



# Holland Park Mt Gravatt Parish News



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Mt Gravatt

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## Parish Schools and College

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St Joachim's School

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07 3291-5333

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Dot Lomax 0474 297 201

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## Pentecost Sunday

Year B

22<sup>nd</sup>/23<sup>rd</sup> May, 2021



## Has the face of the earth really been renewed?

Pentecost brings the Easter season to a close, celebrating the fullness of the Spirit and the great gathering of nations. The plan of salvation has been brought to its conclusion. The Risen Lord is exalted in his rightful place next to God and has sent his own Spirit to fill the earth with God's power. The world is charged with divine energy; it needs but a spark to ignite it with life and excitement.

If this has all really happened, why does our world look the same? Why is there so much religious and ethnic rivalry? Why do we continue to make distinctions between Jew and Gentile, slave and free, woman and man, distinctions that favour one at the expense of the other? Why is there so little peace, or comfort, or solace? Why do we refuse to forgive or to be reconciled? Is Pentecost merely a feast that we celebrate in red vestments? Has the face of the earth really been renewed?

The answer is yes! Resoundingly, yes! The Spirit has been poured forth and works wonders wherever human hearts are open to its prompting. The earth is renewed each time rivalries are resolved, distinctions are recognised as merely expressions of diversity, peace is restored, comfort and solace are offered, and forgiveness is granted. We are immersed in the vigour of the Spirit of God; all we have to do is open ourselves to it and the reign of God will be born in our midst.

Dianne Bergant CSA

## National Volunteer Week – Thank you to Volunteers

I would like to sincerely thank all our volunteers for sharing their gifts with this parish community. I truly appreciate your commitment and sacrifice to enable you to do what you do for the parish. A big thank you to all my volunteers.

With God's blessings

Fr Joson



## Weekend Mass Bookings

Click on your preferred venue:

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

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

Readings: The Most Holy Trinity

Deuteronomy 4:32-34, 39-40

Romans 8:14-17

Matthew 28:16-20

## READINGS FOR THE ASCENSION OF THE LORD

### First Reading

Acts 2:1-11

When Pentecost day came round, the apostles had all met in one room, when suddenly they heard what sounded like a powerful wind from heaven, the noise of which filled the entire house in which they were sitting; and something appeared to them that seemed like tongues of fire; these separated and came to rest on the head of each of them. They were all filled with the Holy Spirit, and began to speak foreign languages as the Spirit gave them the gift of speech.

Now there were devout men living in Jerusalem from every nation under heaven, and at this sound they all assembled, each one bewildered to hear these men speaking his own language. They were amazed and astonished. 'Surely' they said 'all these men speaking are Galileans? How does it happen that each of us hears them in his own native language? Parthians, Medes and Elamites; people from Mesopotamia, Judaea and Cappadocia, Pontus and Asia, Phrygia and Pamphylia, Egypt and the parts of Libya round Cyrene; as well as visitors from Rome - Jews and proselytes alike - Cretans and Arabs; we hear them preaching in our own language about the marvels of God.'

### Responsorial Psalm

**Response:** Lord, send out your Spirit  
and renew the face of the earth.

Bless the Lord, my soul! Lord God, how great you are,  
How many are your works, O Lord! The earth is full of your riches.

You take back your spirit, they die, returning to the dust from which they came.  
You send forth your spirit, they are created; and you renew the face of the earth.

May the glory of the Lord last for ever! May the Lord rejoice in his works!  
May my thoughts be pleasing to him. I find my joy in the Lord.

### Second Reading

Galations 5:16-25

If you are guided by the Spirit you will be in no danger of yielding to self-indulgence, since self-indulgence is the opposite of the Spirit, the Spirit is totally against such a thing, and it is precisely because the two are so opposed that you do not always carry out your good intentions. If you are led by the Spirit, no law can touch you. When self-indulgence is at work the results are obvious: fornication, gross indecency and sexual irresponsibility; idolatry and sorcery; feuds and wrangling, jealousy, bad temper and quarrels; disagreements, factions, envy; drunkenness, orgies and similar things. I warn you now, as I warned you before: those who behave like this will not inherit the kingdom of God. What the Spirit brings is very different: love, joy, peace, patience, kindness, goodness, trustfulness, gentleness and self-control. There can be no law against things like that, of course. You cannot belong to Christ Jesus unless you crucify all self-indulgent passions and desire.

Since the Spirit is our life, let us be directed by the Spirit.

### Gospel Acclamation

Alleluia, alleluia!  
Come, Holy Spirit, fill the hearts of your faithful  
and kindle in them the fire of your love.  
Alleluia!

### Gospel

John 15:26-27, 16:12-15

'When the Advocate comes,  
whom I shall send to you from the Father,  
the Spirit of truth who issues from the Father,  
he will be my witness.  
And you too will be witnesses,  
because you have been with me from the outset.  
I still have many things to say to you  
but they would be too much for you now.  
But when the Spirit of truth comes  
he will lead you to the complete truth,  
since he will not be speaking as from himself  
but will say only what he has learnt;  
and he will tell you of the things to come.  
He will glorify me,  
since all he tells you  
will be taken from what is mine.

## Parish Diary

### Monday, May 24th

Mass 8:00am  
St Joachim's

### Wednesday, May 26th

Mass 9:00am  
St Agnes

### Thursday, May 27th

Mass 9:00am  
St Agnes

### Friday, May 28th

Mass 9:00am  
St Joachim's

### Saturday, May 29th

Reconciliation 5:30pm  
St Joachim's

### THE MOST HOLY TRINITY

### Saturday, May 29th

Mass 6:00pm  
St Joachim's

### Sunday, May 30th

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 Glen Patay Larsson and Dorothy Bennett and Gerard Connolly whose 25<sup>th</sup> anniversary occurs this week. May they rest in the peace of Christ.

### COUNTERS

Elisabeth's team

### Australian Catholic Bishops Conference 2021 National Count of Attendance continues...

This weekend is the final weekend of counting.

This week we are being asked to count by age groups. Fr Joson will be asking the designated age groups to stand while they are counted.

### Pope encourages faithful to pray Rosary at home

Catholic Mission invites parishioners to join them via Zoom to pray the rosary daily at 2pm. Join via this link: <https://tinyurl.com/28xh55p8>

Meeting ID: 874 9118 8450 Password: prayer

## COMMUNITY NEWS

### POSITION VACANCIES – ARCHDIOCESE OF BRISBANE

There are a number of vacancies across the archdiocese, including Southside parishes. If you are interested in finding out more, please click on the following link:

<https://brisbanecatholic.org.au/and-to-careers>

*The Archdiocese of Brisbane has standards of conduct for workers to maintain a safe and healthy environment for children. Our commitment to these standards requires that we conduct working with children checks and background referencing for all persons who will engage in direct and regular involvement with children and young people (0 - 18 years) and/or vulnerable adults. The organisation is fully committed to child safety and has a 0 tolerance to abuse of children or vulnerable adults.*

### AID TO THE CHURCH IN NEED AUSTRALIA

ACN Australia has launched a website for the Year of St Joseph. Sign up to receive monthly devotional emails to help you become closer to St Joseph in this special year. When you sign up you can obtain a free copy of Fr Donald Calloway's Consecration to St Joseph book! To sign up visit [www.yearofstjoseph.com.au](http://www.yearofstjoseph.com.au)

### THE SURGERY SHIP!

The Surgery Ship 8-part series will air on 7TWO on Sundays at 11am and encores on Mondays at 1pm from 23 May to 12 July. A hospital ship offering lifesaving surgery to the poorest of the poor in Africa. With just one year they provide the care these people cannot get any other way. Volunteer doctors and nurses are headed for the biggest medical and ethical challenges of their lives as they deal with life and death cases and balance the fates of patients in their hands.

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### 4MBS CLASSIC FM FESTIVAL OF CLASSICS

The 28th Annual Festival of Classics will run from the 23rd of May to the 6th of June and is Australia's largest classical music festival, proudly highlighting Queensland's brilliant classical musicians. This year 10 of the Festival's 23 concerts are being presented right here in Coorparoo in the 4MBS Performance Studio, 384 Old Cleveland Road, Coorparoo. For concert program click here [Festival of Classics \(4mbs.com.au\)](http://FestivalofClassics(4mbs.com.au))

### ALL HALLOWS' SCHOOL OPEN DAY

We warmly invite you and your family to discover the All Hallows' School difference at our Open Day on Sunday 30 May from 11:00am–2:00pm. There will be opportunities to tour the School, spend time with staff and students, enjoy performances, view a range of academic and co-curricular displays, and experience the spirit of Mercy, learning excellence and our values of Respect, Compassion, Integrity, Joy, Service and Justice. Register now at [ahs.qld.edu.au/openday](http://ahs.qld.edu.au/openday).

### LUMINOUS LANTERN PARADE

Multicultural Australia's Luminous Lantern Parade returns this year. The Catholic Justice and Peace Commission will have a banner and lantern in the parade. Please join us and be part of the public welcome to all migrants, refugees, people seeking asylum and international students. It takes place on Friday, June 4 at Southbank Parklands. We assemble from 5:00 PM in Little Stanley Street and the parade commences at 6:00 PM. If you want to join us, please let us know by e-mailing your name and a phone number to [cjpc@bne.catholic.net.au](mailto:cjpc@bne.catholic.net.au)

### HARVEST JOURNEYS TO LAUNCH OUR EXCITING NEW PILGRIMAGE

An exciting new pilgrimage range of local [Catholic Roadtrips](#) exploring the spiritual graces and natural wonders of our amazing *Holy Home-Land* here in Australia and New Zealand has been launched. Australia is well overdue to be seen and experienced through the eyes of pilgrims who are nourished daily by holy communion and in the fellowship of like-hearted companions. Discover the many wonders of these great lands while enjoying choice accommodation and great cuisine under the guidance of your professional Harvest Tour Director and dedicated Priest or Bishop chaplain. Click on this link for more information - [Catholic Roadtrips](#) or telephone 1800 819 156.

### QUIET WEEKEND RETREAT FOR WOMEN

A quiet weekend with opportunity to explore our life story and our experiences of the wisdom growing within us since the moment of our birth...Sophia, the wisdom of God within. Come and experience a time of guided prayerful reflection. Facilitated by Grace Harwood (Dragonfly Ministries) from Friday 18 June 6pm to Sunday 20 June 3pm at Santa Teresa Spirituality Centre, Ormiston. Cost: \$370 (\$340 for pensioners, f/t students and unemployed) includes all accommodation, meals (an additional fee for special diets of any kind), resources, spiritual direction and facilitation. To register or enquire contact Grace at: [grace@dragonflyministries.net.au](mailto:grace@dragonflyministries.net.au) or 0409 524 283.

### 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**

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