progressive multicultural Catholic Coeducational Secondary College for Years 5 - 12 in the Edmund Rice tradition. **ENROLMENT INFORMATION EVENING** on Monday 6 March from 6.00pm. Enquiries to Maria Young, Enrolments Officer, MYoung@stjamescollege.qld.edu.au, 3230 8600. Visit www.jta.link/SJC.

MUSIC ON SUNDAY

Today's Readings: Genesis 2:7-9, 3:1-7 Romans 5:12-19 Matthew 4:1-11

GATHERING HYMN

RETURN TO GOD

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*Return to God with all your heart,
The source of grace and mercy;
Come seek the tender faithfulness of God.*

Now the time of grace has come,
The day of salvation;
Come and learn now the way of our God.

I will take your heart of stone
And place a heart within you,
A heart of compassion and love.

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PENITENTIAL ACT

I confess to almighty God and to you,
my brothers and sisters, that I have greatly sinned,
in my thoughts and in my words,
in what I have done and in what I have failed to do, through
my fault, through my fault, through my most grievous fault;
therefore I ask blessed Mary ever-Virgin, all the Angels and
Saints, and you, my brothers and sisters,
to pray for me to the Lord our God.

*May almighty God have mercy on us,
forgive us our sins, and bring us to everlasting life.*

RESPONSORIAL PSALM

Be merciful, O Lord, for we have sinned.

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

Praise and honour to you, Lord Jesus,
Praise and honour, Lord Jesus Christ.
No one lives on bread alone, but on every word that comes
from the mouth of God.
Praise and honour to you, Lord Jesus,
Praise and honour, Lord Jesus Christ.

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I believe in one God, the Father almighty,
maker of heaven and earth, of all things visible and invisible.
I believe in one Lord Jesus Christ, the Only Begotten Son of
God, born of the Father before all ages. God from God,
Light from Light, true God from true God, begotten, not
made, consubstantial with the Father; through him, all things
were made. For us and for our salvation he came down from
heaven, and by the Holy Spirit was incarnate of the Virgin
Mary, and became man.
For our sake he was crucified under Pontius Pilate,
he suffered death and was buried, and rose again on the
third day in accordance with the Scriptures.
He ascended into heaven and is seated at the right hand of
the Father. He will come again in glory to judge the living and
the dead and his kingdom will have no end.
I believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord, the giver of life,
who proceeds from the Father and the Son,
who with the Father and the Son is adored and glorified,
who has spoken through the prophets.
I believe in one, holy, catholic and apostolic Church.
I confess one Baptism for the forgiveness of sins and I look
forward to the resurrection of the dead and the life of the
world to come.
Amen

PRAYERS OF INTERCESSION

Response: Lord, hear our prayer.

SANCTUS

Holy, holy, holy, Lord God of hosts,
Heaven and earth are full of your glory
Hosanna in the highest.
Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord.
Hosanna in the highest

MEMORIAL ACCLAMATION

When we eat this bread and drink this cup,
we proclaim your death, O Lord, until you come again.

LAMB OF GOD

Lamb of God, you take away the sins of the world,
Have mercy on us.
Lamb of God, you take away the sins of the world,
Have mercy on us.
Lamb of God, you take away the sins of the world,
Grant us peace.

COMMUNION HYMN

TAKE AND EAT

*Take and eat; take and eat.
This is my body given up for you.
Take and drink; take and drink.
This is my blood given up for you.*

I am the Word that spoke and light was made;
I am the seed that died to be reborn;
I am the bread that comes from heav'n above;
I am the vine that fills your cup with joy.

I am the way that leads the exile home;
I am the truth that sets the captive free;
I am the life that raises up the dead;
I am your peace that fills your cup with joy.

I am the Lamb that takes away your sin;
I am the gate that guards you night and day;
You are my flock; you know the shepherd's voice;
You are my own: your ransom is my blood.

I am the light that came into the world;
I am the light that darkness cannot hide;
I am the morning star that never sets;
Lift up your face, in you my light will shine.

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RECESSIONAL HYMN

TREE OF LIFE

Tree of Life and awesome mystery,
In your death we are reborn,
Though you die in all of history,
Still you rise with every morn,
Still you rise with every morn.

Seed that dies to rise in glory,
May we see ourselves in you,
If we learn to live your story
We may die to rise anew,
We may die to rise anew.

From the dawning of creation,
you have loved us as your own;
Stay with us through all temptation,
make us turn to you alone.
Make us turn to you alone.

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