



Holland Park Mt Gravatt Parish News



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(Safeguarding purposes only)

Thirty-first Sunday in Ordinary Time

Year C

2nd/3rd November, 2019

Today Salvation has come to this house.

Guess who's coming to dinner?

The story of Zacheus acts out the teaching of last Sunday's parable and repeats its message. Jesus comes to Jericho, and of all the people in that village, he singles out the one most in need, the senior tax-collector. Jesus gives himself to Zacheus, just as he now is. He imposes no conditions and simply says, "Come down, it is necessary that I stay at your house today". The necessity is caused by Zacheus' neediness. Jesus responds to him and offers to eat with him, the village outcast. This is like the free ticket to Heaven I wrote about last week. In response to Jesus' offer Zacheus changes. He recognises the utter generosity of God and makes the only appropriate response, humble gratitude and generosity in return. In the gift, its reception and the generous response Jesus recognises Salvation has happened for Zacheus. He has that free ticket to heaven.

When Jesus says, "I must stay at your house", this type of passive expression is referred to as "the divine necessity". As part of Jesus mission to seek out the poor and the lost, he must necessarily find a home with the social and religious outcasts. Their state of need calls out to God to come to their aid.

In our neediness and poverty may we continue to place our hope in the gracious generosity of God. In the words of the psalms, "May God support the fallen, and raise up those bowed down."

Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults

The first of the Rites for those seeking Baptism will be celebrated with Tayla-Jae Flynn at 7.30 am mass this Sunday. This is the Rite of Acceptance and it represents the first part of the Baptismal ceremony where Tayla will be asked what her name is and what she seeks. She will then be led to the altar with the priest and her sponsor. There she will be claimed for Christ as she is signed with the cross on her forehead, ears, lips, eyes, heart and shoulders.

A prayer will then be offered, asking that the power of the cross, source of our salvation, will protect and guide her on her faith journey. Let us all join in praying for Tayla.

With this Rite of Acceptance, Tayla enters the next period of the process which is the Catechumenate....a time for learning about the faith and going more deeply into what it means for her.

Sr Mel osu

Readings: 32nd Sunday in Ordinary Time

Maccabees 7:1-2, 9-14

2 Thessalonians 2:16 – 3:5

Luke 20:27-38

WE REMEMBER

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

PARISH HAPPENINGS

CHILDREN'S LITURGY OF THE WORD

TODAY at St Agnes' Church at 9:00am

COUNTERS

Alison's team.

UNLOCKING YOUR PARISH

Unlocking Your Parish recommences this Tuesday at 7:00pm in the Parish to watch another Alpha film. Only 2 weeks to go until the end of the series.

SACRAMENTAL PROGRAM - PENANCE

Session 1 of the program, designed to further the children's understanding of God and themselves, will be held at St Agnes' church, starting at 5pm, on Friday November 15th.

COMBINED SCHOOL MASS

At the 9:00am Mass on Sunday, November 17th 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 24th at the regular 9:00am mass. This will be followed by morning tea. 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.

PARISH CONCERT AND LUNCHEON

On Friday, November 29th 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

Saturday, November 9th

Reconciliation 5:30pm

St Joachim's

32ND SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

Saturday, November 0th

Mass 6:00pm

St Joachim's

Sunday, November 10th

Mass 7:30am

St Joachim's

Mass 9:00am

St Agnes

Mass 6:00pm

St Agnes'

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FROM AROUND THE ARCHDIOCESE

AUSTRALIAN CATHOLIC BISHOPS CONFERENCE PRAYER CAMPAIGN

The Catholic Bishops of Australia have announced a National Prayer Campaign for Drought to take place during November. People across the country are encouraged to pray for the gift of rain, for people affected by the drought and to provide practical support, where possible. The Bishops note that large parts of the country are directly affected by the drought, but the impact is national – and so should the response be national. Access resources and find out more at: www.catholic.org.au/drought

RELIGIOUS LEADERS COMMON STATEMENT ON END OF LIFE CARE

As the head of the Archdiocese of Brisbane, I have recently signed a joint statement on the provision of end of life care. This was done in unison with 15 of my fellow religious leaders here in Queensland, all of whom are committed to the proper funding and availability of palliative care. We believe that our society should be a caring and compassionate one, founded on the promotion of human dignity, human freedom and the common good. Death is part of life. Dying well is an important part of what it means to flourish as individuals and communities. We maintain that 'voluntary assisted dying' is not dying well and legalising this practice would undermine the vision for a flourishing Queensland by undermining human freedom, human dignity, and the common good. We instead support high-quality palliative care, better conversations about death and dying and provision for the spiritual dimension of healing such as chaplaincy and pastoral care. A full text of document is found here: <http://archbne.org/dtyk>

Archbishop Mark Coleridge

HOSPITAL PASTORAL CARER (VOLUNTEER)

Centacare trains and supports Catholic pastoral care teams to provide pastoral and spiritual care to hospital patients, their families and hospital staff. If you would like to find out more about this very rewarding role and if you have the time and availability to commit to a training course throughout 2020, including practical placements in a hospital, you are invited to join Fr John Chalmers, Director, Mission and Formation for Centacare and Judy Norris, Director, Centacare Pastoral Ministries, for an Expressions of Interest morning tea on Thursday 14th November, 10am - 11.30am at St Bernard's Church Community Centre, Upper Mt Gravatt. For more information and to RSVP, please call Judy on: 3324 3193, or email: judy.norris@bne.centacare.net.au

VOCATION DISCERNMENT WEEKEND WITH THE CAPUCHIN FRIARS

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. If you're discerning, come along! Contact Father Thomas on vocations@capuchinfriars.org.au or 0432362052. Retreatants must register, limited spaces. More info at: <https://www.capuchin.org.au/event/>

PARISH REFLECTION DAY

'Call to Holiness' Reflections on Pope Francis' Apostolic Exhortation is being held Saturday, November 30th, 9am - 3pm at Santa Teresa Spirituality Centre, Ormiston. Cost: \$30 pp (includes m/tea and lunch). Please register at: <https://ebab.weebly.com>, closes Nov 23rd. For enquiries to cullenm@bne.catholic.net.au or 3324 3443.

"PRECIOUS IN FINDING GOD IN THE QUIET CENTRE

Friday, December 13th from 6pm - 3pm Sunday, December 15th at Santa Teresa Spirituality Centre, Ormiston. An opportunity for women to experience a time of prayerful reflection. Facilitated by Grace Harwood. Cost: \$370 (\$340 concession) 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

COMMUNITY

CARBON FOOTPRINT

The Qld branch of the Australian Religious Response to Climate Change has asked author Mark Delaney to run an interactive workshop to show us how to reduce our personal carbon footprint. People of many faiths have been invited to this workshop being held at the South Brisbane Hebrew Community, 46 Bunya Street, Greenslopes on Monday, November 4th at 7pm. Free delicious vegan meal for those going who RSVP to heather.abramson@bigpond.com.

CATHOLIC CHARISMATIC RENEWAL BRISBANE

Monthly Prayer Meeting will be held in Stephen's Chapel on Wednesday 6th November (10.45 - 12.15pm) following the regular 10am Mass. Join us in the City for Praise & Worship & Personal Prayer Ministry. Our guest speaker will be Cathy Primrose. Bring a friend, all welcome. Fellowship afterwards with a cuppa & lunch at the CWL Tea Rooms. Enq:- Maureen 0403002199 / 31729248 or Helena 0405321901 / 33939573

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. For more information, contact Vipin 0425 621 994 Rasin Augustine 0470 345 103 Antony 0434 286 384 email: antonyk@shalomworld.org

NOVEMBER REMEMBRANCE MASS FOR THE IRISH COMMUNITY

Join other members of our Irish Community in praying for the repose of your deceased relatives and friends at our Annual Remembrance Mass, celebrated by Fr Seamus McMahon SM, on Sunday Nov 17 at 12 noon in St James' Church, Coorparoo. This year, our Mass will also be a Memorial Mass for Fr Paddy Dwyer OMI, a good friend of IASAQ and former chaplain to Rosies. Tea/coffee will be served afterwards – an opportunity to renew old acquaintances and meet new friends. For more information, please contact the IASAQ Co-ordinator on 0432 087 328.

BISHOP MICHAEL PUTNEY MEMORIAL LECTURE

Tuesday, November 26th commencing 7:00pm in the Hanly Room, Francis Rush Centre, Cathedral of St Stephen precinct. Topic: Receptive Ecuicism: Living the undivided life. Speaker: Geraldine Hawkes. Contribution: \$10 payable at the door. Light supper provided. RSVP: Thursday, November 21st: 3369 6792 or admin at qct.org.au

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THE CATHOLIC LEADER

Cost: \$2.00

- Qld religious leaders join forces in opposing euthanasia
- Townsville Deacon Emene Kelemete shared his joy before priestly ordination.
- Migrants and refugees in Brisbane joined forces with ACU and Multicultural Australia to play soccer and build employment skills.
- Naomi Fong, a QUT law and justice student, was being evangelised all along and she didn't know it.
- Synod of Bishops for the Amazon wrapped up three weeks of controversy and confusion, and the future is still unsure.
- Larry Cox, a member of the Secular Franciscans, is walking in the footsteps of St Francis and sharing Christ's love with all he meets.

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