



Holland Park Mt Gravatt Parish News



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1800 846 643

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Fifth Sunday in Ordinary Time

Year A

8th/9th February, 2020

You = Salt & Light of the earth?

If you are a follower of Jesus living the beatitudes, you matter. You have an important role to play because you are the salt of the earth. Salt preserves and Christians help preserve what is good in the culture. In the ancient world, salt was very valuable: the Greeks thought it contained something almost divine, and the Romans sometimes paid their soldiers with salt. A soldier who didn't carry out his duties "was not worth his salt." You are a seasoning agent. In a sense, you can bring the distinctive flavour of God's values to all of life. You can make life palatable.

Note that salt, to be effective, must be in contact with the meat or fish it is to preserve. To be effective, we must be involved where we work and where we live. This puts us in a tension because the dominant culture doesn't necessarily like us. The majority of the time, living according to the beatitudes may make us more successful in work. But we need to be prepared for the times it doesn't. What will we do if showing mercy, making peace, or working for justice jeopardizes our position at work? Withdrawing from the world is no answer for Christians. But it is difficult to live in the world, ready to challenge its ways at any time. In Matthew 5:10-12, Jesus acknowledged the reality of persecution. But in our contacts with the culture, we must retain our "saltiness," our distinctiveness. It's a balancing act we're called upon to maintain.

"You are the light of the world." The job description of a Christian is not only to maintain personal holiness, but also to touch the lives of everyone around us. At work, we touch many people who do not encounter Christ in church. It may be our most effective place to witness to Christ. But we have to be careful about how we witness for Christ at work. We are being paid to do our work, and it would be dishonest to stint our employers by using work time for evangelism. Moreover, it would be dishonourable to create divisions at work or a hostile environment for nonbelievers. We must avoid any possible taint of seeking self-promotion by proselytizing. And we always run the risk that our failings at work may bring shame on the name of Christ, especially if we seem to be enthusiastic about evangelism but shoddy in actual work.

With all these dangers, how can we be salt and light at work? Jesus said our light is not necessarily in the witness of our words, but in the witness of our deeds—our "good works." "Let your light so shine before men that they may see your good deeds and glorify your father who is in heaven." The beatitudes have spelled out some of those good works. In humility and submission to God, we work for right relations, for merciful actions, and for peace. When we live as people of blessing, we are salt and light—in the workplace, in our homes, and in our nation.

(Bible commentary (Tow Project))

Readings: 6th Sunday in Ordinary Time

Ecclesiasticus 15:15-20

1 Corinthians 2:6-10

Matthew 5:17-37

WE REMEMBER

We remember Maureen Campbell and George Zangerle.
May they rest in the peace of Christ.

PARISH HAPPENINGS

COUNTERS

Alison's team.

ST VINCENT DE PAUL SOCIETY

Wednesday, February 12th at 4:30pm in the Parish Centre.

2020 LENTEN PROGRAM

This year's program will commence on Wednesday, February 26th in the Parish Centre.

Morning Session: 10:30am

Evening Session: We have a few people interested in an evening session. Please indicate on the clipboards if you would like to join this group.

If you are interested in attending either session or would like a book to reflect on at home please indicate on the clipboards so that we can purchase the resources.

THE LITTLE KING'S MOVEMENT ANNUAL PARISH APPEAL FEBRUARY 15TH/16TH

Once a year "The Little King's Movement" conducts a Parish Appeal. The Movement caters for people with disabilities in social and spiritual activities. There is no Government funding and the Movement is staffed by volunteers. Each year the calls for their services are increasing. The Movement, though based on Catholic beliefs is truly ecumenical, and all members are welcomed and respected for their own beliefs. There is no charge for any of the services provided by the Movement.

Pilgrimage to the Holy Land + India Departing September 17, 2020

Cost: \$6499 pp twin share

Single Supplement: \$1625

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Tour Highlights

2 nights Jordan, 5 nights Israel, 7 nights India

Tour to Petra

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Parish Diary

Monday, February 10th

Mass 8:00am

St Joachim's

Wednesday, February 12th

Benediction 5:30pm

Mass 6:00pm

St Agnes'

Thursday, February 13th

Mass 9:00am

St Agnes'

Friday, February 14th

Mass 9:00am

St Joachim's

Saturday, February 15th

Reconciliation 5:30pm

St Joachim's

6TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

Saturday, February 15th

Mass 6:00pm

St Joachim's

Sunday, February 16th

Mass 7:30am

St Joachim's

Mass 9:00am

St Agnes

Mass 6:00pm

St Agnes

The Eucharist

is not a prize for the perfect
but a powerful medicine and
nourishment for the
weak.

Evangelii Gaudium (2013) 47

Verse for Vinnies

There's a Bush Poet show
where you really should go
at **St Williams on Dawson Parade.**

Verse for Vinnies the gig,
it will be really big
as the funds go to those needing aid.

And **Jim Haynes** is the star
and he'll come from afar
for from Sydney he'll fly for the day.

He's a poet renown,
and can be quite a clown
at the end you will wish he could stay.

And with Noel and his verse

they'll have topics diverse

from bush rangers to comic galoot.

So you really should go **it's a 1.30 show**

and the afternoon tea's really beaut.

February 16th Cost: \$15

67 Dawson Parade Grovely

RELICS OF ST THERESE PILGRIMAGE 2020

The Relics of St Therese will be touring the Archdiocese of Brisbane from Thursday, February 6th to Saturday, February 15th. If you are interested, the itinerary is available from the Parish Office. Please call or email and a copy will be forwarded to you.

THE ELIZABETHAN CRAFT GROUP

Would you like a friendly get together with others? Come and join us for a cup of tea and a chat. There is also an opportunity to develop your talents (eg. crochet and knitting). You can get to know our group, learn new skills or simply get together for friendship and hospitality. This is a wonderful group with a long history of helping others and providing company to all ages. Men are also most welcome, for activities or simply to get together for companionship and a yarn. If you would like to be a part of our group contact Phil (3349 2809) or Marilyn (0411 226 735) or simply turn up at The Function Room, St John Fisher Church, Messines Ridge Road, Holland Park West each Thursday from 9:00am. A number of parishioners already belong to this group.

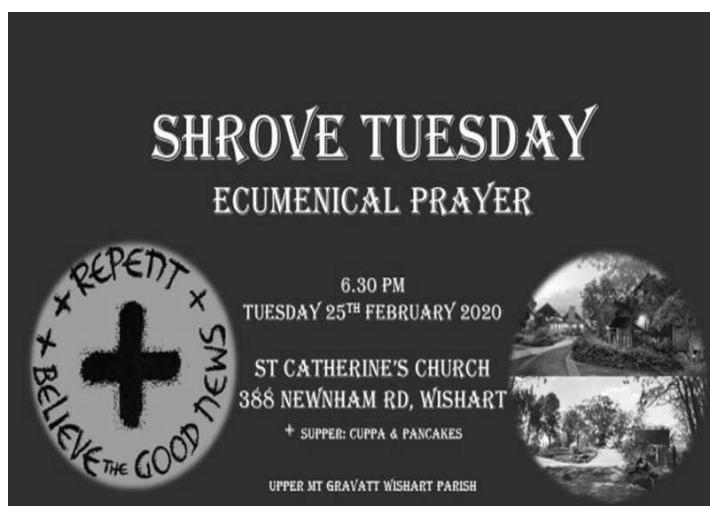
CCR BRISBANE HEALING PRAYER CENTRE

Catholic Charismatic Renewal will be offering training on Healing Prayer Level 1 at CCR Brisbane Centre, 688 Nudgee Road, Northgate in 2020. This level 1 course will be completed over 3 full Saturdays - 29 February, 28 March, 18 April with attendance at all three training days required and is **open** to all. For more details, fees and registration email secretary@ccrbrisbane.org.au; 0435 558 390 or 3202 6856

THE CATHOLIC LEADER

COST: \$2

- Prayers flow for four Maronite Catholic children killed by an alleged drunk driver in Sydney, father pleads for drivers to "be careful".
- Aboriginal educator Cynthia Rowan is Brisbane archdiocese's new reconciliation action plan officer and says the RAP was not just "an Aboriginal thing, it's for all Australians".
- Papua New Guinea Carmelite Father Paul Sireh hopes Blessed Peter To Rot's first chapel outside PNG could speed up his canonisation process.
- Albany Creek parishioners are praying for their parish priest of 34 years, Fr Ron Mollison, who had a stroke.
- Passionist Father David King has bid farewell to Brisbane after 12 years of spiritual direction and community leadership from the Fort in Oxley.
- Families are focusing on the lives of St Therese of Lisieux and her parents Sts Zelig and Louis Martin whose relics are in Brisbane archdiocese for the next week.
- Georgina Edwards' grandchildren are filling up every year level at Clairvaux MacKillop College and are hooked on Catholic education.
- Peter and Ellyn Gasparin are approaching their first Valentine's Day as a married couple and reflect on the sanctity and centrality of the vocation of marriage.
- Available in the churches this weekend.



SHROVE TUESDAY
ECUMENICAL PRAYER

6.30 PM
TUESDAY 25TH FEBRUARY 2020

ST CATHERINE'S CHURCH
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