



Holland Park Mt Gravatt Parish News



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(Safeguarding purposes only)

Our Lord Jesus Christ, King of the Universe Year C 23rd /24th November, 2019

Christ: the King of the universe

Today we celebrate the feast of a King who gave His own heart to us. A major part of human history is the stories of victories and falls, of kings and leaders and their abuse of powers. It is a story of imposing power over others. Some of them were constructive while many of them were destructive and none of them lived forever. But, today over one billion people celebrate the feast of a powerless, powerful king who lived two thousand years ago, ruled no kingdom or had no personal guards or soldiers. This particular king lives even today in the hearts of billions, touching their everyday lives. He has shown mercy towards each one of us; in the books of Titus we read "He saved not because of the good things we did but because of his mercy."

The same Jesus lives and speaks to us in our own communities and our inner most hearts. Even today, He enables us to feel his love, mercy and compassion in our own lives. We feel his strength in our weakness. We see His power and authority in our fight against evils, having faith and trust in Him, the King of Kings. His only law is the 'Law of love and selfless service'. In his kingdom there is no place for selfishness, hatred, greed, injustice or exploitation.

Christ is the King of our lives. But in order to let Him be that, we must dethrone the false gods that seek to own us and manipulate us. He is the king of compassion, forgiveness, and freedom.

This feast, is also an invitation to all those who have power or authority of any kind, to compare their use of power or authority with that of Jesus. Are we using our power to serve others or to manipulate? Are we using our power for the building up of a more just society, or, to feather our own nest? Are we using our power in any way that might cause pain to others, or, in a way that could help to alleviate pain? He is not a king who imposes; rather He invites. He is not a king who issues directives from afar; rather He speaks from within our hearts and souls. He is not an imperial king; rather he is a shepherd king. He is not a king filled with anger and wrath; rather He has a heart filled with compassion and mercy

Today let us rejoice and celebrate our citizenship in His Kingdom of truth and life, the kingdom of holiness and grace, the kingdom of justice, love and peace. Let us be the citizens with pride in Jesus and humble in service, and praising God through our lives. I wish to thank all of you for your participation in our multicultural mass and for bringing a plate to share.

With every blessings

Brothers James Choir Concert and Luncheon

Friday, November 29th 2019 - 10:00am - St Joachim's hall

Light lunch will follow. Cost: Gold coin donation

It is **essential** to RSVP for both the concert and the luncheon by Monday, November 26th - 3349 2280 - hpmg@bne.catholic.net.au

Readings: 1st Sunday of Advent

Isaiah 2:1-5

Romans 13:11-14

Matthew 24:37-44

WE REMEMBER

We remember Donna Meadowcroft and in this month of November, we remember all those who have died, particularly those recorded in the Book of Remembrance. May they rest in the peace of Christ.

PARISH HAPPENINGS

AMENDMENT TO WEDNESDAY LITURGIES

Benediction has been cancelled this coming Wednesday and mass has been brought forward to 5:30pm due to a school event. There will be reserved parking for parishioners attending mass; spaces will be marked by witches hats.

ADVENT & CHRISTMAS DAILY REFLECTIONS

This book of reflections is available in the churches this weekend at a cost of \$3.

CHRISTMAS CARDS AND COLUMBAN CALENDARS

Christmas Cards are available this weekend; Pack of 8 - \$3. Columban Calendars - \$9

COUNTERS

Elizabeth's team.

ST VINCENT DE PAUL SOCIETY

Wednesday, November 27th at 4:30pm in the Parish Centre.

ST VINCENT DE PAUL CHRISTMAS APPEAL

Next weekend, November 30th/December 1st the annual Christmas Appeal for the local conference of St Vincent de Paul will be held in the parish. As we look towards entering the Season of Advent may we give some thought to those whose lives are a constant struggle. There will be envelopes available in the churches next weekend.

COFFEE AND CHAT

On Monday, December 2nd please join other parishioners for morning tea and fellowship from 10:00am at Kafe Me in the Greenslopes Mall Shopping Centre. Everyone welcome. Contact Barbara Kerr on 3349 6334 or just turn up.

ADVENT PRAYER AND CHRISTMAS DRINKS

Our annual Advent Prayer, including a Penitential Rite, will be held on Monday, December 16th commencing 6:30pm at St Agnes' Church. This is an invitation to come together, meet different people, pray and celebrate together.

Parish Diary

Monday, November 25th

Mass 8:00am

St Joachim's

Wednesday, November 27th

Mass 5:30pm

St Agnes'

Thursday, November 28th

Mass 9:00am

St Agnes'

Friday, November 29th

Mass 9:00am

St Joachim's

Saturday, November 30th

Reconciliation 5:30pm

St Joachim's

1ST SUNDAY OF ADVENT

Saturday, November 30th

Mass 6:00pm

St Joachim's

Sunday, December 1st

Mass 7:30am

St Joachim's

Mass 9:00am

St Agnes

Mass 6:00pm

St Agnes

LITURGICAL MINISTERS URGENTLY REQUIRED – PLEASE TAKE UP A MINISTRY

Over the last couple of months we have lost a number of liturgical ministers. We are in need of the following and you are asked to give serious thought to assisting at your regular mass. The more people who offer their services the less chance of burnt out for those who already serve. We need the following ministers. Please ring the office asap if you can help out.

7:30am - Data Projectionist; Altar Servers

Saturday 6:00pm - Data Projectionist

Sunday 6:00pm - Mass Coordinator; 3 Readers; Altar Servers;

HOLY LAND + INDIA TRIP - SEPTEMBER 2020

Departing September 17th, the tour will be conducted over 15 nights/16 days. Cost: \$6499pp on twin share in Luxury hotels. Return economy airfares on premium airlines. 7 nights Holy Land Tour includes tour to Petra, 4 nights North India visiting Taj Mahal, other major attractions & 4 nights in Kerala, South India including day cruise on houseboat – Alleppey, Elephant Safari. Includes all meals, government licensed guides, all entry fees, daily mass in Holy Lands, Catholic priest and tour manager accompanying tour from Australia. Excludes Travel Insurance and Indian Visa.

A full brochure is now available by contacting the Parish Office on 3349 2280; hpmg@bne.catholic.net.au or through Flyworld at holidays@flyworld.online

FROM AROUND THE ARCHDIOCESE

30TH ANNIVERSARY OF

THE DEDICATION OF THE CATHEDRAL OF ST STEPHEN



At the 10.00am Mass on **Wednesday 4th December**, Archbishop Mark Coleridge will celebrate Mass to commemorate the 30th Anniversary of the Dedication of the Cathedral of St Stephen, following the 1989 renovations. Parishioners are invited to attend and join us for morning tea following the Mass. For catering purposes please **RSVP by Friday 29th November** to cathedral@bne.catholic.net.au.

Come help us Celebrate Christmas and 30th Anniversary of

Beside Restful Waters Prayer Group

Wednesday 27th November 2019

Celebrant Fr. Stephen Kumyangi

St. Bernard's Church, Upper Mt. Gravatt

6.45pm Praise & Worship,

Prayer Ministry & Reconciliation

Mass 7.30pm

Anointing of the sick after Homily

Followed by Festivities

Contacts: Kathy 0413 912 218 Filomena

THE CATHEDRAL OF ST STEPHEN ART GROUP CHRISTMAS MARKET

COSSAG Christmas Market

Francis Rush Centre

(adjacent to the Cathedral)

Come and celebrate the start of the season at our weekend market

- ❖ Saturday, November 30th from 2pm to 7:30pm with live music and Christmas cheer
- ❖ Sunday, December 1st, 9am to 3pm with food stalls.

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CCR Brisbane End of Year Event

Saturday 30 November - 10am

Praise and Worship followed by Mass at 12pm celebrated by Bishop Emeritus Joseph Oudeman CCR Brisbane Centre, 688 Nudgee Rd, Northgate.

ALL welcome. Bring and share lunch at 1pm.

Enquiries: Miriam (3103 2400) or email:

secretary@ccrbrisbane.org.au for more details.

ADVENT EVENTS

Back by popular demand you are invited to our Ecumenical Taizé Prayer Evenings to prepare spiritually for Christmas.

- Mon 2nd Dec, 7.00 pm St Bernard's Church, Upper Mt Gravatt
- Mon 9th & 16th Dec, 7.00 pm St Catherine's Church, Wishart.

All are welcome!

Come along and bring a friend.

"Love, Hope, Faith on Fire. Awaken brought me closer to God"

JOIN US FOR PRAISE & WORSHIP, TALKS & HEALING

Saturday, December 7 from 6pm at 47 Dornoch Tce, West End

Awaken.org.au. Facebook: 'Awaken Community'

admin@awaken.org.au

(07) 3844 2744

Gather on the lawn at St Stephen's Cathedral to celebrate the joy of Christmas with an extraordinary sound and light show. The Lights of Christmas is a free event open to the public that will delight families with music, food and childrens' activities every evening 11 - 24 December, 6.30 - 10.30pm.

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St Gerard Majella Christmas Festival
Nightly 29 November to 23 December



including
Carols by Candlelight
Come and sing along with Renata and the Paradise City Band!
Outdoors at 7pm on Saturday 21 December

The Holland Park Mt Gravatt Catholic Parish acknowledges the Jagera people, the Traditional Owners who have walked upon and cared for this land for thousands of years. We acknowledge the continued deep and spiritual attachment and relationship of Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander peoples to this country and commit ourselves other ongoing journey of Reconciliation.



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