



# Holland Park Mt Gravatt Parish News



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Twenty-Fourth Sunday in Ordinary Time

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14/15<sup>th</sup> Sept 2019

You can never escape criticism. Anyone who stands up and does something will be criticized. You'll be criticized fairly and unfairly. And if you retreat in weariness, then you'll be criticized for doing nothing. You can't escape criticism.

But criticism has a way of bringing out the best -- or the worst -- in a person. When Jesus was criticized, he responded with the most wonderful trio of parables in the Bible -- the lost coin, the lost sheep, and the lost son. And in them we catch a remarkable insight into the seeking nature of God.

How we view these parables has a lot to do with how we view the church's mission. Is our job to take care of the needs of the righteous who are gathered into our congregations? Certainly! No doubt about it. But what about the lost who seldom attend? What about the husband of the faithful who stay at home to watch football? What about the people who now live in the community that surrounds the church building? Once church people lived there, but now the neighbourhood has changed. What about them? What about their spiritual welfare. What about the lost?

What about those in our churches who seem to drop out of regular attendance. Who goes and searches for them until he finds them, and finds the reason for their straying? What about the lost in Russia and Eastern Europe that spent two generations under atheism? What about mainland China and Japan? Who is seeking the lost? Or have we gotten like the Pharisees -- a bit superior and callused to their eternal plight?

These three parables reveal God as a Searching Father, looking for the lost, actively seeking them, and rejoicing when they are found. An essential part of God's character is about extending mercy to the undeserving -- not only those who happen to stumble upon it, but an active program of seeking out the hurting and oppressed, the blind and the imprisoned (4:18-19). That is the message of the cross, the message of active love.

We disciples must become like our Master. We must have the same passion that he has: "For the Son of Man came to seek and to save what was lost" (19:10). Discipleship demands that if we have lost this passion we must regain it. If we lack this passion we must seek it from Jesus.

Jesus is on a search-and-rescue mission. That's what the Kingdom of God is really like. That was Jesus' mission. Is it ours? Is it yours?.

*(Jesus Walk)*

## Sacramental Program - Confirmation

The sacramental program culminated this week with the confirmation 70 children. I would like to thank Bishop Joseph Oudeman, Rachel Marchesini and those who assisted her, musicians, principals, APREs, teachers, parents and parishioners for their support and prayer. Let us continue to pray for these children and their families that they will keep discovering the gifts of the Holy Spirit.

## CONGRATULATIONS

Readings: 25<sup>th</sup> Sunday in Ordinary Time

Amos 8:4-7

1 Timothy 2:1-8

Luke 16:1-13

### WE REMEMBER

We remember Ivan Acres and Nancy Reddel. May they rest in the peace of Christ.

### WE REJOICE

With the Fry and Mill families as they celebrated the baptism of Layna, Zara, Amaia and Jonah in the parish last weekend.

### PARISH HAPPENINGS

#### CHILDREN'S LITURGY OF THE WORD

TODAY at St Agnes' Church at 9:00am

#### COUNTERS

Cheryl's team.

#### UNLOCKING YOUR PARISH

Unlocking Your Parish meets again this Tuesday at 7:00pm to watch another Alpha film. It's never too late to have a look. No obligation.

#### SPRINGFIELD PARISH VISIT - DIVINE RENOVATION PROGRAM

A group of Parishioners will attend a whole day workshop at Springfield Parish on Saturday, September 21 to learn how they have used the Divine Renovation program to change themselves into a missionary parish. Not a maintenance parish. You are welcome to join, let Dot know if you are interested.

#### MEALS ON WHEELS

St Joachim's team - Tuesday, September 17th. See noticeboard for roster

#### ST VINCENT DE PAUL MEETING

Wednesday, September 18th at 4:30pm in the Parish Centre.

#### PLENARY COUNCIL 2020 - LISTENING AND DISCERNMENT

Sunday, September 29<sup>th</sup> commencing 10:30am (following 9:00am mass) in the Parish Centre.

#### HOLLAND PARK MEALS ON WHEELS

Meals on Wheels provide an invaluable service delivering meals to the elderly and needy 5 days a week. Holland Park Meals on Wheels provides for people in the Holland Park and Mt Gravatt area and **is in desperate need** of more volunteers. Current volunteers are declining and clients increasing. Volunteers go out in pairs, either a driver or an aide, from 11:00am for approx. 1 ½ -2 hours. The service is located in Holland Park. If you can spare a little time (even once a month) and see yourself being able to take on this ministry please ring 3397 9150. The Holland Park and Mt Gravatt Parishes, at one time had a team from each. Nowadays we are down to approx. 6/7 people. If you think you can spare a couple of hours please ring the centre and they will work with you to find a suitable time for you to help. Maybe one day you will need to call on their service.

## Bloom

## I AM HERE

## Is 35:1

Bloom is a collection of Christian books for our parish 4 reading and reflection – something for everyone – adults and children.



These books are now available in the churches. Be sure to check them out. There is a Record Sheet with the books and we ask you to complete the details for the book which you borrow.

If you are interested in purchasing any book/s please speak to Fr Joson or ring the Parish Office.

## Parish Diary

### Monday, September 16<sup>th</sup>

Mass 8:00am  
St Joachim's

### Wednesday, September 18<sup>th</sup>

Benediction 5:30pm  
St Agnes'  
Mass 6:00pm  
St Agnes'

### Thursday, September 19<sup>th</sup>

Mass 9:00am  
St Agnes'

### Friday, September 20<sup>th</sup>

Mass 9:00am  
St Joachim's

### Saturday, September 21<sup>st</sup>

Reconciliation 5:30pm  
St Joachim's

### 25<sup>TH</sup> SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

### Saturday, September 21<sup>st</sup>

Mass 6:00pm  
St Joachim's

### Sunday, September 22<sup>nd</sup>

Mass 7:30am  
St Joachim's

Mass 9:00am  
St Agnes

Mass 6:00pm  
St Agnes'



## FROM AROUND THE ARCHDIOCESE

### THE CATHOLIC CAMPAIGN

Last weekend our parish held a special collection for the Annual Catholic Campaign in support of the important Catholic ministries in our Archdiocese. **Thank you** to everyone who responded generously to the Archbishop's call for support.

If you didn't get a chance to make a gift last week, there is still time. You can place your donation inside one of the **Campaign envelopes** that can be found on the tables in each of the churches, seal it and place with the parish collection today. It's **important** you use a Campaign envelope to keep it separate from the regular parish collection.

Your tax-deductible gift will be put straight to work by funding the vital Catholic agencies in our local Archdiocese.

I also ask you to prayerfully consider a regular monthly gift which helps these agencies plan ahead and build further programs to help people in need.

If you have any questions, please call 3324 3200.

Thank you again for your time and generosity.

### PLENARY COUNCIL 2020

Continue the journey ....

"Listening and Discernment" – is a time of prayerful consideration of the "big" questions that have been raised by the faithful.

Carole Danby from Evangelization Brisbane is facilitating a parish group on **Sunday, September 29<sup>th</sup> after the 9:00am mass beginning 10:30am in the Parish Centre**. The duration of the meeting is about 2 hours. Over the coming weekends there will be Sign-on Sheets in each of the churches to indicate your attendance. You are encouraged to join with other parishioners in prayerful discernment.

**We all need to take action in responding to the call for the future of our Church. For change to occur the voice of the people must be heard. We are all part of that voice that must speak up.**

### COMMUNITY

#### LAUDATO SI CARE FOR OUR COMMON HOME

You are invited to Who Cares? ... for our common home on Monday, September 16<sup>th</sup> from 7:00-8:30pm in The Aspinall Centre in the grounds of St Bernard's Upper Mt Gravatt. Includes supper. For further information phone 3849 7158.

#### BRISBANE CATHOLIC EDUCATION SCHOLARSHIPS

Brisbane Catholic Education (BCE) is offering scholarships to Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander tertiary students who are enrolled in a full time teaching degree at a University campus located within the Brisbane Archdiocese from the beginning of 2020. Successful applicants will receive up to \$4,500 in fee support per annum towards an education degree and a teaching position in a BCE school/college for a minimum of two years after graduating. For more information Contact Gemma Crowley, Organisational Development on 3033 7523 or email [orgdev@bne.catholic.edu.au](mailto:orgdev@bne.catholic.edu.au) or to apply go to: <https://tinyurl.com/bceteachingscholarship> Submit your application and references by 8th November 2019

#### AID TO THE CHURCH IN NEED

On October 18<sup>th</sup> *Aid to the Church in Need* is inviting children worldwide to take part in the campaign "One Million Children Praying the Rosary." For more information and for prayer resources visit, [www.millionkidspraying.org](http://www.millionkidspraying.org)

#### LOURDES HILL COLLEGE OPEN DAY

Friday, October 11<sup>th</sup> from 3:30 – 7:00pm. Bookings via their website: [lhc.qld.edu.au](http://lhc.qld.edu.au)



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#### CATHOLIC JUSTICE & PEACE COMMISSION

The CJPC of the Archdiocese of Brisbane encourages all Catholics to join with fellow Australians in the Global #ClimateStrike on 20 September. The Brisbane Global #ClimateStrike action will take place between 1:00 PM and 3:00 PM in Queens Gardens, corner of George & Elizabeth Streets, Brisbane.

On the tables in the churches this weekend there are 2 printouts; one is Pope Francis' message for the World Day of Prayer for the Care of Creation and the other a message from CJPC on the Global #ClimateStrike. There is also a copy of the noticeboards.

#### 2019-2020 SOCIAL JUSTICE STATEMENT LAUNCH

Wednesday, September 25<sup>th</sup> commencing 7:00pm in St James' parish Hall, Coorparoo. Archbishop Mark will launch the statement, Making It Real, Genuine Human Encounter in a Digital World. There will also be panel discussion, moderated by Madonna King exploring the positive and problematic possibilities of the increasingly digital world in which we live. Everyone is welcome.

#### THE CATHOLIC LEADER

Cost: \$2.00

- Marian Valley priest on his knees in prayer as fires burn on the surrounding hills,
- Excitement is building for the large scale discernment experience at Brisbane Assembly on Oct 4/5
- Catholics protest with hymns at Griffith Uni Art Museum
- Qld's Catholic principals voice their hopes and frustrations .
- Brisbane Archbishop stands by Suva Archbishop saying ecological crises are not just relevant to science or politics



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