



Holland Park Mt Gravatt Parish News



Sixteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time

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20th/21st July 2019

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THERE IS NEED OF ONLY ONE THING..

Dear Parishioners and Friends,

The central themes of today's readings are the importance of hospitality in Christian life and the necessity of listening to God before acting. I love the idea of hospitality in and around our parish. The key to the Christian life is setting priorities: Jesus Christ first, then everything else. The only way really to learn that lesson is to spend some time every day, "sitting at the feet of Jesus."

I think the life messages from these readings are so clear, challenging and of course fits into our daily lives. We need to put aside the work we do for the Lord in serving others and just spend some time being with Him, talking to Him and listening to Him, fully aware of His holy presence in our souls. We may do the recharging of our spiritual energy also by our personal and family prayers, by the meditative reading of the Bible and by participating in the celebration of the Holy Mass. Remember we need the fuel to run our lives.

The whole church has to listen particularly as we prepare for the plenary council by listening to God and each other. Listening is great and challenging. We need listening Marthas and serving Marys: Martha has become a symbol of action-oriented, responsible people who get the job done. Our world needs such men, women, boys and girls, and so does the Church.

There is nothing wrong with being a responsible, action-oriented, get-it-done kind of person. But we must find time to listen to God speaking to us through His word and time to talk to God. Jesus clearly said: be hearers and doers of the Word. Jesus never reversed that order.

Finally, we need to be good listeners, like Mary, at home and in the workplace. Martha has become a symbol of you and me in the modern world. We have become so active and busy with living our lives that we no longer have time to slow down and quietly listen to God, or even to our spouse, kids or friends. The more one listens, the more love grows. The less one listens, the less love there is. This is certainly right in our personal and community lives. But let's not be like Martha who got distracted with much serving. Rather, let us take time out every day to listen to Jesus, to get to know Jesus better. At every Mass, we are offered the very hospitality of Jesus at the table of the Eucharist to become both Mary and Martha.

We are expected to be "contemplatives in action" because only those who listen carefully to the Word of God know how to behave in the way that God wants, when they show deep concern for the well-being of other people. So dear friends let's be listeners to the Word of the Lord and put into action that which we listen to in our day today lives.

Every blessing

Fr Joson

Readings: 17th Sunday in Ordinary Time

Genesis 18:20-32

Colossians 2:12-14

Luke 11:1-13

WE REMEMBER

We remember Tomas Macaranas, Juanita Cabrera, Rita Hickey and Allan Brooks. May they rest in the peace of Christ.

WE REJOICE

With the Brown and Jones, the Lechte, Davies and Blundell families as they celebrate the baptism of Abel, Jack, Sophie, Sarah and Adam in the parish during July.

PARISH HAPPENINGS

CROWN STREET VACANCY

43 Crown Street (old St Joachim's Convent) comprises 2 units, one is available for rent. If you know of anyone who maybe interested please ring Rani at the Parish Office for details.

CHILDREN'S LITURGY OF THE WORD

TODAY at St Agnes' Church at 9:00am.

YOUNG FAMILIES' GATHERING

You are invited to join other families in the parish on the school oval for games and fellowship today after the 9:00am mass.

COUNTERS

Elisabeth's team.

SMALL GROUP BIBLE READING

Monday, July 22nd at 6.15pm in Parish Centre. All are welcome.

FEAST OF ST JOACHIM AND ST ANNE - GRANDPARENTS DAY

St Joachim's School children will be celebrating Grandparents' Day next Friday by attending the regular parish mass with their grandparents. The School celebrates with grandparents on the feast of Sts Joachim and Anne, grandparents of Jesus each year.

ALPHA Youth

The Parish is once again offering Alpha Youth for teenagers 14-17 years. If you are interested in joining this group or would like more information please see Dcn Des or Fr Joson after mass or ring the Parish Office. The program will be run by Dcn Des and Mrs Beth Owen. The program will commence this weekend, Sunday, July 21st commencing 5:00pm in the Parish Centre and will run for 7 weeks.

SUNDAY HOSPITALITY

There will be hospitality next Sunday after the 9:00am mass.

HOLLAND PARK MT GRAVATT CATHOLIC PARISH WEBSITE

The Parish is pleased to advise that we now have a website. Please be sure to check it out at:

www.hollandparkmtgravattcatholicparishio.com.au

It will continue to develop as we add news and events. We welcome any feedback you may like to offer.

PARISH COUNCIL NEWS

Parish Website: The Parish Council extends their thanks to the parishioner for building our first website.

Parish Volunteers: Fr Joson would like to acknowledge and thank all parish volunteers and invites you to the 6:00pm Mass on Wednesday, August 7th and then join he and other parishioners for supper afterwards.

Growing Our Parish: The great commission given to the Church is to 'Go, and make disciples'. A parish in Canada has worked out how to do this and has written a plan for other Catholic parishes to adopt. Springfield Parish is using it successfully and others are starting to follow. No need to argue about how to reinvent the wheel, just follow the program. Reading groups to work through their book and understand it.

Starting now Unlock our Parish reading groups:

St Joachim's Saturday 5:00 - 5.40pm St Agnes Sunday 5:00 - 5.40pm St Agnes Monday 7.15 - 8:00pm

Please text Paul at 0407011988 with your name and preferred time so he can send you a reminder.

Do you think another time of the week would be good? Suggest it to Paul.

Parish Diary

Monday, July 22nd

Mass 8:00am

St Joachim's

Funeral Mass – 11:00am

Tomas Macaranas

Wednesday, July 24th

Benediction 5:30pm

St Agnes'

Mass 6:00pm

St Agnes'

Thursday July 25th

Mass 9:00am

St Agnes'

Friday, July 26th

St Joachim and St Anne

Mass 9:00am

St Joachim's

Saturday, July 27th

Reconciliation 5:30pm

St Joachim's

17TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

Saturday, July 27th

Mass 6:00pm

St Joachim's

Sunday, July 28th

Mass 7:30am

St Joachim's

Mass 9:00am

St Agnes

Mass 6:00pm

St Agnes'

SAFEGUARDING CHILDREN & VULNERABLE ADULTS PREVENTION AND PROTECTION POLICY

...for it is to such as these that the kingdom of God belongs.

Mark 10.14

The Archdiocese of Brisbane holds that children, young people and vulnerable adults are a gift from God with an intrinsic right to dignity of life, respect and security from physical and emotional harm.

They are to be treasured, nurtured and safeguarded by all.

This means that everyone in the church must ensure that the fundamental rights of children, young people and vulnerable adults are respected. This will be achieved through the development of respectful relationships and a commitment to safety embracing appropriate boundaries, behaviours and practices, in accordance with the Archdiocesan *Code of Ethical Behaviour* and adherence to legislative imperatives of the State.

This policy applies to Clergy, Religious, Staff, Parishioners, Volunteers, students on placement and Visitors to our sites.

COMMUNITY NEWS

A NOUWEN NETWORK COFFEE GATHERING

The next gathering in our local area will be Wednesday, 24th July from 12:30 - 2:30pm at Kafe Me Restaurant, Greenslopes Mall. The network's purpose is to encourage and support, within and across faith communities, attitudes of awareness, acceptance and respect for people whose lives are affected by mental health issues. It also encourages the provision of appropriate pastoral support and advocacy for all whose lives are affected by mental illness. We encourage people to take a few minutes to pray, extend your love and prayers to those whose lives are affected by mental illness. A Nouwen Network is an activity supported by state chaplains of Lifeline Community Care Qld.

SOUTHSIDE CHARISMATIC MONTHLY HEALING MASS

Hosted by Restful Waters Prayer group Group on Wednesday 24th July at St Bernard's Church and celebrated by Fr. Stephen Kumyangi. Prayer Ministry, Reconciliation & Praise & Worship commence at 6.45 pm. Mass starts at celebrated by Fr. Stephen Kumyangi Prayer Ministry, Reconciliation & Praise & Worship commence at 6.45 pm. Mass starts at 7:30pm with Anointing of the Sick following the homily. Join us for fellowship and supper afterwards.

CLAIRVAUX MACKILLOP COLLEGE - COLLEGE TOUR

On Friday, 26th July 2019 at 9.00am there will be presentation followed by a College tour with Student Leaders. There is an opportunity to meet with our Principal and members of the Leadership Team. To book a space, please visit the website www.cvxmck.edu.au via the Enrolments tab. Any questions email our Enrolment Secretary enrolments@cvxmck.edu.au

WORLDWIDE MARRIAGE ENCOUNTER

August 2nd - 4th at Santa Teresa Spirituality Centre, Ormiston. For bookings/details contact: Maria & David, 3342 1456

ECUMENICAL PEACE ACTION INVITATION - WEDNESDAY AUGUST 7

God calls us to *love your neighbour as yourself*. Parishioners are invited to a peace action event in which we can promote harmony, reconciliation and advocate for peace. The invitation to the Ecumenical Thirsting for Peace Action at 5:20pm at Brisbane City Hall is open to all. Registration is critical so that we have some idea of numbers. To attend book at: <https://www.fsa.asn.au/ecumenical-thirsting-for-peace-action/>

ECUMENICAL ANTI-EUTHANASIA GATHERING

At SPEAKER'S CORNER (next to Parliament House), there is an 'Anti-Euthanasia Appeal' planned on Saturday 3rd August 2:30pm - 3:15pm. All who seriously want to appeal to God for His help are welcome!

ST ITA'S CATHOLIC PRIMARY SCHOOL CENTENARY

There will be Mass on Sunday, August 11th at 9:00am which will be followed by a community Day.

DISCOVERING GLOBAL MISSION WITH PALMS AUSTRALIA

How can our skills create better opportunities for disadvantaged people? Communities in Timor Leste, PNG, Samoa, Kiribati and Kenya seek volunteers to build local capacity. Find out how Guida Cabrita assisted educators and students in Timor Leste, and how sharing your skills can immerse you in a world of deep cultural discovery. Qualified medics, teachers, tradies, business and admins are always required. Discover Palms Australia: Sunday August 11th @ 1pm Brisbane Square Library Community Meeting Room.

ST LAURENCES' COLLEGE OLD BOY MEMORIAL MASS

St Laurence's College and the Old Boys' Association extends an invitation to all members of community to attend the Old Boy Memorial Mass on Sunday, August 25th commencing 10:00am at the Chapel of St Laurence O'Toole, St Laurence's College, 82 Stephens Road, South Brisbane. This mass provides a moment for guests to come together, remember those from the College community who are no longer with us and to celebrate their stories with a full communion mass.

THE CATHOLIC LEADER

COST: \$2.00

- Canossian Sisters celebrate 70 years in Australia
- Catholic healthcare chief warns a lack of government planning means most vulnerable could die before they receive high-quality aged care
- A Catholic human rights advocate welcomes an historic agreement to pay reparations for 10,000 Indigenous workers who had wages stolen
- Jessica Laidler discusses the role of evangelisation at home and overseas
- Vanessa Comminos was changing her baby's nappy when she heard the call to Our Lady of the Southern Cross Parish, Springfield - and it changed her life forever.

PLENARY COUNCIL 2020: National Theme for Discernment #6

How is God calling us to be a Christ-centred Church that is Open to conversion, Renewal and Reform?

This National Theme for Discernment is inspired by the voices of the People of God who expressed a desire to do things differently in response to Christ and the experience of our people, accepting that faithfulness to tradition requires change that is both personal and communal.

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