



# Holland Park Mt Gravatt Parish News



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(Safeguarding purposes only)

Twenty-Sixth Sunday in Ordinary Time Year C 28<sup>th</sup>/29th September 2019

The Gospel lesson reminds us that life in this world is not all there is to our human life. There is the world which is to come. Abraham speaks even fondly to the rich man suffering in Hades. Abraham tells the rich man, you had a blessed life on earth, but guess what that isn't all there is to life. Life on earth is only a small part of the big picture. We, like the rich man, can be so absorbed with this life that we totally ignore that we will continue life in the world to come, and that life is not going to be merely a continuation of this life - that life involves answering for this life.

The two lives are related, but connected by a judgment. This world alone is not the total story of humanity. There is life in the world to come, which is shaped by our life in this world. Like the rich man, we can decide we have enough or we want more of this life, so no need to think about any life beyond the grave. However, life is more than one's possessions. If we have been paying attention, we've heard Jesus say: (Luke 12:23) - *For life is more than food, and the body more than clothing.* If we live for this world alone, we will wake up one day and realize we are some place we don't want to be, and the chance to change that condition lies in the past, back on earth which we no longer can access.

I've heard it said that there is a saying attributed to the monks of Mt Athos which says, to enter into eternity, you must be able to see eternity in the eyes of another human - your neighbor, brother or sister, or in the eyes of a stranger. This of course requires that we have the eyes to see our neighbors, family members, fellow parishioners, or strangers. And not only do we have to take notice of them, but we have to look into their eyes, to really see who they are and how heaven is visible in their eyes. Otherwise, we are just the rich man of the parable, self-absorbed in our own good enough lives, basking in what we think are our riches, enjoying our life while ignoring the chance to see eternity because we blind ourselves to others all around us. Ignoring the salvation which God is revealing to us in the people around us, we are the rich man satisfied with our own life and so cut ourselves off from others and their sorrows, needs and suffering.

To see eternity in the eyes of another, we have to notice others exist and be open to seeing eternity in them. The rich man was oblivious to eternity laying at his door step - the beggar Lazarus. How often God puts people in our lives for no reason but to give us opportunity to see eternity in their eyes. If we don't want to be bothered by them, we lose the gift God has laid at our doorsteps.

(Fr. Ted's Blog)

Readings: 27<sup>th</sup> Sunday in Ordinary Time

Habakkuk 1:2-3; 2:2-4

2 Timothy 1:6-8, 13-14

Luke 17:5-10

## WE REMEMBER

We remember Ivan Acres, Nancy Reddel, Valentino Valentini and Liberata Delos Santos. May they rest in the peace of Christ.

## PARISH HAPPENINGS



# LISTEN TO WHAT THE SPIRIT IS SAYING

Parish '*Listening and Discernment*'

**Today - Sunday, September 29<sup>th</sup>**

10:30am in the Parish Centre.

Our theme is **Mission and Evangelising.**

## COUNTERS

Tony's team.

## ST VINCENT DE PAUL SOCIETY

Wednesday, October 2nd at 4:30pm in the Parish Centre.

## BAPTISMAL PREPARATION

A baptism preparation evening for families who are having their child baptised in the parish will be held on Wednesday, October 2nd commencing 7:00pm in the Parish Centre.

## MASS OF ANOINTING AND HOSPITALITY

Our regular mass next Friday has been cancelled due to Fr Joson attending the Brisbane Plenary Assembly. An Anointing of the Sick will be included in our regular Monday mass on Monday October 7th. This will be followed by hospitality, all are welcome.

## COFFEE AND CHAT

Due to the public holiday on Monday, October 7<sup>th</sup> Coffee and Chat is being rescheduled to October 14<sup>th</sup>.

## SPRINGFIELD PARISH VISIT

Fr Joson and Dcn Des and four more people from our Parish spent last Saturday at Springfield Parish learning what they do and how they do it. In the past two and a half years they have had 250 people come along to watch the Alpha films with them, they have formed family groups that meet fortnightly in homes, and their Parish is growing. They are charismatic in prayer and song. The church building is brand new and different, and their Sunday 9am mass is usually overflowing with 50-100 more people than there are seats available. They have also employed a young fellow to run healing workshops, and he proved himself last Saturday healing some of the visitors. This might be the future. See it for yourself one Sunday in Springfield.

### Ever thought about taking a trip to the Holy Land?



Would you consider joining a group from our parish?

I would like to organize a combined trip to the Holy Land + India in September 2020. If anyone is interested please feel free to talk to me.

Fr Joson

# Parish Diary

## Monday, September 30th

Mass 8:00am  
St Joachim's

## Wednesday, October 2nd

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

## Thursday, October 3rd

Mass 9:00am  
St Agnes'

## Friday, October 4th

Mass **CANCELLED**

## Saturday, October 5<sup>th</sup>

Reconciliation 5:30pm  
St Joachim's

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

## Saturday, October 5<sup>th</sup>

Mass 6:00pm  
St Joachim's

## Sunday, October 6<sup>th</sup>

Mass 7:30am  
St Joachim's  
Mass 9:00am  
St Agnes  
Mass 6:00pm  
St Agnes'

YOU ARE CALLED TO  
CARE FOR CREATION  
NOT ONLY AS  
RESPONSIBLE CITIZENS,  
BUT ALSO AS  
FOLLOWERS OF CHRIST!

POPE FRANCIS

#HOPE4POPE

## FROM AROUND THE ARCHDIOCESE

### BRISBANE CATHOLIC HISTORICAL SOCIETY MEETING

On Tuesday October 1<sup>st</sup> Dr Chris Hanlon will speak on The Catholic Church in Colonial Queensland 1859-1918.

The Brisbane Catholic Historical Society meets at 5.30pm in the Hanly Room of the Francis Rush Centre, besides the Cathedral of St Stephen. Annual Membership of the Society is \$35 per person / family.

### CATHOLIC CHARISMATIC RENEWAL BRISBANE

Monthly Prayer Meeting to be held in St Stephen's Chapel (Grounds of the Cathedral) Wednesday 2<sup>nd</sup> October from 10.45am - 12.15pm (after 10am Mass in Cathedral). Join us for Praise and Worship in the CBD. Personal Prayer Ministry available. Followed by tea and light lunch in CWL tea-rooms. Contact: Maureen 0403002199 / 31729248 or Helena 0405321901 / 33939573

### OUR LADY OF FATIMA ROSARY PROCESSION

To be held at St Stephen's Cathedral on 5th October commencing with The Rosary (2 mysteries) at 10:30am following by a Marian Mass at 11:30am. After mass there will be a street process at approx. 12:15pm returning to the Cathedral to conclude with Benediction.

### VERSE FOR VINNIES

On Sunday October 6 come to St William's Parish, Grovely, 67 Dawson Parade Grovely at 1.30pm. Cost \$15pp

It's Jack Drake who'll you'll see

if you come to Grovely for the next Verse for Vinnies' expo.

And while Stanthorpe's his home

Jack will constantly roam to where only the best poets go.

Some who saw Jack before, all they wanted was more, like his

Cattle Dog's timely Revenge

on that Rottweiler mutt, who was untimely cut when Jack's

Woody dished out his revenge.

Jack's a dinki-di bloke, loves a rum and a coke,

writes of people and times that endears.

So please come to the show, where this Bush Poet Pro,

entertains you with laughter and tears.

And the fifteen bucks fee, goes to Vinnies you see,

so you're helping the battlers again.

Here's your chance to support those who have next to naught,  
and who knows you might even bring rain.

### MARCH FOR LIFE

Saturday, October 12<sup>th</sup> from 2:00pm in Queens Gardens, George Street, Brisbane. We march for the Unborn, for proper care for Women and the Generations to come. The march will mark the 1 year anniversary of the passing of Queensland abortion laws.

### PUBLIC ROSARY - MT GRAVATT LOOKOUT

On Saturday 12 October commencing 4.30pm join with all those around Australia praying a Public Rosary for the Glory of God, the honour of Our Lady and the salvation of souls, come to the Mt Gravatt Lookout (accessed via Shire Road). Bring your Rosary beads, hat, and jumper.

### AWAKEN, TOGETHER IN CHRIST

Join us for Praise & Worship, Talks and Healing on Saturday, October 12<sup>th</sup> from 6:00pm at 47 Dornoch Terrace, West End For information visit [www.Awaken.org.au](http://www.Awaken.org.au) or call 3844 2733.

### OUR LADY OF THE VALLEY PARISH COOKBOOK

The Centenary Celebration Book of Family Favourites is a beautiful compilation of timeless classics and modern recipes for the busy family. Over 200 recipes including Kids in the Kitchen, Healthy Eating and of course desserts are all accompanied by snippets of generational family history and recipe tips. Highly recommended for everyone - start your Christmas shopping now by pre-ordering one of these recipe books today! Enquiries can be made to Our Lady of the Valley Parish Office 5465 3131 or email [gat-ton@bne.catholic.net.au](mailto:gat-ton@bne.catholic.net.au) Launch date is Sunday 27th October ... *limited copies*

## COMMUNITY

### 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)

### VINCENT PALLOTTI SCHOLARSHIP TRUST

The St Vincent Pallotti Scholarship Trust offers scholarships to enable lay people to further their understanding and skills in leadership/ministry or a specialised activity, such as promoting faith enhancement, social justice and pastoral care. Closing Date: 18 October 2019. More information and Applications Forms are available on our website:

<https://www.pallottine.org.au/scholarships/st-vincent-pallotti-scholarship-for-lay-ministry.html>

### MISSION 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)

### ST VINCENT'S PRIVATE HOSPITAL

Are you interested in volunteering your time? Join the St Vincent's Blue Angel Volunteer Team! St Vincent's is a private Catholic not-for-profit hospital specialising in medical care for those with chronic, complex and multiple health needs. We offer services for adolescents to the elderly. Our hospital was established by the Sisters of Charity in 1957. Since then we have been providing compassionate and innovative medical care. We have a dedicated group of volunteers and we are looking to grow our St Vincent's Blue Angel Volunteer Team. Volunteer roles exist across a range of areas. We are searching for individuals interested in ward visits, supporting our Arts program, Fundraising, spiritual care, and performing administrative duties.

Volunteers perform an integral role at St Vincent's Private Hospital Brisbane and are highly valued members of our Hospital community. Whether you are interested in volunteering your time weekly, fortnightly or monthly - we look forward to hearing from you. Please contact our Manager Volunteer Services, Toni Leahy, via phone (07 3240 1194) or email ([Toni.leahy@svha.org.au](mailto:Toni.leahy@svha.org.au)) for information about our volunteer roles.

### NOTICEBOARDS

There are lots of interesting things happening in our community. Please check the noticeboards for details.

### THE CATHOLIC LEADER

Cost: \$2.00

- Thousands of youth rallied in 'School Strike for Climate'
- Pro-life group vows to keep fighting for rights of the unborn
- The Tamil asylum-seeker family forced into a legal could be held in detention on Christmas Island for several months.
- Former principal Michael Naylor's continues to make a difference in young lives after suffering a brain aneurism
- Catholic human rights advocate claims Indonesia militia are working alongside soldiers in a brutal in West Papua.
- Campus missionary Vivien Dolar says the Church needs to facilitate people's relationship with God, help them understand the Church and give them the freedom to be who God has created them to be.
- Young Cathedral sacristan Hayden Kennedy says helping to 'make a space for Christ' is most satisfying part of his job. Available in the churches this weekend.



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