



# Holland Park Mt Gravatt Parish News



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1<sup>st</sup> Sunday in Lent

Year B

21<sup>st</sup>/22<sup>nd</sup> February, 2021

## Desert Experience??

As human beings we all pass through a kind of desert experience, especially during this pandemic time. I was feeling so dry last year when I journeyed through the Easter season, there were no public masses, no celebrations, I missed all the smiling faces in the church etc. Each year on this first Sunday of Lent, we read one of the synoptic accounts of the temptations of Jesus in the desert by Satan.

The same Spirit who descended on Jesus in his baptism now drives him into the desert for forty days. This is a moment of radical confrontation with Satan who wants to frustrate the work of God. The wild beasts represent the danger of the desert, and the angels remind us of the angel who supplied food for Elijah in the wilderness (1 King 19:5-7). In the desert, Jesus faces good and evil, but his obedience brings forth the new people of God where Israel's rebellion had brought death and alienation.

The word of God reminds us of the 40 days of Jesus' struggle in the desert. This experience of Jesus gives us an imprint of truth about fulfilment – that every achievement or triumph one can attain always has its underlying 'rupture' behind. The 40 days in the wilderness of Jesus is his experience of abandonment or rupture. They were days of tests, temptations, loneliness, an internal "annihilation."

Imaginably, we too experience such 'ruptures' in life in its various 'palms and faces.' They are present even among and within our families and society – sufferings, poverty, hunger, injustice – even if they dawn on others as mere 'human reality' where only disgust and mediocrity remain its viable responses. But what does it bring to us? What is the purpose of the 'wilderness' in our life?

Along this line of thought, in Jesus' perspective, the wilderness is the time and space where things became crystal clear – his priorities, his mission – the love of the Father far beyond imagining. It was the source of his inspiration, firm dedication and unwavering commitment. In the same way, our own share of 'wilderness' should also aid us in "moving on" in our life. It is not a reason for us to be immobile; on the contrary, it should rather transform us and make us "active" in fulfilling our role in the lives of others and in Kingdom of God as we move on to experience the great Joy of our faith.

Go to Joseph with extreme confidence, because I do not remember having asked anything from St. Joseph, without having obtained it readily.

Padre Pio

Many blessings,

Fr Joson

Readings: 2<sup>nd</sup> Sunday of Lent

Genesis 22:1-2, 9-13, 15-18

Romans 8:31-34

Mark 9:2-10

## READINGS FOR 4TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

### First Reading

Genesis 9:8-15

God spoke to Noah and his sons, 'See, I establish my Covenant with you, and with your descendants after you; also with every living creature to be found with you, birds, cattle and every wild beast with you: everything that came out of the ark, everything that lives on the earth. I establish my Covenant with you: no thing of flesh shall be swept away again by the waters of the flood. There shall be no flood to destroy the earth again.'

God said, 'Here is the sign of the Covenant I make between myself and you and every living creature with you for all generations: I set my bow in the clouds and it shall be a sign of the Covenant between me and the earth. When I gather the clouds over the earth and the bow appears in the clouds, I will recall the Covenant between myself and you and every living creature of every kind. And so the waters shall never again become a flood to destroy all things of flesh.'

### Responsorial Psalm

**Response:** Your ways, O Lord, are love and truth to those who keep your covenant.

Lord, make me know your ways. Lord, teach me your paths.

Make me walk in your truth, and teach me: for you are God my saviour.

Remember your mercy, Lord, and the love you have shown from of old.

In your love remember me, because of your goodness, O Lord.

The Lord is good and upright. He shows the path to those who stray, he guides the humble in the right path; he teaches his way to the poor.

### Second Reading

1 Peter 3:18 – 22

Christ himself, innocent though he was, died once for sins, died for the guilty, to lead us to God. In the body he was put to death, in the spirit he was raised to life, and, in the spirit, he went to preach to the spirits in prison. Now it was long ago, when Noah was still building that ark which saved only a small group of eight people 'by water', and when God was still waiting patiently, that these spirits refused to believe. That water is a type of the baptism which saves you now, and which is not the washing off of physical dirt but a pledge made to God from a good conscience, through the resurrection of Jesus Christ, who has entered heaven and is at God's right hand, now that he has made the angels and Dominations and Powers his subjects.

### Gospel Acclamation

Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ, king of endless glory!

No one lives on bread alone,

but on every word that comes from the mouth of God.

Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ, king of endless glory!

### Gospel

Mark 1:12-15

The Spirit drove Jesus out into the wilderness and he remained there for forty days, and was tempted by Satan. He was with the wild beasts, and the angels looked after him.

After John had been arrested, Jesus went into Galilee. There he proclaimed the Good News from God. 'The time has come' he said 'and the kingdom of God is close at hand. Repent, and believe the Good News.'

## Weekend Masses

The following process for booking of mass attendance will continue for all masses until otherwise notified.

**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>

1. Complete all steps through to pressing **Purchase**
2. If your booking is successful you will receive an email within a few minutes. If you do not receive an email, please ring the Parish Office and we will check the booking.

# Parish Diary

## Monday, February 22<sup>nd</sup>

Mass 6:30am

St Joachim's

## Wednesday, February 24<sup>th</sup>

Mass 6:00pm

St Agnes'

## Thursday, February 25<sup>th</sup>

Mass 9:00am

St Agnes'

## Friday, February 26<sup>th</sup>

Stations of the Cross 8:40am

Mass 9:00am

St Joachim's

## Saturday, February 27<sup>th</sup>

Reconciliation 5:30pm

St Joachim's

## 2<sup>ND</sup> SUNDAY IN LENT

## Saturday, February 27<sup>th</sup>

Mass 6:00pm

St Joachim's

## Sunday, February 28<sup>th</sup>

Mass 7:30am

St Joachim's

Mass 9:00am

St Agnes

Mass 6:00pm

St Agnes

**PLEASE REMEMBER TO BOOK IN  
FOR WEEKEND MASSES**

Prayer to St Joseph

You were chosen by God to be the fosterer father of Jesus, the most pure spouse of Mary, and the head of the holy Family. We ask your intercession...

Protect our pope and all who labour for souls amid the trials and tribulations of this life, and grant that all peoples of the world may follow Christ.

Protect us from every disease present in our world.

Remove all fear from our hearts. Fill us with confidence.

Dear St. Joseph, accept the offering I make to you. Be my father, protector and guide in the way of salvation.

Amen



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

## LENTEN PROGRAM

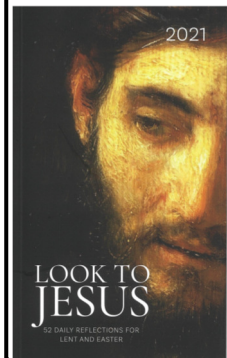
### MONDAY MORNING MASS

As of this week, February 22<sup>nd</sup> the **Monday morning mass will commence at 6:30am** for the duration of Lent.

### STATIONS OF THE CROSS

Commencing 8:40am on Fridays there will be Stations of the Cross at St Joachim's before the regular 9:00am mass.

### REFLECTIONS FOR LENT AND EASTER



The Lenten Program that has been offered in previous years is not being offered this year. It has been redesigned for more personal reflection, however if you wished to form a small group there is a guide to do so included.

**Look to Jesus** is a book of 52 Daily Reflections for Lent and Easter published by Evangelisation Brisbane and available for \$5. These will be available in the churches from this weekend.

### WE REJOICE

With the Power and Conroy families as they celebrate the baptism of Omari and Henry.

### COUNTERS

Elisabeth's team

### THE SACRAMENT OF Penance

The parish would like to invite all children in Year 5 and above who have received their First Holy Communion to join us in preparing for the Sacrament of Penance.

**Where:** St Joachim's church **When:** Saturday 6 March  
10.30am - 12.00pm OR 1.00pm - 2.30PM

**\*Children only need to attend one session.** This program is for children/candidates only. Parents are not required to attend.

Places are limited so please **RSVP before 1 March** to secure your place. [sacpr.hpmg@bne.catholic.net.au](mailto:sacpr.hpmg@bne.catholic.net.au) or ph:3349 2280

### COOKS / FOOD PREPARATION VOLUNTEERS

Our Parish needs a list of cooks and food prep volunteers who are capable of buying food, preparing it and (sometimes) presenting it for a meeting or an event. The new Sunday night youth mass with food offered afterwards will happen ten times this year, and there are also occasional meetings of priests or morning teas that need catering. Whenever there is an event coming up, all of the listed volunteers will be asked by email or text "are you able to cater for this event coming" and it will be up to you reply or not. If you have these skills and are willing to be on the list, please email Paul at [hpmgcouncil@gmail.com](mailto:hpmgcouncil@gmail.com).



### ANOTHER WAY TO GIVE

Keep an eye out for our updated Donation Tap machines. These machines are contactless so very safe in these COVID times. We now have them housed in beautiful timber stands.

Simply tap your credit card and wait for the beep to make your donation. Each tap will donate \$10 towards our Parish.



**First Sunday of Lent**  
**21st February 2021**



Jamila, 22, is a Rohingya woman living in the world's largest refugee camp in Bangladesh. She was forced to flee the armed conflict in Myanmar to save herself, her

elderly mother and her eight-month-old baby. With the support of Caritas Australia, through Caritas Bangladesh, Jamila was able to access emergency, food and shelter. She also received counselling, emotional support, and learnt sewing skills to help her earn an income.

Jamila now feels less alone, with a sense of community around her. She is able to 'Be More' to her little family. "Thank you, and thanks Caritas Australia," Jamila says.

Please donate to Project Compassion 2021 to help mothers like Jamila be more for her family and her community. You can donate through envelopes, by visiting [www.caritas.org.au/projectcompassion](http://www.caritas.org.au/projectcompassion) or phoning 1800 024 413.



The Youth and Family Mass held last Sunday evening was such an incredible opportunity to gather

together for Mass, share a meal, and socialise with some amazing ping pong skills! Thank you for everyone who was able to make it, and a special thanks to the Parish Pastoral Council for their efforts in catering the night!

This Youth and Family Mass will be occurring on the second Sunday of each month at the 6pm Mass at St Agnes. Can't wait to see you for the next one on the 14th March!

Additionally, we are starting a monthly youth group starting in March! Keep your eyes on the Parish Newsletter and Facebook page for more information!

Have a great week!

Nick Kelly  
Parish Youth Coordinator

### DATE CLAIMER - WORLD DAY OF PRAYER - PRAY FOR VANUATU

Friday, March 5<sup>th</sup> commencing 10:00am at St Bartholomew's Anglican Church, Mt Gravatt. Trish O'Brien, would love to hear from anyone who is interested in attending, her number is 0434 533 157. Each church is represented in the liturgy so we do need a couple of people to partake. **Men are also encouraged to attend;** it is no longer a women's only event.

### BAPTISED CATHOLIC?

In an advertising campaign in February and March featuring international cricketer, Matthew Hayden, the Archdiocese is inviting all baptised Catholics to reflect upon what it means to be baptised Catholic.

We're looking for your help to:

- \* Pray for the opening of hearts
- \* Accompany those who are seeking
- \* Welcome new faces

There are fliers in our parish that you can give to family, friends, or colleagues who may be interested. To sign up or to find out more, go to:

[www.evangelisationbrisbane.org.au/baptisedcatholic](http://www.evangelisationbrisbane.org.au/baptisedcatholic)

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