



Holland Park Mt Gravatt Parish News



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4th Sunday of Easter

Year B

24th/25th April, 2021



ANZAC DAY.....

Today we are gather in memory of our Anzacs

Over one hundred years have gone since the Anzac forces landed on the beaches of Gallipoli.

By remembering this day, we are not glorifying the war but we remember fondly and pray for the soldiers who fought and died for our country and we show our gratitude and tell our country's gratefulness for the gift of self in the cause of freedom. We also remember those who served during the war and returned home forever changed by their unimaginable experiences.

Jesus said; "No one has greater love than those who lay down his life for others". We continue to pray "for our fellow citizens who bore witness to God's own fidelity by giving their lives for others."

May this Anzac Day Commemoration teach us to value what we have received, especially the freedom we are enjoying. The greatest gift that God gave to humankind is freedom, the freedom to choose between right or wrong.

In today's gospel we read about the good Shepherd who lays down his life for the sheep; yes, these Anzacs sacrificed their life for our country... for our freedom.

Let us always choose the right path and pray that people all over the world always choose the path of peace and make this world a place free of war and hostility. War is never an answer to solve any problem in this world.

I end with a tribute written by Mustafa Kemal to the Anzacs killed at Gallipoli, those heroes who shed their blood and lost their lives.

"You are now lying in the soil of a friendly country. Therefore, rest in peace. There is no difference between the Johnnies and the Mehmets to us where they lie side by side now here in this country of ours.... You the mothers, who sent their sons from far away countries wipe away your tears; your sons are laying in our bosom and are in peace. After having lost their lives on this land they have become our sons as well. God bless you all and our country."

Every blessings

Fr Joson

Weekend Masses

Mass bookings for weekend masses are still required.

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>

Readings: 5th Sunday of Easter

Acts 9:26-31

1 John 3:18-24

John 15:1-8

READINGS FOR THIRD SUNDAY OF EASTER

First Reading

Acts 4:8-12

Filled with the Holy Spirit, Peter said: 'Rulers of the people, and elders! If you are questioning us today about an act of kindness to a cripple, and asking us how he was healed, then I am glad to tell you all, and would indeed be glad to tell the whole people of Israel, that it was by the name of Jesus Christ the Nazarene, the one you crucified, whom God raised from the dead, by this name and by no other that this man is able to stand up perfectly healthy, here in your presence, today. This is the stone rejected by you the builders, but which has proved to be the keystone. For of all the names in the world given to men, this is the only one by which we can be saved.'

Responsorial Psalm

Response: The stone rejected by the builders has become the cornerstone.

Give thanks to the Lord for he is good, for his love has no end.

It is better to take refuge in the Lord than to trust in men:

it is better to take refuge in the Lord than to trust in princes.

I will thank you for you have given answer and you are my saviour.

The stone which the builders rejected has become the corner stone.

This is the work of the Lord, a marvel in our eyes.

Blessed in the name of the Lord is he who comes.

We bless you from the house of the Lord;

I will thank you for you have given answer and you are my saviour.

Give thanks to the Lord for he is good; for his love has no end.

Second Reading

1 John 3:1-2

Think of the love that the Father has lavished on us,
by letting us be called God's children;
and that is what we are.

Because the world refused to acknowledge him,
therefore it does not acknowledge us.

My dear people, we are already the children of God
but what we are to be in the future has not yet been revealed;
all we know is, that when it is revealed
we shall be like him

because we shall see him as he really is.

Gospel Acclamation

Alleluia, alleluia!

I am the good shepherd, says the Lord;

I know my sheep, and mine know me.

Alleluia!

Gospel

John 10:11-18

Jesus said:

'I am the good shepherd:

the good shepherd is one who lays down his life for his sheep.

The hired man, since he is not the shepherd and the sheep do not belong to him, abandons the sheep and runs away as soon as he sees a wolf coming, and then the wolf attacks and scatters the sheep;

this is because he is only a hired man and has no concern for the sheep.

I am the good shepherd; I know my own and my own know me, just as the Father knows me and I know the Father; and I lay down my life for my sheep.

And there are other sheep I have that are not of this fold, and these I have to lead as well. They too will listen to my voice, and there will be only one flock and one shepherd.

The Father loves me, because I lay down my life in order to take it up again.

No one takes it from me; I lay it down of my own free will,

and as it is in my power to lay it down, so it is in my power to take it up again;

and this is the command I have been given by my Father.'

Parish Diary

Monday, April 26th

Mass 6:30am

St Joachim's

Wednesday, April 28th

Mass 6:00pm

St Agnes'

Thursday, April 29th

Mass 9:00am

St Agnes'

Friday, April 30th

Mass 9:00am

St Joachim's

Saturday, May 1st

Reconciliation 5:30pm

St Joachim's

5TH SUNDAY OF EASTER

Saturday, May 1st

Mass 6:00pm

St Joachim's

Sunday, May 2nd

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.

PARISH NEWS

WE REMEMBER

We remember Elaine Oberhardt. May she rest in the peace of Christ.

COUNTERS

Elisabeth's team

MEALS ON WHEELS

St Agnes' next rostered day is Thursday, April 29th.

Volunteers are asked to advise the MOW kitchen on 3397 9150 of your availability.

PLANNED GIVING CONTRIBUTIONS

Planned Giving can be arranged through Direct Debit, Credit Card, and by Envelopes. If you would like to contribute by internet banking our details are: BSB: 064 - 786; A/c No: 100013625 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>

HOW TO USE THE PARISH APP



ANOTHER WAY TO GIVE

Keep an eye out for our Donation Tap machines. These machines are contactless so very safe in these COVID times. Simply tap your credit card and wait for the beep to make your donation. Each tap will donate \$10 towards our Parish.



1. Open the camera app and scan the QR code at the Church entrance and follow the link to the Giving Website
2. Log in or create an account
3. Tap on find nearest Parish
4. Tap on Holland Park Mt Gravatt Parish
5. Enter your chosen amount and card details and click on submit.

Australian Catholic Bishops Conference 2021 National Count of Attendance

Over the first 4 weekends of May we will be participating in the National Count of Attendance at all masses.

The first 2 weekends are straightforward however on the 3rd and 4th weekend we are being asked to provide additional information by noting the sex (3rd) and ages (4th) of those attending. On these 2 weekends we will be asking you for your assistance to enable us provide this information.

COMMUNITY NEWS

THE CRUCIFIX PROJECT



Pope Francis sums up the importance of a crucifix in the life of a Catholic - "The crucifix is not just a symbol or a wall decoration, it is the entire expression of the love God, who sent his Son to die for us for our sins."; "The image of Jesus crucified reveals the mystery of the death of the Son as the supreme act of love, the source of life and salvation for humanity of all times."

The Crucifix Project is the idea of retired couple from the bayside who have decided they would like to make good quality crucifixes for families to have in their home. The cost is \$20 each. A sample will be on show on the gifts table in **St Agnes' Church** this weekend for parishioners to look at. If you are interested, please ring the parish office. We will place one order and have them delivered to office for collection.

NATIONAL CHILD PROTECTION WEEK CHILDREN'S ART ACTIVITY

This year's Children's Art Activity for National Child Protection Week encourages us to talk to children and young people about what they think is important in their neighbourhoods. The activity ties in with this year's theme that 'Every child, in every community, needs a fair go' because 'To treat all of Australia's children fairly, we need to make sure every family and community has what kids need to thrive and be healthy'. Ideally, we are looking for collaborative artworks, but individual entries will also be most welcome.

Entries received before 4 May will go in the running for a range of small prizes. For more information, visit the NAPCAN website where you can download the Children's Art Activity flyer. If you have particular questions, please feel free to email us on contact@napcan.org.au.

URGENT HELP NEEDED

500 asylum seekers in Queensland desperately need help to cover basic living necessities. Funds for basic living costs and medicine are at a critical level and requests for support are increasing. These vulnerable people in our community have endured detention are awaiting outcomes of long visa processes and have limited ways to support themselves and their families. Your donation helps us continue essential support of.

Please donate now through: Communify Qld Inc
Reference: ASRA Asylum Seeker; BSB: 064123; A/c: 10123138

If you need a tax receipt or would like more information don't hesitate to contact us at: Asylum Seeker and Refugee Assistance - email: anneh@communify.org.au; 3510 2700

AID TO THE CHURCH IN NEED AUSTRALIA

ACN distributes over one million Bibles and religious books thanks to the help of our benefactors every year. Jesus commanded "Go out into the whole world and preach the Gospel to all creation." ACN takes this command seriously by spreading the faith through these Children's Bibles. Often in poor countries, the Children's Bible is the first book that children receive in their own language and frequently, it is the only picture book that they will ever hold. Visit www.aidtochurch.org/bibles

SAFEGUARDING CHILDREN & VULNERABLE ADULTS PREVENTION AND PROTECTION POLICY

... for it is to such as thee that the kingdom of God belongs.

The Archdiocese of Brisbane holds that children, young people and vulnerable adults are a gift from God with an intrinsic right to dignity of life, respect and security from physical and emotional harm. They are to be treasured, nurtured and safeguarded by all.

This means that everyone in the church must ensure that the fundamental rights of children, young people and vulnerable adults are respected. This will be achieved through the development of respectful relationships and a commitment to safety embracing appropriate boundaries, behaviours and practices, in accordance with the Archdiocesan Code of Ethical Behaviour and adherence to legislative imperatives of the State.

This policy applies to Clergy, Religious, Staff, Parishioners, Volunteers, Students on placement and Visitors to our sites.

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



HOME ASSISTED MODIFICATIONS

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