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MASS TIMES:

Weekend:

Saturday: 6pm Vigil

Sunday: 7am, 9am, 5.30pm,

Italian Mass: 10.30am Chaplain: Fr Angelo Cagna CS

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Weekday: 6.30am & 9am Monday to Friday

8am Saturday & Public Holidays

Reconciliation:

Saturday: 8.30am – 9.00am

5.00pm - 5.30pm or by appointment

PARISH TEAM:

Parish Priest:

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Fourth Sunday of Lent

The Gospel is a wonderful parable open to all kinds of questions, answers, and self-reflections. The context or setting of Jesus' relating this last of three parables about losing and finding, is central to the importance of all three parables which make up this whole chapter. The Pharisees and scribes began to complain, "This man welcomes sinners and eats with them." So it is exactly and directly to them that Jesus tells this story about two sons.

One son, the younger, in a sense, the newer to the family, is a selfish, greedy, rebellious fellow. The elder son, one who came first, has done all things well: "Look, all these years I served you and not once did I disobey your orders." The Pharisees certainly knew with whom Jesus was comparing them. As the father welcomed back the disobedient son, so the "sinners" are welcomed by Jesus and eats with them as do the father and his household eat with the welcomed-back son.

The elder son does not want to have anything to do with the household, the younger son nor the celebration. The Pharisees, who hear in the parable whom they represent, stand at a distance and judge the entire gathering of Jesus and His company of sinners. The father recalls to his elder son that they have always been together and in love have shared in everything. "You were never lost," the father tells him, "but your brother was dead and gone, but now he has returned." There is always the welcome back of God. Jesus is expressing that God never separates from even the worst sinner. The father had gone out each day to see if the younger son had come to his senses, and the son had done just that. Sitting with the pigs and their messiness, the son looks around, smells around and wakes up. Remember, pigs, to the Jewish religious sensitivities were the worst things with which to associate. He talks himself back to his truest identity, that he is a son of a loving father. He makes the very natural statement that he no longer should be any more regarded as who he once was, the son. He rises and prepares to talk his way back into, not sonship, but one who will work for his bread by the sweat of his brow.

One interpretation of this parable is that each of us combines both sons in our one self. The elder part of us is ordered, strict, obedient, logical, exact, dutiful, and pleased with our own good works. We have the proper tickets. The younger part of us is inconsistent, envious, wondrous, self-satisfying, independent, and stubborn. We are quite a war within. Our elder-side would like to tie down tightly the younger-side. Our self-righteousness does not want that looser side to be seen by anybody. It wants to appear better than it knows itself to be. The elder-side judges everything it does or thinks and is quite unhappy with the internal tensions.

The younger-side does eventually come to its senses. The emptiness of trying to build himself, achieve himself, indulge himself, renders him senseless about his true self. The emptiness of whatever pigpen he lands in moves him up and out and back to his true home. We live in that tension then between the self-righteous and the self-redeemed-by-Christ. Those who live severely judging others are victimized by their own self-centred severity. Those who are forgiven, tend to be forgiving of others.

So are we in or out? We are welcomed, invited, embraced, but both sons had to respond freely. It is not easy to be welcomed in when we are a bit outside ourselves. It is truly humbling to want to be perfect and yet in order to be admitted into the welcome-home banquet, we have to admit ourselves back into our true, fragmented selves.

Fr Larry Gillick, S.J.

HOLY WEEK & EASTER TIMETABLE

Reconciliation:

Parish Reconciliation (2nd Rite) will be held on Tuesday
30th March at 7.00pm

Mon, Tues & Wed of Holy Week (after 9am Mass)

Good Friday : 11am & 4pm

Holy Saturday : 11am & 3pm

Italian Reconciliation

Wednesday 31 March at 7.30pm

Easter Ceremonies:

Holy Thursday: Mass of the Lord's Supper 7pm
(Adoration ends at 10pm)

Good Friday: Stations of the Cross 10am.
Celebration of the Lord's Passion 3.00pm;
Italian Passion of the Lord 7.30pm

Holy Saturday: Vigil Mass 7pm
followed by a Wine & Cheese supper.
Italian Mass 10pm

Easter Sunday: Mass 7am, 9am and 5.30pm
Italian Mass: 10.30am

Stations of the Cross are held each Friday evening during Lent, at 7pm in the Church.

Let us pray for our sick:

Elizabeth Arndt, Sylvia Arndt, Emilie Bartolf, Kevin Blunt, Helen Carson, Irene Desilva, Peg Dwyer, Susan Edge, Scott Fehner, Annette Gatt, Beryl Gant, Archie Gould, Filippi Gregg, Jocelyn Hellstrom, Jo Leeson, Fr Paul Maunder OCD, Fay Mollison, Fr Gerard Monaghan, Betty Morris, Pamela Nairn, Shirley Neander, Margaret O'Brien, Nora Pease, Norma Penrose, Catherine Retford, Lilia Sanchez, Pat Shepherd, Josiah Spence, Paul Spillane, Phil Spillane, Dean Thompson, Madge Young, Matthew Zemek and Michelle Zietsch.

Let us pray for our deceased:

Recent: Joan Myles, Dorothy Kerr, June Privitera, Margaret Clarke and Doris O'Connor.

Anniversaries: Geoffrey Frugniet, Paval Pirovich, Betty Fernandes, Ces Fiore, Ethel Gomez, Angelo, John and Bev Torrisi, and deceased members of the Bautista Family.

LOOKING AHEAD

Wed 17 Mar	<i>Feast of St Patrick.</i>
Thu 18 Mar	Sacrament of Confirmation Adult Prayer Session
Fri 19 Mar	<i>Feast of St Joseph, Husband of Blessed Virgin Mary</i>
Thu 25 Mar	<i>Feast of the Annunciation of the Lord.</i>

Religious Education in State Schools

Thank you to those who volunteered to teach classes for 2010. Two classes of children in Yr 1/2 at Mayfield are still require a teacher on Mondays between 2pm and 3pm. A Year 2/3 Class at Carina State School would like a teacher on Mondays between 1pm and 1.30pm. Mt Gravatt Special School is looking for a teacher for their intermediate and senior classes alternating on Tuesdays between 2pm and 2.30pm. If you can assist, contact Carole Danby (Wk 31096812, Mob 0400332928).

Youth News

Dominican Teens

Join us in the Aquinas Room each Friday from 7pm till 9pm for an evening of fun.

Lenten Program

Our group meets every Saturday from 7:00- 9:00 in the Aquinas Room.

Ciara Retford, Youth Coordinator

M: 0410 895 723 or yc.carina@bne.catholic.net.au



If any parishioners are available to assist with cleaning of church brassware in preparation for Easter, could you please contact the Parish Office.

Sacrament of Confirmation

Registration forms (blue sheet) must be returned to the parish office by 19 March. Enrolments for this Sacrament will close on this day.

This Sunday is Commitment and Card Sunday. Prayer cards from these children will available to parishioners at all Masses. Please take home a card and pray for these children as they prepare for Confirmation in May.

This Thursday, 18 March there will be a meeting for parents in the church at 7pm.

Home groups are meeting as follows:

Mon 15 March	Harding Family (fully booked)
Wed 17 March	Forster Family (fully booked)
Mon 22 March	Crowley Family, 1 place available
Wed 24 March	No host yet, places available
Tues 13 April	Lyons Family (fully booked)
Thurs 15 April	Pol Bodetto Family (fully booked)
Mon 19 April	Watt Family (fully booked)
Wed 28 April	No host yet, places available
Wed 5 May	Bellamy Family (fully booked).
Thurs 6 May	Kennedy Family (fully booked)

To book into a home group please phone or email the parish office.

PROJECT 10 COMPASSION



In this week's Project Compassion story we meet Clare from the Southern Highlands in Papua New Guinea. Clare works in the maternity ward, supporting local women to have access to safe maternity services. She also works as an educator on maternal health issues and provides ongoing support to mothers about child health, nutrition and prevention of disease. Your donation to Caritas Australia's Project Compassion helps PNG communities to have access to safe maternity and child health facilities as well as primary health care.

RCIA Update

Last week, the Our Lady of Graces parish community witnessed Kylie (Candidate) partaking in the Rite of Enrolment at the 7am Mass. This is a significant step along the faith journey as Kylie prepares for the Rite of Initiation. Kylie now prepares to receive the Sacrament of Reconciliation prior to the Rite of Initiation.

Please continue with your prayers and support for the new members and the RCIA team. Offers of support should be directed to the Parish Office or Henry Gorniak Ph 0418 380 432.

Roster for next weekend [3rd Sunday]-20 & 21 March.

Special Ministers of the Eucharist

- 6pm** Frank King, Kevin Cronin, Ella Vasta, Tom Johnson, Shirley Mahon. **Co-ord: Greg Perkins**
- 7am** Lenore Sullivan, Peter Carius, Joe Ayres, Maria Dower. **Co-ord: Hein van der Heide**
- 9am** Nora Pease, Felicity Russell, Paqui Girard, Maria & Mel Noronha, Sally Stevens. **Co-or: Les Retford**
- 5.30** Shane Johnson, Bob Daniel.
Co-ord: Cedric McIntyre

Readers of the Word

- 6pm** James Grieshaber, Renee King
- 7am** Emily & Ana Veamatahau
- 9am** Catherine Retford, Maureen Duffy, Kimberly Noronha
- 5.30** Joanne de Wolf, David Greenaway

Data Projector Operators

- 6pm** Henry & Cameron Gorniak
- 7am** Brian Stacey
- 9am** Kevin & Mel Noronha
- 5.30** **Data Projector Operator required.**

Altar Servers

- 6pm** Joseph Corbett & Luis Tello
- 9am** Ciara Retford, Louis Cassidy, Kyle Noronha
- 5.30** Rebecca Canfield, Megan Lassig

Musicians

- 6pm** Carole Danby, Elaine Pettiford & Maddalena Lucchi.
- 7am** Maree Cummins, Pam Spence
- 9am** Morna Kassulke & the Graces.
- 5.30** Gloria, Ian and Chevaunne Souza.

Communion to the Sick

Ann Randle, Del Boyle, Gabrielle Thompson, Mel Noronha, John Souza, Cedric McIntyre, Graeme Barwick.

Purifiers: Nolene Frugtniet.

Home Transport: A: Thompsons, B: Simons.

Children's Liturgy: Hilary Kopp

Cuppa & Chat 9am Mass – Mary Ranke/Nora King.

We would love to hear from anyone who can supply palms for decoration of the church for Palm Sunday. Please contact the Parish Office by phone or email.



A Unique Faith Event - Not to be Missed. If you participate in any ministry at Our Lady of Graces, the parish will sponsor you to attend one of the sessions at Pray 2010.

A copy of the full program and registration information is available at the church entrance, or visit the website from home: <http://www.pray2010.org.au/>.

ST MARTIN'S SCHOOL PREP ENROLMENTS FOR 2011

For families with children wishing to start Prep next year (born 1/7/2005 – 30/6/2006), it is imperative that you complete an Expression of Interest Form, by **Friday, 19 March 2010**. Obtain copies of this form from the School Office or by phoning the school.

Lauren O'Brien, Secretary – Enrolments
Ph: 3900 9101

THIS WEEK IN THE CATHOLIC LEADER:

- ♦ Parishes count the cost of floods in south-west Queensland
- ♦ Church agencies call for action on welfare plan
- ♦ New St Vincent de Paul president issues warning on membership
- ♦ Bishop Fisher installed as new Bishop of Parramatta
- ♦ Push for new Catholic high school in Brisbane's west
- ♦ Catholic teachers strike over wages
- ♦ Brisbane priest follows in the footsteps of Jesus
- ♦ Members of Padre Pio prayer group speak of their deep devotion and rich rewards
- ♦ Henry Smerdon living a blessed life shared for others
- ♦ PLUS: A regional focus on Toowoomba Diocese

Villanova Players presents *Lettice & Lovage*, an irreverent play about reinventing history. Morningside TAFE Theatre 12-27 March. The parish has a group booking on Saturday 27 March at 8pm. Cost is \$13, bookings close 22 March. Contact the parish office.

PCI FUNDRAISING LUNCH.

At 12 Noon, Saturday 27 March at Clairvaux Mackillop College Hall, Klump Road, Upper Mt Gravatt. Keynote Speaker: **Bishop Anthony Fisher OP**. See the parish noticeboard for further details.

Brisbane East Deanery - NET News

Our NET team have visited most parishes in the Deanery for a weekend Mass. They will attend Mass in a different parish each Sunday morning and a Youth Mass each Sunday evening. This Sunday they will be at St Oliver Plunkett's and at St Joseph's for morning Mass and at St Thomas', Camp Hill for their Youth Mass. If you would like your family to get to know these young people, feel free to invite them to join you for a family meal, or stay after your parish Youth Mass for a coffee and chat. Over the next few weeks the team will visit the Catholic High Schools in the Deanery so look out for news in your school notices. The NET house is still missing a coffee table and outdoor settings, as they have a large outdoor area suitable for hosting youth gatherings. If you can help please contact Catherine on 0417 194 285 or bedeanerynet@gmail.com

A Message From the BED NET Team

A little over two weeks ago we were welcomed into our home with open arms and continue to be welcomed in just the same way everywhere we go - for that we would like to sincerely thank you all! We are so excited to be in this beautiful Deanery of East Brisbane and are still steadily making our way around to all the parishes so, if we haven't yet met you, don't worry - we're on our way! In our time here so far, we've had the opportunity to attend weekday and weekend masses, run several retreats within schools and attend different youth events. This has all been accompanied by eager planning for the months ahead! Keep an eye and ear out for news and information on upcoming events from the team - we're looking forward to meeting all of you! In the mean time feel free to contact us by e-mail eastbrisbane@netministries.com.au or join our facebook group "BrisbaneEast Net"God Bless!

Fourth Sunday of Lent

Entrance Antiphon: **Rejoice Jerusalem! Be glad for her, you who love her; rejoice with her, you who mourned for her, and you will find contentment at her consoling breasts.**

A reading from the book of Joshua 5.9-12.

After the Israelites had crossed over the Jordan river, and entered the promised land, The Lord said to Joshua, "Today I have rolled away from you the disgrace of Egypt."

And so that place is called Gilgal to this day.

While the Israelites were camped in Gilgal they kept the Passover in the evening on the fourteenth day of the month in the plains of Jericho.

On the day after the Passover; on that very day, they ate the produce of the land, unleavened cakes and parched grain. The manna ceased on the day they ate the produce of the land, and the Israelites no longer had manna; they ate the crops of the land of Canaan that year.

Responsorial Psalm Ps 33:2-7

R. Taste and see the goodness of the Lord

A reading from the second letter of Paul to the Corinthians 5.17-21

If anyone is in Christ, there is a new creation; everything old has passed away; see, everything has become new! All this is from God, who reconciled us to himself through Christ, and has given us the ministry of reconciliation; that is, in Christ God was reconciling the world to himself, not counting their trespasses against them, and entrusting the message of reconciliation to us.

So we are ambassadors for Christ, since God is making his appeal through us;

We entreat you on behalf of Christ

be reconciled to God. For our sake he made him to be sin who knew no sin, so that in him we might become the righteousness of God.

Gospel Acclamation

Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ, King of endless glory!

I will rise and go to my father and tell him:

Father, I have sinned against heaven and against you.

Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ, King of endless glory.

A reading from the gospel according to Luke 15. 1-3, 11-32.

All the tax collectors and sinners were coming near to listen to Jesus. And the Pharisees and the scribes were grumbling and saying,

"This fellow welcomes sinners and eats with them."

So he told them a parable:

"There was a man who had two sons.

The younger of them said to his father;

'Father, give me the share of the property that will belong to me.'

So the father divided his property between them.

A few days later the younger son gathered all he had and travelled to a distant country,

and there he squandered his property in dissolute living.

"When he had spent everything, a severe famine took place throughout that country, and he began to be in need.

So he went and hired himself out to one of the citizens of that country, who sent him to his fields to feed the pigs. He would gladly have filled himself with the pods that the pigs were eating; and no one gave him anything.

"But when he came to himself he said, 'How many of my father's hired hands have bread enough and to spare, but here I am dying of hunger! I will get up and go to my father; and I will say to him, 'Father, I have sinned against heaven and before you; I am no longer worthy to be called your son; treat me like one of your hired hands''"

"So he set off and went to his father.

But while he was still far off,



his father saw him and was filled with compassion; he ran and put his arms around him and kissed him. "Then the son said to him, 'Father, I have sinned against heaven and before you; I am no longer worthy to be called your son.'

But the father said to his slaves, 'Quickly, bring out a robe - the best one - and put it on him; put a ring on his finger and sandals on his feet. And get the fatted calf and kill it, and let us eat and celebrate; for this son of mine was dead and is alive again; he was lost and is found!' And they began to celebrate.

"Now his elder son was in the field; and when he came and approached the house, he heard music and dancing. He called one of the slaves and asked what was going on. The slave replied, 'Your brother has come, and your father has killed the fatted calf, because he has got him back safe and sound.'

"Then the elder son became angry and refused to go in. His father came out and began to plead with him. But he answered his father, 'Listen! For all these years I have been working like a slave for you, and I have never disobeyed your command; yet you have never given me even a young goat so that I might celebrate with my friends. But when this son of yours came back, who has devoured your property with prostitutes, You killed the fatted calf for him!'

"Then the father said to him, 'Son, you are always with me, and all that is mine is yours. But we had to celebrate and rejoice, because this brother of yours was dead And has come to life; he was lost and has been found.'

Communion Antiphon: **The son, you should rejoice, because your brother was dead and has come back to life; he was lost and is found.**