



Holland Park Mt Gravatt Parish News



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16th Sunday in Ordinary Time

Year B

17th/18th July, 2021

JESUS GIVES REST.....

Often I have seen the excitement on the faces of our children before each school holidays. Even though Covid has made some check in and check out on our lives it is good to have a break. Sometimes I do feel it's a time for short break, and I go for drive or visit a new place around Brisbane or elsewhere.

The Twelve came back from their mission full of excitement at all they had done and taught. Jesus now told them to withdraw for a while for reflection and rest. This is what Jesus himself used to do.

We also see here once more the balance in Jesus' life. He was so available to all those in need, the Twelve came back from their mission full of excitement for all the poor, the sick, the outcasts but there was a limit to his availability. He knew when he needed to get away, to renew contact with his Father, to recharge his batteries (cf. Mk 1:35-37).

Some people are too self-centred and have a very poor awareness of other people's needs and do not bother to meet them. On the other hand, there are those who need to be needed, their need is to have people looking constantly for them but the result can often be 'burnout' or breakdowns. There are times when we have to learn to be able to say No without feeling guilty.

So Jesus and his disciples take off in a boat to a solitary place where they will be left to themselves. But the people saw them leaving and had a good idea where they were headed. While Jesus and his disciples crossed the lake in a boat, the people hurried along the lakeshore. When Jesus stepped out of the boat, he was confronted by a huge crowd.

Jesus quickly decides that this is a time for availability. He is deeply moved by the people's need; they were like lost sheep in need of a shepherd's guidance. The people coming out to a deserted place echoes the people of Israel in their wanderings. Here Jesus is the Shepherd of the New Israel. So he begins to teach them. Their first hunger was spiritual.

The story illustrates well the balance in Jesus' life. As he did himself, he urges his disciples to retire and reflect on the meaning of what they are doing. Otherwise they may become active for activity's sake or for other less worthy motives. At the same time, in this particular situation, Jesus sees that a response is called for. The day of reflection is abandoned and the people in their great need are served. Let us learn, through careful discernment, to do likewise. To do the right thing at the right time.

With God's blessings,

Fr Joson

Readings: 17th Sunday in Ordinary Time

2 Kings 4:42-44

Ephesians 4:1-6

John 6:1-15

READINGS FOR 16TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

First Reading

Jeremiah 23:1-6

'Doom for the shepherds who allow the flock of my pasture to be destroyed and scattered – it is the Lord who speaks! This, therefore, is what the Lord, the God of Israel, says about the shepherds in charge of my people: You have let my flock be scattered and go wandering and have not taken care of them. Right, I will take care of you for your misdeeds – it is the Lord who speaks! But the remnant of my flock I myself will gather from all the countries where I have dispersed them, and will bring them back to their pastures: they shall be fruitful and increase in numbers. I will raise up shepherds to look after them and pasture them; no fear, no terror for them any more; not one shall be lost – it is the Lord who speaks!

'See, the days are coming – it is the Lord who speaks – when I will raise a virtuous Branch for David, who will reign as true king and be wise, practising honesty and integrity in the land. In his days Judah will be saved and Israel dwell in confidence. And this is the name he will be called: The Lord-our-integrity.'

Responsorial Psalm

Response: The Lord is my shepherd; there is nothing I shall want.

The Lord is my shepherd; there is nothing I shall want.
Fresh and green are the pastures where he gives me repose.
Near restful waters he leads me, to revive my drooping spirit.

He guides me along the right path; he is true to his name.
If I should walk in the valley of darkness no evil would I fear.
You are there with your crook and your staff, with these you give me comfort.

You have prepared a banquet for me in the sight of my foes.
My head you have anointed with oil; my cup is overflowing.

Surely goodness and kindness shall follow me all the days of my life.
In the Lord's own house shall I dwell for ever and ever.

Second Reading

Ephesians 2:13-18

In Christ Jesus, you that used to be so far from us have been brought very close, by the blood of Christ. For he is the peace between us, and has made the two into one and broken down the barrier which used to keep them apart, actually destroying in his own person the hostility caused by the rules and decrees of the Law. This was to create one single New Man in himself out of the two of them and by restoring peace through the cross, to unite them both in a single Body and reconcile them with God. In his own person he killed the hostility. Later he came to bring the good news of peace, peace to you who were far away and peace to those who were near at hand. Through him, both of us have in the one Spirit our way to come to the Father.

Gospel Acclamation

Alleluia, alleluia!

My sheep listen to my voice, says the Lord;
I know them, and they follow me.
Alleluia!

Gospel

Mark: 6:30-34

The apostles rejoined Jesus and told him all they had done and taught. Then he said to them, 'You must come away to some lonely place all by yourselves and rest for a while'; for there were so many coming and going that the apostles had no time even to eat. So they went off in a boat to a lonely place where they could be by themselves. But people saw them going, and many could guess where; and from every town they all hurried to the place on foot and reached it before them. So as he stepped ashore he saw a large crowd; and he took pity on them because they were like sheep without a shepherd, and he set himself to teach them at some length.

Parish Diary

Monday, July 19th

Mass 8:00am
St Joachim's

Wednesday, July 21st

Mass 6:00pm
St Agnes

Thursday, July 22nd

Mass 9:00am
St Agnes

Friday, July 23rd

Mass 9:00am
St Joachim's

Saturday, July 24th

Reconciliation 5:30pm
St Joachim's

17TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

Saturday, July 24th

Mass 6:00pm
St Joachim's

Sunday, July 25th

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

I would like to sincerely thank Nick Kelly, our youth coordinator, School and College APREs and staff who prepared the children and the children and their parents for joining with the parish community for this celebration of the mass. I would also like to thank the musicians who have given their time to provide the music.

Fr Joson

WE REMEMBER

We remember Michael Gildea, Michael Evans and Thomas Ginty. May they rest in the peace of Christ.

WE REJOICE

With the Forsyth and Tormey families as they celebrate the baptism of Ivy, Connor and Billi in the parish this weekend.

COUNTERS

Cheryl's team.

MEALS ON WHEELS

St Joachim's team - Tuesday, July 20th.

SACRAMENT PROGRAM – SACRAMENT OF CONFIRMATION

Thank you to all those who have responded to the parish's invitation to prepare for the sacrament of Confirmation.

I wish to advise that all spaces in this program have now been filled and we will not be taking any more enrolments for this year's program.

If you have missed out and would like for your child to be included in next year's Confirmation program, please email me at sacpr.hpmg@bne.catholic.net.au with your details and I would be happy to send you an invitation to our next program.

PLANNED GIVING CONTRIBUTIONS

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Weekend Mass Bookings

As we are all aware it is mandatory that you check in to all Parish facilities with the Check In Qld app. For those who are unable to download the app on to your phone you will need to check in with the marshal on duty at the churches before you enter. We ask that you come to mass a bit earlier to get checked in to allow mass to start on time.

MOVING FORWARD

.....this is always dependent on the government's COVID restrictions. As we have seen in the last couple of days this can change very quickly at any given time. Any updates will be in the advised asap so can I please ask you to keep an eye on the newsletter or where possible your emails.



ABUNDANCE YOUTH

In Term 3 we are launching a brand new Primary School Youth Group at St Agnes's, run for Grade 5's & 6's and held as an after school program each Friday in term time from 3-5pm. Stay tuned to the newsletter for our kick-off date and get in contact with me if you are interested!

Looking forward to seeing you soon!

Nick Kelly - Youth Coordinator

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COMMUNITY NEWS

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Applications close Sunday, 25th July 2021

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Applications are open for the above position at the Acacia Ridge Parish. The position is a casual role with the possibility of it becoming full time and will begin ASAP.

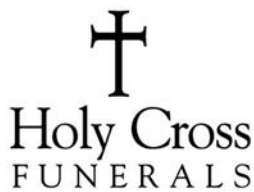
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Applications close: Sunday 8 August 2021

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