



# Holland Park Mt Gravatt Parish News



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## **Parish Schools and College**

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07 3397 9087

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07 3291-5333

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1800 846 643

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11<sup>th</sup> Sunday in Ordinary Time

Year B

12<sup>th</sup>/13<sup>th</sup> June, 2021

## **Arise and Shine**

Was it just an off-handed compliment. Or was it an action that seemed meaningless at the time. That moment of service that required almost no energy and took less than 30 seconds. You found out later how deep the impact was. You learned how that one moment changed the life of another person. While it meant nothing to you, it meant everything to them. Sometimes the little things make the biggest difference. The Kingdom is built on little things.

In listening to the Gospel proclaimed, it can be easy to get caught up in the agricultural analogies and miss the incredible message that Jesus is offering. We often think that the big things are going to build the Kingdom. It's the giant event that helped a teenager encounter Christ or the amazing talk we prepared. Certainly those things play an important role and can be starting points and even places where conversion begins. But often, many of us focus too much on the big things. We put all of our energy into planning out the retreat and don't have time to grab coffee with a teenager that needs to talk. We are rushing around preparing for an Edge or Life Night, and forget to welcome the young person that is new.

Those little moments we miss make the biggest difference. They build the Kingdom. They are the mustard seed that we plant and Christ magnifies those actions and makes them abundant. We need to work on the big things in our ministry, but not at the expense of the little moments of relational ministry. Not at the expense of that 30-second conversation that makes all the difference.

Small actions grow into something big. There are big moments in ministry, but they require the small moments first. That teen/adult you welcomed when she was new probably won't tell you that she is struggling with her parents' divorce right away – that big conversation starts with a little one. The teen thinking about the priesthood probably won't welcome your insight into his discernment until you've walked with him on his journey of faith. You can't lead a teenager closer to Christ without taking the small moment to learn a teenager's name.

Where are you spending your energy? Are you too focused on the big moments, or are you attentive to the small ways that Christ is calling you to serve? Are you planting mustard seeds that will grow into something amazing, or trying to replant cedar trees on a hilltop? This week, be attentive to the small parts of your ministry – and get ready to see some Kingdom size results.

By JOEL STEPANEK

## **Sacramental Program – 1st Holy Communion**

Today we welcome 28 children to the Table of the Lord as they celebrate their 1<sup>st</sup> communion. We congratulate Patrick Staley, Hugo Elliot, Grace Mar, Violet Borg, Timothy Blue, Noah Harvey, Liam Doe, Ashleigh Brady, Adelynn Spragg, Madeline Stacey, Noah Jones, Sofia Rovelli, Lucas Smith, Ella Winter, Riley Dang, Lily Knight, Isla Olds, Layla Leko, Ivy Mullane, Nina Dunstan, Angela and Elizabeth Vellalan, Charles Nohr, Genevieve Cundy, Alana and Zara Bushell, Stephanie Cameron and Alastair Callan. I ask that you keep them all in your prayers.

## **Quote on St Joseph**

St Joseph was an ordinary sort of man on whom God relied to do great things. He did exactly what the Lord wanted him to do, in each and every event that went to make up his life.

St.Jose Escriva

Readings: 12<sup>th</sup> Sunday in Ordinary Time

Job 38:1, 8-11

2 Corinthians 5:14-17

Mark: 4:35-41

## READINGS FOR 11<sup>TH</sup> SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

### First Reading

Ezekiel 17:22-24

The Lord says this:

'From the top of the cedar,  
from the highest branch I will take a shoot  
and plant it myself on a very high mountain.  
I will plant it on the high mountain of Israel.  
It will sprout branches and bear fruit,  
and become a noble cedar.  
Every kind of bird will live beneath it,  
every winged creature rest in the shade of its branches.  
And every tree of the field will learn that I, the Lord, am the one  
who stunts tall trees and makes the low ones grow,  
who withers green trees and makes the withered green.  
I, the Lord, have spoken, and I will do it.'

### Responsorial Psalm

**Response:** Lord, it is good to give thanks to you.

It is good to give thanks to the Lord to make music to your name, O Most High,  
to proclaim your love in the morning and your truth in the watches of the night.

The just will flourish like the palm-tree and grow like a Lebanon cedar.

Planted in the house of the Lord they will flourish in the courts of our God,  
still bearing fruit when they are old, still full of sap, still green,  
to proclaim that the Lord is just. In him, my rock, there is no wrong.

### Second Reading

2 Corinthians 5:6-10

We are always full of confidence when we remember that to live in the body means to be exiled from the Lord, going as we do by faith and not by sight – we are full of confidence, I say, and actually want to be exiled from the body and make our home with the Lord. Whether we are living in the body or exiled from it, we are intent on pleasing him. For all the truth about us will be brought out in the law court of Christ, and each of us will get what he deserves for the things he did in the body, good or bad.

### Gospel Acclamation

Alleluia, alleluia!

The seed is the word of God; Christ is the sower;  
All who come to him will live for ever.  
Alleluia!

### Gospel

Mark 4: 26-34

Jesus said to the crowds, 'This is what the kingdom of God is like. A man throws seed on the land. Night and day, while he sleeps, when he is awake, the seed is sprouting and growing; how, he does not know. Of its own accord the land produces first the shoot, then the ear, then the full grain in the ear. And when the crop is ready, he loses no time; he starts to reap because the harvest has come.'

He also said, 'What can we say the kingdom of God is like? What parable can we find for it? It is like a mustard seed which at the time of its sowing in the soil is the smallest of all the seeds on earth; yet once it is sown it grows into the biggest shrub of them all and puts out big branches so that the birds of the air can shelter in its shade.'

Using many parables like these, he spoke the word to them, so far as they were capable of understanding it. He would not speak to them except in parables, but he explained everything to his disciples when they were alone.

## Parish Diary

### Monday, June 14th

Mass 8:00am  
St Joachim's

### Wednesday, June 16th

Mass 6:00pm  
St Agnes

### Thursday, June 17<sup>th</sup>

Mass 9:00am  
St Agnes

### Friday, June 18<sup>th</sup>

Mass 9:00am  
St Joachim's

### Saturday, June 19<sup>th</sup>

Reconciliation 5:30pm  
St Joachim's

## 12<sup>TH</sup> SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

### Saturday, June 19<sup>th</sup>

Parish Reflection 9:30am  
St Agnes'  
Mass 6:00pm  
St Joachim's

### Sunday, June 20<sup>th</sup>

Mass 7:30am  
St Joachim's  
Mass 9:00am  
St Agnes  
Mass 6:00pm  
St Agnes

### 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.

The Holland Park Mt Gravatt Catholic Parish acknowledge the Jagera 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.

## PARISH NEWS

### WE REJOICE

With the Sapper family as they celebrate the baptism of Henning in the parish this weekend.

### COUNTERS

Tony's team

### MEALS ON WHEELS

St Joachim's team - Tuesday, June 15th.

### ST VINCENT DE PAUL SOCIETY

Tuesday, June 15th at 4:00pm in the Parish Centre.

### PARISH PASTORAL COUNCIL

Wednesday day, June 16th at 6:30pm in the Parish Centre

### 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> or scan the QR Code at church entrance and follow the link to the Giving website. Log in or create an account. Tap on parish and select Holland Park Mt Gravatt Parish. Enter your chosen amount and card details and click on submit.

### Weekend Mass Bookings

As of the weekend of June 27<sup>th</sup>/28<sup>th</sup> June you will be able to attend mass without booking in beforehand. This can be done by using the Check in Qld app to register your attendance. If you don't already have this app on your smartphone you will need to download it. This can be done through the google play store or the apple app store on your phone.

For those who do not have a smartphone there is still the option of using the Trybooking system as we have been doing or you can just turn up and sign in.

**IT IS ESSENTIAL THAT EVERYONE WHO ATTENDS MASS SIGNS IN - ONE WAY OR THE OTHER**

In the event that we have a mass where we are expecting near full/ full capacity (Sacramental Program, Christmas masses) we will revert back to the Trybooking system. You will be advised of these events well in advance.

**Bookings for next weekend June 19<sup>th</sup>; 20<sup>th</sup> must be done through the following Trybooking link.**

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

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

**Bookings for masses June 27<sup>th</sup>/28<sup>th</sup> onwards please use this link.**

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

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

If you would like help on how to download the app or any further information, please do not hesitate to call the office. We are here to help you.

### ACCOMMODATION REQUIRED

Mature, Catholic teacher relocating from western Queensland is seeking a Granny Flat or private accommodation in the southern or western suburbs of Brisbane for Term 3 commencing July 28<sup>th</sup>. References are available.

Phone 0419 774 110

or email

dmd191920@gmail.com

### PARISH REFLECTION MORNING

**Saturday, June 19<sup>th</sup> 9:30am ~ 11:30am**

**St Agnes' Church**

*Morning tea will be provided*

*Fr. Jose R. Sanchez, C.P. was ordained a priest in December, 1992. He has previously been the Director of the Passionist Family Groups Movement in Victoria, Tasmania, part of the directorship team for Queensland and Northern NSW and has conducted over 500 Parish Missions all around Australia and New Zealand. Fr Ray has worked in adult faith education, Sacramental preparation for children and parents, hospital and high school chaplaincy and has conducted in-services and retreats. He has been the chair of The Passionist Justice, Peace and Ecology committee for their Australian Province for the last 15 years. Last year Fr Ray was made the community leader of the Passionist Oxley Community.*

There will be no need to book. You can register at the door with your Check in Queensland App. If you do not have this app there will be sign-in sheets for you to complete. If you have any questions with regards to the App please give the parish office a call.





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## **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