



# Holland Park Mt Gravatt Parish News



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## Parish Schools and College

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St Joachim's School

07 3397 9087

Seton College

07 3291-5333

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1800 846 643

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(Safeguarding purposes only)

Thirtieth Sunday in Ordinary Time

Year C

26<sup>th</sup>/27<sup>th</sup> October, 2019

*God be merciful to me.*

Occasionally in my teaching I hand out a ticket which has on it:

HEAVEN Admit One Free

Invariably many are shocked. They laugh! Think it's a joke! They obviously don't know the Gospel. This Sunday and next, we come to the heart of the Gospel message.

God offers salvation to us; it is a free and total gift of love. It is not something we earn, or deserve. It is a gift. In today's parable, one person realises this. It is the social outcast, the tax collector who knows he needs God, and asks for God's mercy. The religious person has no need of God; he is striving for righteousness through his own efforts. The Pharisee exemplifies an early heresy in the Church put forward by a man called Pelagius. Like the Pharisee in this parable, Pelagius placed great importance on doing good deeds and therefore being right before God. The Church condemned his teaching as false for this attitude does away with the need for God and for God's offer of salvation in Jesus.

We don't save ourselves. No amount of Masses, Rosaries, Novenas, indulgences can achieve Salvation for us. My students then ask, "Well, why do these things?" When someone gives us something wonderful, far beyond our hopes and dreams, the usual response is one of deep gratitude. When I hand out tickets to heaven, the recipients automatically say "Thank-you." This is why we pray, and act generously; our entire life is living out "Thank-you" to the God who has given us the gift of Jesus for our Salvation.

Mary Coloe PBVM

## RCIA

In the past few weeks because of an expressed desire for Baptism, Tayla-Jae Flynn, a teacher at Seton, has begun the enquiry stage of the RCIA process. She is accompanied by Liam Standish, as her Sponsor. Bryce Lalor, also a teacher at Seton, is already baptised but wishes to be received into the Catholic Tradition.

Tayla and Bryce have chosen to attend 7.30am Sunday mass so please make them welcome, .....remember their formation is the responsibility of us all.

Sr Mel OSU

Readings: 31<sup>st</sup> Sunday in Ordinary Time

Wisdom 11:22-12:2

2 Thessalonians 1:11-2:2

Luke 19:1-10

## **WE REMEMBER**

We remember Barbara Styles. May she rest in the peace of Christ.

## **PARISH HAPPENINGS**

### **COUNTERS**

Elisabeth's team.

### **ST VINCENT DE PAUL SOCIETY**

Wednesday, October 30<sup>th</sup> at 4:30pm in the Parish Centre.

### **ALL SAINTS DAY MASS**

A mass will be held at St Joachim's Church commencing 9:00am on Friday, November 1st. This mass will include an Anointing of Sick.

### **CHILDREN'S LITURGY OF THE WORD**

Primary school children are invited to attend CLOW at St Agnes' Church - Sunday, November 3<sup>rd</sup> at 9:00am Mass.

### **SACRAMENTAL PROGRAM - PENANCE**

Children in Year 5 or above who have received their First Holy Communion are invited to prepare for the Sacrament of Penance. There will be two sessions which are designed to further your child's understanding of God and themselves. Sessions will be held at St Agnes' church, starting at 5pm, on Friday 15 November and Friday 22 November. Children will need to attend both sessions in order to receive the Sacrament of Penance. RSVP to [sacpr.hpmg@bne.catholic.net.au](mailto:sacpr.hpmg@bne.catholic.net.au) before 1 November.

### **COMBINED SCHOOL MASS**

At the 9:00am Mass on Sunday, November 17<sup>th</sup> we will be welcoming members of the St Agnes' and St Joachim's Schools and Seton College communities for a combined School Parish Mass. This will be followed by morning tea.

### **ALL NATIONS MULTICULTURAL MASS**

The parish will celebrate its annual All Nations Mass on the Feast of Christ the King, Sunday, November 24<sup>th</sup> at the regular 9:00am mass. This will be followed by morning tea in the area adjoining the church. Parishioners are invited and encouraged to wear the national dress of your ancestors and to bring a plate of food from that country. There will be NO 6:00pm mass on this Sunday.

### **DATE CLAIMER - PARISH CONCERT AND LUNCHEON**

On Friday, November 29<sup>th</sup> parishioners are invited to a concert by Brothers James Singers commencing 10:00am in St Joachim's hall. A light lunch will follow. Cost: Gold coin donation towards lunch. Please RSVP to the Parish Office for catering purposes.

### **MONTH OF NOVEMBER MASS OFFERINGS**

Here in our Parish, our tradition has been to write the names of our deceased loved ones in the book beside the sanctuary and in doing so we ask our community to remember them in prayer. There will also be envelopes provided on the tables in the church, you can write the names of your loved ones and nominate the weekday mass you would like Fr Joson to offer for them upon his return.

### **MASS OF REMEMBRANCE**

Traditionally, November is the month when we, the Church, celebrate and remember those family and friends who have gone before us. Our annual Mass of Remembrance for all who have died will be held on Saturday, November 16 commencing 10am in St Agnes Church. Mass will be followed by morning tea. If you have a loved one who has died in the last 12 months and would like to have their name included with those to be read out please notify the parish office. All parishioners are invited.

## **Parish Diary**

### **Wednesday, October 30<sup>th</sup>**

Funeral Prayers - Barbara Styles  
10:00am St Joachim's

### **Friday, November 1<sup>st</sup>**

*All Saints Day*

Mass 9:00am

St Joachim's

*Includes Anointing of the Sick*

### **Saturday, November 2<sup>nd</sup>**

Reconciliation 5:30pm

St Joachim's

### **31<sup>ST</sup> SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME**

#### **Saturday, November 2<sup>nd</sup>**

Mass 6:00pm

St Joachim's

#### **Sunday, November 3<sup>rd</sup>**

Mass 7:30am

St Joachim's

Mass 9:00am

St Agnes

Mass 6:00pm

St Agnes'

A little bit of Mercy  
makes the world less  
cold and more just.



## FROM AROUND THE ARCHDIOCESE

### EAST TIMOR PROSECUTIONS PUBLIC FORUM INVITATION

East Timor Prosecutions Public Forum (The witness K and Bernard Collaery Prosecutions) on Tuesday, October 29<sup>th</sup> from 5.30 for 6pm start at the Ithaca Auditorium, Brisbane City Hall.

Format : Chair – Stephen Keim SC. Speakers – Brett Walker SC, Sister Susan Connelly and Professor Clinton Fernandez.

(15-20 minutes each speaker then a panel question and answer discussion). Vote of thanks by the Honourable Peter Murphy SC (retired Judge of the Family Court of Australia).

Followed by: drinks and canapes. Cost: \$20, Concessions \$5 (Note: this event has been heavily subsidised by Robertson O’Gorman Solicitors). To book go to:

<https://www.eventbrite.com/e/east-timor-prosecutions-public-forum-tickets-73219101303>

### HEALING OF THE FAMILY TREE MASS

Catholic Charismatic Renewal Bardonia invites you to a special Healing of the Family Tree Mass at St. Mary Magdalene’s Church, Bardonia, Friday, 1st November, at 8:00pm. Fr. Vince Hobbs will be the celebrant. Genograms for the recording of ancestors will be available before Mass. These will be presented to the Lord during the Mass. Personal prayer for healing available. Contact Len Airey, 0421977849.

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### VOCATION DISCERNMENT WEEKEND WITH THE CAPUCHIN FRIARS

From 22-24 November come for a chance to learn more about the inspiring and uplifting vocations to the priesthood and religious life. This overnight retreat is for men aged 18-35.

**Starts 7:30pm Friday** at the beautiful Marian Valley Retreat Centre and **concludes at 3pm on Sunday**. Cost is **only \$40**.

There will be Mass on Saturday and Sunday, Adoration, quiet prayer, talks, confession available, quiet time and the opportunity to get useful advice. So if you’re discerning, come along! No strings attached. Contact Father Thomas on [vocations@capuchinfriars.org.au](mailto:vocations@capuchinfriars.org.au) or 0432362052. Retreatants **must register** as there are limited spaces available. More info at: <https://www.capuchin.org.au/event/brisbane-vocation-discernment-weekend-2>

### PARISH REFLECTION DAY

‘Call to Holiness’ Reflections on Pope Francis’ Apostolic Exhortation: ‘Rejoice and Be Glad’ is being held on Saturday 30<sup>th</sup> November from 9am – 3pm at Santa Teresa Spirituality Centre, Ormiston. Cost: \$30 per person (includes morning tea and lunch box). Please register at: <https://ebab.weebly.com> (booking and payment essential 7 days prior to the day). For enquiries and contact Mary-Anne on 3324 3443 or by email: [cullenm@bne.catholic.net.au](mailto:cullenm@bne.catholic.net.au).

### “PRECIOUS IN FINDING GOD IN THE QUIET CENTRE

From Friday, December 13<sup>th</sup> from 6pm - 3pm Sunday, December 15<sup>th</sup> at Santa Teresa Spirituality Centre, Ormiston.

A weekend opportunity for women to experience a time of prayerful reflection. Facilitated by Grace Harwood (Dragonfly Ministries). Cost: \$370 (\$340 for pensioners, f/t students and unemployed) includes all accommodation, meals, resources and facilitation. Santa Teresa requires an additional \$30 fee for those with special diets. For more information contact, Grace at on 0409 524 283 or email [grace@dragonflyministries.net.au](mailto:grace@dragonflyministries.net.au)

### PLENARY COUNCIL 2020

The Plenary Council invites people to continue to participate in the journey towards the Council sessions in 2020 and 2021. Learn more about the Christian practice of discernment and download the guide, “Let’s Listen and Discern”, at [www.plenarycouncil.catholic.org.au](http://www.plenarycouncil.catholic.org.au)

## COMMUNITY

### VILLANOVA PLAYERS – LADIES IN BLACK

October 26<sup>th</sup> – November 10<sup>th</sup> in The Ron Hurley Theatre, Tallowood Street, Urban Village, Seven Hills. Matinee and evening sessions. Adults: \$25, Online: \$23, use Codeword “website, Concession: \$20, Students and Children: \$15, Groups of 10 or more: \$18 each. For times and to book visit: [www.villanovaplayers.com](http://www.villanovaplayers.com)

### JESUS HEALS

You are invited to a Healing Mass and experience the healing touch of Jesus for the body mind and soul on Wednesday, October 30<sup>th</sup> at Our Lady of Graces Church, Carina from 6:00pm - 8:30pm..

### LOURDES HILL COLLEGE PAST PUPIL’S REMEMBRANCE MASS

10:00am Saturday, November 2<sup>nd</sup> in the College Chapel.

### MIS+SION ADVENTURE? PALMS AUSTRALIA REACH BEYOND

Communities in Asia, Africa and the Pacific seek volunteer medics, teachers, tradies, business and admins to assist their development. Contact Palms and find out how sharing your skills can immerse you in a world of deep cultural discovery. Apply by November 1<sup>st</sup> to start your adventure in 2020. Call 02 9560 5333 or see [www.palms.org.au](http://www.palms.org.au)

### SHALOM RETREAT BRISBANE

A Retreat that will shine the light of Christ into your heart and lead you to forgiveness, freedom and healing! **November 15-17th**, 9:00am to 5:00pm at St. Gerard Majella parish hall, Chermside West. Fee \$50pp incl lunch. Register at [Shalommedia.org/retreat/Australia](http://Shalommedia.org/retreat/Australia). For more information, contact Vipin 0425 621 994 Rasin Augustine 0470 345 103 Antony 0434 286 384 email: [antonyk@shalomworld.org](mailto:antonyk@shalomworld.org)

### BISHOP MICHAEL PUTNEY MEMORIAL LECTURE

Queensland Churches Together and Brisbane Roman Catholic Council for Ecumenism and Inter-religious Relations invites parishioners to the annual Bishop Michael Putney Memorial Lecture on Tuesday, November 26<sup>th</sup> commencing 7:00pm in the Hanly Room, Francis Rush Centre, Cathedral of St Stephen precinct. Topic: Receptive Ecumenism: Living the undivided life. Speaker: Geraldine Hawkes. Contribution: \$10 payable at the door. Light supper provided. RSVP: Thursday, November 21<sup>st</sup>: 3369 6792 or admin at [qct.org.au](http://qct.org.au)

### PALMS AUSTRALIA REACH BEYOND

A Profoundly Rewarding Mission. Working in Education, Health and Trades? Assist to reduce poverty in overseas communities by sharing your skills. Mutual development assured! There are five places left on Palms Australia’s January 4<sup>th</sup> – 12<sup>th</sup> Orientation Course. You must apply now for a position beginning any time in 2020. Call or text 0422 4PALMS (M-F) or visit [palms.org.au](http://palms.org.au)

### THE CATHOLIC LEADER

Cost: \$2.00

- The Church in Australia is calling for a united call to prayer for rain for embattled farmers suffering drought.
  - Active Refugees and Migrant Integration Australia founder Protai Muhirwa says a million Australians don’t speak English, blocking pathways to employment and wellbeing.
  - Centacare’s Nicole Morgan organised a water drive, sending two fleet buses and a trailer full of water to Stanthorpe.
  - Brisbane Catholic schools celebrate the Indigenous graduation at St Stephen’s Cathedral.
  - Faith inspired rehabilitation program helps Australian military veterans forgive and ease decades of suffering.
  - The Frassati Fraternity recently held their first muster since their formation in 2011, showcasing the evangelising spirit of young Catholic men.
  - Emotion hits Bishop Shane McKinlay as he takes up the call to lead in regional Victoria.
  - Jonathan Hohl’s bad New Year’s Eve night in Fortitude Valley helped him rediscover his faith.
- Available in the churches this weekend.



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