



# Holland Park Mt Gravatt Parish News



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07 3291-5333

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1800 846 643

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(Safeguarding purposes only)

30th Sunday in Ordinary Time

Year A

24<sup>th</sup>/25<sup>th</sup> October, 2020



I was asked so many questions about my holidays when returned to the parish. Did you visit this place; how did you feel the county life; Oh you missed it dear; what was an exciting place that you visited?

People question what to do to gain everlasting life and what to do to please the Lord. The

question may really be a sincere question coming from innocent people but in our gospel it was with malice. The intention of the query was only to test how knowledgeable Jesus was about the Scriptures.

To love God wholly and totally (with one's heart, soul and mind) and to love one's neighbour are the greatest commandments of all. These two are inseparable. One cannot say "I love God" but hate his/her neighbour or have nothing to do with his/her neighbour. Because God is love and that is why we are able to love.

To love is to serve; to serve lovingly our brothers and sisters, especially those who are in need in our midst. By serving others one expresses his/her authentic love to God. There are a lot of ways of showing our love for God and others, we don't need to go out and look outside of ourselves, especially during this pandemic.

In our family, how do we show our love and share the joy of love? How do we show our care and concern to our parents, siblings, partners (wives and husbands) and friends?

When we make everyone happy and content with who they are and what they have and what they can - that is love. Loving is accepting who you are and who other people are. Loving is serving our family with full dedication and joy, without complaints and regrets.

Loving God is abstract unless it leads us to serving our community and others. Our community may mean our neighbourhood community or our parish community, or our group or club community. Are we good neighbours? How do we share our time, talents and treasures to our community? How are we involved in building our community? Are we an active member in our community or just a spectator to what is going on?

Loving is also a call to fidelity, becoming faithful to your one true love who is God. You can only love the "One" who is love. It is because of the love of God for us, who is actually the first one to love us, that we are able to love.

Fidelity to God means being faithful to His will, doing his holy will in love. When someone does something that he/she thinks is good without the right motivation, he/she will not endure. But if someone does things out of love, then he/she will grow and last. The main enemy of love is narcissism. When someone is so engrossed with himself/herself, his/her ego becomes the centre of his/her life. He/she can then no longer see others and God.

As a parish community we express our love to God by coming together to worship him and supporting each other sharing our time, talent and tressure. God uses our gifts to feed others specially this time. May our heart and hands be strengthened to Love God; share his love with others in different forms.

God bless you all,

Fr Joson

## Readings: All Saints Day

Apocalypse 7:2-4, 9-14

1 John 3:1-3

Matthew 5: 1-12

## READINGS FOR 29<sup>TH</sup> SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIMES

### First Reading

Exodus 20:20-26

The Lord said to Moses, 'Tell the sons of Israel this, "You must not molest the stranger or oppress him, for you lived as strangers in the land of Egypt. You must not be harsh with the widow, or with the orphan; if you are harsh with them, they will surely cry out to me, and be sure I shall hear their cry; my anger will flare and I shall kill you with the sword, your own wives will be widows, your own children orphans.

"If you lend money to any of my people, to any poor man among you, you must not play the usurer with him: you must not demand interest from him.

"If you take another's cloak as a pledge, you must give it back to him before sunset. It is all the covering he has; it is the cloak he wraps his body in; what else would he sleep in? If he cries to me, I will listen, for I am full of pity."

### Responsorial Psalm

**Response:** I love you, Lord, my strength.

I love you, Lord, my strength,  
my rock, my fortress, my saviour.  
My God is the rock where I take refuge;  
my shield, my mighty help, my stronghold.  
The Lord is worthy of all praise:  
when I call I am saved from my foes. (R.)

Long life to the Lord, my rock!  
Praised be the God who saves me.  
He has given great victories to his king  
and shown his love for his anointed

### Second Reading

Thessalonians 1:5-10

You observed the sort of life we lived when we were with you, which was for your instruction, and you were led to become imitators of us, and of the Lord; and it was with the joy of the Holy Spirit that you took to the gospel, in spite of the great opposition all round you. This has made you the great example to all believers in Macedonia and Achaia since it was from you that the word of the Lord started to spread – and not only throughout Macedonia and Achaia, for the news of your faith in God has spread everywhere. We do not need to tell other people about it: other people tell us how we started the work among you, how you broke with idolatry when you were converted to God and became servants of the real, living God; and how you are now waiting for Jesus, his Son, whom he raised from the dead, to come from heaven to save us from the retribution which is coming.

### Gospel Acclamation

Alleluia, Alleluia!  
You have one Father, your Father in heaven;  
you have one teacher: the Lord Jesus Christ.  
Alleluia!

### Gospel

Matthew 22:34-40

When the Pharisees heard that Jesus had silenced the Sadducees they got together and, to disconcert him, one of them put a question, 'Master, which is the greatest commandment of the law?' Jesus said, 'You must love the Lord your God with all your heart, with all your soul, and with all your mind. This is the greatest and the first commandment. The second resembles it: you must love your neighbour as yourself. On these two commandments hang the whole Law, and the Prophets also.'

## Parish Diary

**Saturday, October 31st**

Reconciliation 5:30pm

St Joachim's

**ALL SAINTS DAY**

**Saturday, October 31st**

Mass 6:00pm St Joachim's

**Sunday, Sunday November 1st**

Mass 7:30am St Joachim's

Mass 9:00am St Agnes'

Mass 10:30am St Joachim's  
(First Communion Mass)

Mass 6:00pm St Agnes'

**Monday, November 2nd**

Commemoration of the Faithful Departed  
(All Souls Day)

Mass 9:00am

St Joachim's

**PLEASE REMEMBER TO BOOK IN**



### PRAYING THE ROSARY

The month of October is dedicated to the Holy Rosary.

We have a small number of rosary beads still available free of charge in the churches this weekend. Parishioners are welcome to take one.

Our faith is more than a private matter. It shapes our lives in public as well as how we relate to God personally.

The Catholic Bishops of Queensland have released a State Election Statement, calling on Catholics to consider Catholic Social Teachings as they go to the polls on October 31.

To read the statement visit  
<https://bit.ly/2FDLtIH>



**Continuing on our faith journey during changed times; when our faith will sustain us through our challenges.**

#### **WE REMEMBER**

We remember Edna Hale. May she rest in the peace of Christ.

#### **CANCELLATION OF WEEKDAY MASSES**

Please note that there will be no mass this coming Thursday or Friday as Fr Joson will be away on retreat.

#### **COUNTERS**

Elisabeth's team

#### **MASS OF REMEMBRANCE**

Our annual Mass of Remembrance will be held on Saturday, November 14<sup>th</sup> however due to Covid-19 restricted numbers only invitees and their guests will be able to attend. Invitations are issued to those families who have held the funeral of their loved one in the parish in the last year. If any parishioner has a lost a loved one during the last 12 months and would like to have them remembered on the day, please contact the Parish Office.

#### **SUPPORT OF OUR PLANNED GIVING PROGRAM**

We would like to thank you for your continued support of the Parish during these difficult times. Planned Giving can be arranged through Direct Debit, Credit Card, Parish Giving App, Direct Deposit to the parish account and by Envelopes. If you would like to contribute by internet banking our details are: BSB: 064 - 786; A/c No: 3314 91100; A/c Name: Holland Park Mt Gravatt Parish. The Parish Giving app has been set up specifically for parishioners to be electronically connected to their parish for regular and one off giving. Download the app at: <https://parishgiving.brisbanecatholic.org.au/auth/login>

#### **ACCOMMODATION REQUIRED**

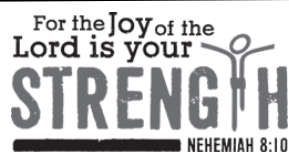
We have had an enquiry from a 55 year old gentleman who is looking for a room to rent in local area. If you can help please ring Dot at the Parish Office for details.

#### **NEW LIFE RETREAT ONLINE**

The Latin American Catholic Community of Brisbane invites you to register for this retreat commencing 8:00pm on October 31<sup>st</sup> to Saturday, November, 7<sup>th</sup>. To register go to: <http://bit.ly/NewLifeRetreat2020> For info phone 0434 491 161 or 0401 926 614.

#### **MASS FOR HEALING OF YOUR FAMILY TREE**

St Mary Magdalene's Church, Bardon on Friday, 6th November commencing 7.30pm. Limited number of place available. Register at [lenpatairey@gmail.com](mailto:lenpatairey@gmail.com) or 0421977849. Information and genogram available on <https://www.ccrbrisbane.org.au/news.php>



#### **Thank you for supporting this year's Catholic Mission Church Appeal through your kind gifts and prayers.**

Your generosity makes it possible for people, through programs such as the Arrupe Centre, to continue reaching out and empowering people like Chen and his family.

Thank you also to so many parishioners who have become monthly giving partners through our Cambodia Mission Partners program.

If you have not yet made a donation, you can still do so, in any of the following three ways:

**Text** the word *GIVE* to 0488 854 436, enter your parish name in the notes and follow the prompts; donate online ([catholicmission.org.au/Cambodia](https://catholicmission.org.au/Cambodia)) or

give via the traditional appeal envelope that are still available from your church.

To all those who did contribute, by donating or offering prayers, we thank you. May the Lord bless all of you and sustain your community at this challenging social time, just as you have sustained other communities around the world.

For more information about the work of Catholic Mission in Cambodia and around the world, please contact our friendly team at the freecall number below, or at [catholicmission.org.au/contact](https://catholicmission.org.au/contact).



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#### **Masses and Sacrament of Reconciliation**

The following process for booking of mass attendance will continue for all masses until otherwise notified. If you turn up for mass and the allowed number has been reached you will not be permitted to enter the church.

**WEEKEND MASSES** - Bookings close at 4:00pm on Fridays All you need to do is click on your preferred venue:

St Joachim's Masses - <https://www.trybooking.com/BJVCV>

St Agnes' Masses - <https://www.trybooking.com/BJVFE>

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5. Fill our details for each person attending, complete **all** fields, press **Next**
6. Complete Booking details, this must be completed to finalise booking, press **Purchase**
7. If your booking is successful you will receive an email within a few minutes.

Please remember social distancing at all times.

**It is also important to keep the 1.5m distance when you are processing to communion.**





**HOME ASSISTED MODIFICATIONS**

Grab rails, grab bars and other aids for aged care in and around the home.  
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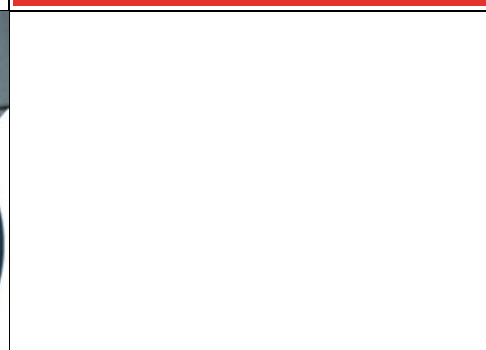
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