



Holland Park Mt Gravatt Parish News



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17th Sunday in Ordinary Time

Year B

24th/25th July, 2021

God of Abundance

Ordinary bread is a reminder of the Eucharist. Jesus feeds in the ordinary among the people. The fragments left over have been our bread ever since. From this gospel mystery we know we are always worthwhile in God's eyes. Everyone is fed. We approach the bread of life not because we are saints, but because we need it.



We know also that our offering is worth it: 5 loaves and 2 fish of the poorest type. The leftovers on the shelf, the sardines only the poor ate: the boy had no idea of where his offering would lead. We never know where love will bear fruit.

God is with us in the ordinary – the God of the table not just the temple. Where we are in life, he finds us, and feeds us most when we are most empty. We have often blocked good people from the table of God for too long.

He will feed us always – more than enough love in the heart of God for all. The meal of today has lasted, and the Eucharist is the central prayer and activity of the church. We minister the bread of life now to each other.

At Mass we meet the Lord Jesus, in his death and resurrection – each Mass is our entering into this mystery of prayer and love for the world. This is the active love of God, seen also in our service of his people.

As I eat bread this day, I might remind myself of the two breads – bread of earth for the body and bread of heaven for the soul. Lord, thank you for our daily bread.

Donal Neary SJ

With God's blessings,
Fr Joson

Readings: 18th Sunday in Ordinary Time

Exodus 16:2-4, 12-15

Ephesians 4:17, 20-24

John 6:24-35

READINGS FOR 17TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

First Reading

2 Kings 4:42-44

A man came from Baal-shalishah, bringing Elisha, the man of God, bread from the first-fruits, twenty barley loaves and fresh grain in the ear. 'Give it to the people to eat,' Elisha said. But his servant replied, 'How can I serve this to a hundred men?' 'Give it to the people to eat' he insisted 'for the Lord says this, "They will eat and have some left over."' He served them; they ate and had some over, as the Lord had said.

Responsorial Psalm

Response: The hand of the Lord feeds us; he answers all our needs.

All your creatures shall thank you, O Lord,
and your friends shall repeat their blessing.

They shall speak of the glory of your reign and declare your might, O God.

The eyes of all creatures look to you and you give them their food in due time.
You open wide your hand, grant the desires of all who live.

The Lord is just in all his ways and loving in all his deeds.

He is close to all who call him, who call on him from their heart.

Second Reading

Ephesians 4:1-6

I, the prisoner in the Lord, implore you to lead a life worthy of your vocation. Bear with one another charitably, in complete selflessness, gentleness and patience. Do all you can to preserve the unity of the Spirit by the peace that binds you together. There is one Body, one Spirit, just as you were all called into one and the same hope when you were called. There is one Lord, one faith, one baptism, and one God who is Father of all, through all and within all.

Gospel Acclamation

Alleluia, alleluia!

A great prophet has appeared among us; God has visited his people.

Alleluia!

Gospel

John: 6:1-15

Jesus went off to the other side of the Sea of Galilee – or of Tiberias – and a large crowd followed him, impressed by the signs he gave by curing the sick. Jesus climbed the hillside, and sat down there with his disciples. It was shortly before the Jewish feast of Passover.

Looking up, Jesus saw the crowds approaching and said to Philip, 'Where can we buy some bread for these people to eat?' He only said this to test Philip; he himself knew exactly what he was going to do. Philip answered, 'Two hundred denarii would only buy enough to give them a small piece each.' One of his disciples, Andrew, Simon Peter's brother, said, 'There is a small boy here with five barley loaves and two fish; but what is that between so many?' Jesus said to them, 'Make the people sit down.' There was plenty of grass there, and as many as five thousand men sat down. Then Jesus took the loaves, gave thanks and gave them out to all who were sitting ready; he then did the same with the fish, giving out as much as was wanted. When they had eaten enough he said to the disciples, 'Pick up the pieces left over, so that nothing gets wasted.' So they picked them up, and filled twelve hampers with scraps left over from the meal of five barley loaves. The people, seeing this sign that he had given, said, 'This really is the prophet who is to come into the world.' Jesus, who could see they were about to come and take him by force and make him king, escaped back to the hills by himself.

Parish Diary

Monday, July 26th

Mass 8:00am

St Joachim's

Wednesday, July 28th

Mass 6:00pm

St Agnes

Thursday, July 29th

Mass 9:00am

St Agnes

Friday, July 30th

Mass 9:00am

St Joachim's

Saturday, July 31st

Reconciliation 5:30pm

St Joachim's

18TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

Saturday, July 31st

Mass 6:00pm

St Joachim's

Sunday, August 1st

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 REMEMBER

We remember Michael Gildea. May he rest in the peace of Christ.

WE REJOICE

With the Thompson family as they celebrate the baptism of Harry and James in the parish this weekend.

COUNTERS

Elisabeth's team.

MEALS ON WHEELS

St Agnes' next roster day is Thursday, July 29th. Volunteers are asked to advise the MOW kitchen on 3397 9150 of your availability.

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COMMUNITY NEWS

POSITION VACANT – ADMINISTRATION ASSISTANT

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. For additional information, please visit the Archdiocese of Brisbane website <https://brisbanecatholic.org.au/> and to careers.

Applications close: Sunday 8 August 2021

IMPORTANT NOTIFICATION



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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Evangelisation Brisbane will offer an online faith formation experience in 2021, open to all within the Archdiocese.

'Going Deeper' is a ten-session online series of video discussions about the heart of the Catholic faith.

It explores different aspects of

what it means to live a Catholic life. Together we will dive beneath the teachings and practices and instead ponder, 'what is this all for?' Here we enter into the wonder and mystery of God's relationship with each of us individually and collectively.

No matter your faith background or experience, Going Deeper is for you.

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