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21<sup>st</sup> Sunday in Ordinary Time

Year B

August 21<sup>st</sup>/22<sup>nd</sup> 2021

## **Everyone can see and hear in all seats**

Dear friends, I recently scanned through the parish archives to get some data as we prepare to celebrate the 60th anniversary of St Joachim's Church.,

Archbishop James Duhig purchased the subject land at Holland Park in 1918 with the intention of establishing a church and school for the district's growing community. It was not until the 1930s that the foundation stone was laid for the new church and school building. On 26 July, 1936 Archbishop Duhig blessed the foundation stone for the original church and by November that year the completed church and school was again blessed and opened by the archbishop. The new building was to serve as both the church and the school.

St Joachim's was the first Catholic Church in the district and became an important spiritual, educational and social centre for the rapidly expanding Holland Park community. On Archbishop Duhig's invitation, a number of Sisters of St Joseph came to the parish in 1938 to begin teaching children and by the 1940s there were seven sisters at the school. The convent was situated on Crown Street across the road from the school.

As the post-war, suburban expansion in Holland Park and surrounding districts took place the congregation of St Joachim's also expanded. The original small church could no longer accommodate the increased number of parishioners and a decision was made to build a new and modern church.

Interestingly, I saw a newspaper clipping, which stated "our New churches in Brisbane these days are built strictly along contemporary lines, and this includes St Joachim's Roman Catholic Church at Holland Park."

Rev Fr J Slyney, the parish priest at the time, gave several directions to Architect P.J.L.(Des) Hanman in relation to the specifications for the new church design. Included in this was the desire to have the congregation seated as close as possible to the altar – a move away from the traditional liturgical layout of a Catholic church. As well as this, the design of the church could not encroach upon the primary school grounds behind it. This, therefore, constrained the size of the church and influenced the ultimate design.

Hanman designed the new church in the shape of an outspread folding fan. This was done to accommodate the specifications set by Fr Slyney.

Hailed by contemporaries as 'revolutionary', the church's design was a step away from the traditional cruciform layout of a Catholic church. The design, which pre-dated the sitting of the Second Ecumenical Council of the Vatican, or Vatican II, from 1962, placed the altar centrally with the pews surrounding it. Today, the church is a striking example of Modernist ecclesiastical architecture in Brisbane and plays an important role in the lives of the St Joachim congregation.

The church had been completed by August 1961 and once again Archbishop Duhig officiated the blessing and opening of St Joachim's. He made comment on the progressive design of the church: "Today we have the completed building in a new style of architecture, which I cannot say is entirely ecclesiastical but which has its

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**Readings: 22<sup>nd</sup> Sunday in Ordinary Times**

**Deuteronomy 4:1-2, 6-8**

**James 1:17-18, 21-22, 27**

**Mark 7:1-8, 14-15, 21-23**

## READINGS FOR 21<sup>ST</sup> SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIMES

### First Reading

Joshua gathered all the tribes of Israel together at Shechem; then he called the elders, leaders, judges and scribes of Israel, and they presented themselves before God. Then Joshua said to all the people: 'If you will not serve the Lord, choose today whom you wish to serve, whether the gods that your ancestors served beyond the River, or the gods of the Amorites in whose land you are now living. As for me and my House, we will serve the Lord.'

The people answered, 'We have no intention of deserting the Lord and serving other gods! Was it not the Lord our God who brought us and our ancestors out of the land of Egypt, the house of slavery, who worked those great wonders before our eyes and preserved us all along the way we travelled and among all the peoples through whom we journeyed. We too will serve the Lord, for he is our God.'

### Responsorial Psalm

**Response:** Taste and see the goodness of the Lord.

I will bless the Lord at all times, his praise always on my lips;  
in the Lord my soul shall make its boast. The humble shall hear and be glad.

The Lord turns his face against the wicked  
to destroy their remembrance from the earth.

The Lord turns his eyes to the just and his ears to their appeal.

They call and the Lord hears and rescues them in all their distress.

The Lord is close to the broken-hearted; those whose spirit is crushed he will save.

Many are the trials of the just man but from them all the Lord will rescue him.  
He will keep guard over all his bones, not one of his bones shall be broken.

Evil brings death to the wicked; those who hate the good are doomed.

The Lord ransoms the souls of his servants.

Those who hide in him shall not be condemned.

### Second Reading

Ephesians 5:21-32

Give way to one another in obedience to Christ. Wives should regard their husbands as they regard the Lord, since as Christ is head of the Church and saves the whole body, so is a husband the head of his wife; and as the Church submits to Christ, so should wives to their husbands, in everything. Husbands should love their wives just as Christ loved the Church and sacrificed himself for her to make her holy. He made her clean by washing her in water with a form of words, so that when he took her to himself she would be glorious, with no speck or wrinkle or anything like that, but holy and faultless. In the same way, husbands must love their wives as they love their own bodies; for a man to love his wife is for him to love himself. A man never hates his own body, but he feeds it and looks after it; and that is the way Christ treats the Church, because it is his body – and we are its living parts. For this reason, a man must leave his father and mother and be joined to his wife, and the two will become one body. This mystery has many implications; but I am saying it applies to Christ and the Church.

### Gospel Acclamation

Alleluia, alleluia!

Your words, Lord, are spirit and life: you have the words of everlasting life.

Alleluia!

### Gospel

John 6:60-69

After hearing his doctrine many of the followers of Jesus said, 'This is intolerable language. How could anyone accept it?' Jesus was aware that his followers were complaining about it and said, 'Does this upset you? What if you should see the Son of Man ascend to where he was before?

'It is the spirit that gives life,  
the flesh has nothing to offer.

The words I have spoken to you are spirit  
and they are life.

'But there are some of you who do not believe.' For Jesus knew from the outset those who did not believe, and who it was that would betray him. He went on, 'This is why I told you that no one could come to me unless the Father allows him.' After this, many of his disciples left him and stopped going with him.

Then Jesus said to the Twelve, 'What about you, do you want to go away too?' Simon Peter answered, 'Lord, who shall we go to? You have the message of eternal life, and we believe; we know that you are the Holy One of God.'

### Parish Diary

#### Monday, August 23<sup>rd</sup>

Mass 8:00am  
St Joachim's

#### Wednesday, August 25<sup>th</sup>

Mass 6:00pm  
St Agnes'

#### Thursday, August 26<sup>th</sup>

Mass 9:00am  
St Agnes'

#### Friday, August 27<sup>th</sup>

Mass 9:00am  
St Joachim's

#### Saturday, August 28<sup>st</sup>

Baptism 10:00am  
St Agnes' Church

Reconciliation 5:30pm  
St Joachim's

#### 22<sup>ND</sup> SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

#### Saturday, August 28<sup>th</sup>

Mass 6:00pm  
St Joachim's

#### Sunday, August 29<sup>th</sup>

Mass 7:30am  
St Joachim's

Mass 9:00am  
St Agnes'

Mass 6:00pm  
(Youth and Family Mass)  
St Agnes'

### Prayer to St Joseph

You were chosen by God to be the foster 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.

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advantages particularly in distributing the congregation so as to bring it closer to the altar and participation in the Divine Mysteries.

An article featured in the Catholic Leader highlighted the modern design of the church, "the new church is one of the most unusual to be erected in Queensland. Costing about £40 000 furnished and accommodating 540 in the nave and gallery, it is built of structural steel, cavity brick glass in the shape of an "irregular hexagon."

The design of the newly built church successfully met the specifications from Father Slyney as well as making a striking contribution to Brisbane's ecclesiastic architecture, particularly for the Catholic Church.

With God's blessings

Fr Jason

## Diamond Jubilee Mass St Joachim's Church

1961

60  
YEARS

2021

Friday 27<sup>th</sup> August  
Commencing 9:00am

Bishop Ken Howell will preside at the mass and we will be joined by our Local MP and Council Member. Previous parish leaders, Fr Kevin Caldwell & Kari Hatherell will also be attending. Everyone is invited to the mass and to stay afterwards for morning tea.

To enable us to open the church to 75% capacity we must ask you to book in prior to mass via Trybooking. Please use the following link: <https://www.trybooking.com/BTSEZ>

Our commemorative 60<sup>th</sup> Anniversary glasses will be on sale for \$10 each at the Mass on Friday Morning and at St Joachim's masses across the weekend. Any remaining stock will be available for purchase from the parish office. These are strictly limited to 48 only, so act fast as not to miss out.

With God's blessings

Fr Jason



## PARISH NEWS

### WE REMEMBER

We remember Sr Mary O'Sullivan osu and Doug Hansen. May they rest in the peace of Christ.

### WE REJOICE

With the Carey & Kelly families & the Doyle family as they celebrate the baptism of Leo, Jackson and Harrison in the parish this weekend.

### COUNTERS

Elisabeth's team.

### St Vincent De Paul Society

Tuesday, August at 4:00pm in the Parish Centre



## HOLY SPIRIT SEMINARY

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22nd August 2021

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### ABUNDANCE YOUTH

Hello, hope you are all keeping well! With our last Youth Mass having been cancelled due to the lockdown, we are hosting a special Youth Mass on August 29<sup>th</sup> at 6pm at St Agnes, to gather together as a community with the intention of welcoming the young people in the Confirmation program. A light dinner will be provided. We can't wait to see you there!

God bless,

Nick Kelly, Youth Coordinator



### SOCIAL JUSTICE STATEMENT LAUNCH

2022 Social Justice Statement, "Cry of the Earth, Cry of the Poor", will be launched on Wednesday 25 August at St James Parish Hall, Coorparoo commencing 7:00pm. To register visit: <https://app.tickets.org.au/eb/sjstatement>

### MISSION 2021: ONE HEART MANY VOICES

Catholic Mission invites you to our Mission 2021: One Heart Many Voices virtual conference in Brisbane on Wednesday, September 1<sup>st</sup> from 9.30am – 1.30pm at the Hanly Room, The Francis Rush Centre, Cathedral Precinct. Please RSVP to Leonie Constable before Wed 25 Aug 2021. Email: [lconstable@catholicmission.org.au](mailto:lconstable@catholicmission.org.au); Mobile: 0413727345



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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 our sites.