



Holland Park Mt Gravatt Parish News



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30th Sunday in Ordinary Time

Year B

October 23rd/24th 2021

Courage, He is calling you...

Can you imagine the challenges of a blind person? How deep and frustrating it can be. I had the privilege to visit Miner's Heritage and participate in Australia's Largest Walk-In Underground Sapphire Mine Tour during my recent holidays near Emerald. After the mine entry & underground showroom were completed Miners Heritage was officially opened for its first tour in 1984. A short tour that is fun for all ages, explore the dark depths of the mine as you embrace the sparkling walls of sapphires that surround you. After an explanation the guide turned off all the lights for a while at a depth of 17 metre and you could feel the depth of darkness in the underground.

Bertsimaeus, the blind beggar is sitting on the side of the road doing his business while Jesus passes. He heard that Jesus of Nazareth was passing by, and that was enough for him. He might otherwise have told himself that Jesus was leaving Jericho and could not stop for a poor blind beggar. But that is not how faith thinks. Faith says, "Now is the time! This is my opportunity! If Jesus is leaving Jericho, I must act now! This may be my only chance!"

Blindness can create big troubles in our lives. I believe that Jesus talks here more on our spiritual blindness rather physical disability. This can be a danger in our own personal life as well. We read in the psalm 146:8 that the Lord opens the eyes of the blind, the Lord raises up those who are bowed down... God opens our eyes to see him clearly.

The blind Bertehamues were scolded by people and said to be quite. There would be so many 'stop signs' or discouraging facts just like the crowd in our faith lives. These are the challenges that we may face in our faith journey currently. What do you think about your faith challenges, these can be anything that questions your faith; just like illness, disbelief, positions, power, money, despair thoughts, time, discouragement, loss of trust in the church, sports..... There would be even people who say NO church Why God... etc.

Amidst hundreds of reasons why not to believe, we need only one thing, an encouraging word; such as **courage, get up, He is calling you** ... which may come from different sources; maybe from our parents, partners, friends, teachers, church or any number of situations. Let's not forget the vocation that has been given to us through our baptism; that is to the proclaim and lead others into God's experience in our lives.

What about you? How many times has Christ not only passed by you, but knocked at your door, and called out to you? Time and again he has invited you.

Dear friends each and every time God asks us 'what do you want me to do for you' what is our response? The blind man asked 'Master, let me see again.' Yes, we need faith to open our lives... and Jesus appreciates this faith. Let's ask God to open our hearts and minds to have a clear sight to know and love him.

Bishop Ken's Pastoral Visit

This weekend we extend a warm welcome to Bishop Ken during his pastoral visit to the parish.

With God's blessings,
Fr Joson

Readings: 31st Sunday in Ordinary Times

Deuteronomy 6:2-6

Hebrews 7:23-28

Mark 12:28-34

First Reading

Jeremiah 31:7-9

The Lord says this:
Shout with joy for Jacob! Hail the chief of nations!
Proclaim! Praise! Shout: The Lord has saved his people,
the remnant of Israel!
See, I will bring them back from the land of the North
and gather them from the far ends of earth;
all of them: the blind and the lame,
women with child, women in labour:
a great company returning here.
They had left in tears, I will comfort them as I lead them back;
I will guide them to streams of water,
by a smooth path where they will not stumble.
For I am a father to Israel, and Ephraim is my first-born son.

Responsorial Psalm

**Response: The Lord has done great things for us;
we are filled with joy.**

When the Lord delivered Zion from bondage, it seemed like a dream.
Then was our mouth filled with laughter,
on our lips there were songs.

The heathens themselves said:
'What marvels the Lord worked for them!'
What marvels the Lord worked for us! Indeed, we were glad.
Deliver us, O Lord, from our bondage as streams in dry land.
Those who are sowing in tears will sing when they reap.

They go out, they go out, full of tears, carrying seed for the sowing:
they come back, they come back, full of song, carrying their sheaves.

Second Reading

Hebrews 5:1-6

Every high priest has been taken out of mankind and is appointed to act for men in their relations with God, to offer gifts and sacrifices for sins; and so he can sympathise with those who are ignorant or uncertain because he too lives in the limitations of weakness. That is why he has to make sin offerings for himself as well as for the people. No one takes this honour on himself, but each one is called by God, as Aaron was. Nor did Christ give himself the glory of becoming high priest, but he had it from the one who said to him: You are my son, today I have become your father, and in another text: You are a priest of the order of Melchizedek, and for ever.

Gospel Acclamation

Alleluia, alleluia!
Our Saviour Jesus Christ has done away with death,
and brought us life through his gospel.
Alleluia!

Gospel

Mark 10:46-52

As Jesus left Jericho with his disciples and a large crowd, Bartimaeus (that is, the son of Timaeus), a blind beggar, was sitting at the side of the road. When he heard that it was Jesus of Nazareth, he began to shout and to say, 'Son of David, Jesus, have pity on me.' And many of them scolded him and told him to keep quiet, but he only shouted all the louder, 'Son of David, have pity on me.' Jesus stopped and said, 'Call him here.' So they called the blind man. 'Courage,' they said 'get up; he is calling you.' So throwing off his cloak, he jumped up and went to Jesus. Then Jesus spoke, 'What do you want me to do for you?' 'Rabbuni,' the blind man said to him 'Master, let me see again.' Jesus said to him, 'Go; your faith has saved you.' And immediately his sight returned and he followed him along the road.

Parish Diary

Monday, October 25th

Mass 8:00am
St Joachim's

Wednesday, October 26th

Mass 6:00pm
St Agnes'

Thursday, October 28th

Mass 9:00am
St Agnes'

Friday, October 29th

Mass 9:00am
St Joachim's

Saturday, October 30th

Reconciliation 5:30pm
St Joachim's

31ST SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

Saturday, October 30th

Mass 6:00pm
St Joachim's

Sunday, October 31st

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 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.

PARISH NEWS

WE REMEMBER

We remember Mui Nguyen. May she rest in the peace of Christ.

COUNTERS

Elisabeth's team.

NOVEMBER MASSES

It's our Christian tradition to make a special effort to offer masses and pray for our deceased family members and friends during the month of November. We should also pray for those who have died and have nobody to pray for them. If you would like to have those who have gone before us remembered in all Masses in November, could you please write their names on the Book of Remembrance. Mass envelopes are also available at both churches for Fr Joson to offer your mass.



MASS OF REMEMBRANCE

Our annual Mass of Remembrance for all who have died will be held on Saturday, November 6th commencing 10am in St Agnes Church. Mass will be followed by morning tea. If you have a loved one who has died in the last 12 months and would like to have their name included with those to be read out please notify the parish office. All parishioners are invited.

ALTAR SERVERS

Would you like to become an Altar Server
at St Joachim's or St Agnes?

Are you already an Altar Server?

There will be a training session at St Agnes' church
on Thursday 28 October from 5pm for new servers
followed by a 'Pizza Party' at 5.30pm for all servers.

If you have received your First Communion
and you are interested in becoming an Altar Server
or if you are currently serving
and would like to attend the party,
please contact Rachel at sacpr.hpmg@bne.catholic.net.au
or call the parish office on 3349 2280

COMMUNITY NEWS

SCATTERED PEOPLE – A SONG CAN TAKE YOU HOME

When a group of Australian musicians go into a Brisbane Detention Centre they meet two Iranian musicians who sing on their album. During this documentary musician speak about the power of music, its ability to break through barriers, unite people and create shared experiences. Academics, psychologists, and refugee specialists talk about the role artistic expression plays in building personal and national identity, and the healing power of creative expression and shared stories. You are invited to attend the screening of the documentary on Thursday, October 28 from 5.00pm -7.00pm. at the University of Queensland, Building 49, Room 200. To buy tickets go to: [Scattered People | Mercy Community \(supporterhub.net\)](https://supporterhub.net)

POSITION VACANT – PARISH SECRETARY

Applications are open for a position at the Sunnybank Parish. A person with excellent administration and time management skills required for a part time position of Parish Secretary working 30 hours a week. For additional information, please visit the Archdiocese of Brisbane website <https://clientapps.jobadder.com/68451/aob-internal-career-opportunities/377982/parish-secretary-sunnybank-parish> Applications close: 29 October 2021

CYSTIC FIBROSIS QUEENSLAND CHARITY GIFT WRAPPING

From Wednesday, December 15th to December 24th Cystic Fibrosis Queensland will be offering gift wrapping at Mt Gravatt Plaza on a daily basis from 10:30m – 2:30pm. They are looking for volunteers to assist them with this project. If you have time to spare on any of these days and would like to assist, please contact Sarah-Jayne, 0455 210 830 or email fundraising@cfqld.org.au.

HEALING OF THE FAMILY TREE MASS

Are there patterns of sin and/or trauma in your family tree? Bring your family tree Genogram to the healing power of Jesus in the Eucharist at the Healing of the Family Tree Mass to be held at St. Mary Magdalene's Church, Cecil Road, Bardon, on Friday, 5th November, 2021 at 7.30pm. Fr. Neville Yun will be the principal celebrant. A Prayer, preparation information for the Mass and a Genogram are available on the CCR Brisbane website under "Calendar" www.ccrbrisbane.org.au. You just need to click on the link under the date of the event. This information will also be available at the Church on the night. The Genogram will be presented as part of the Offertory during Mass. For more details, contact Len on lenpatairey@gmail.com or by mobile 0421 977 849.

Annual Catholic Mission Appeal October 30th/31st

For We **CANNOT KEEP FROM SPEAKING** about what we have **SEEN & HEARD**
ACTS 4:20

Next week Catholic Mission will invite you to partner with Sister Chalaad and the Good Shepherd Sisters in Thailand as they reach out to vulnerable mothers, like Churai*, and their babies, who would have nowhere to turn when they need support, love and kindness the most.

Next week you will have the opportunity to respond to what you have seen and heard, and the Home, as well as other vital mission programs supporting children and communities in need around the world.

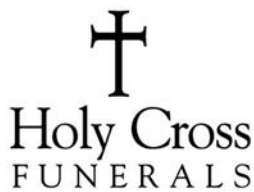
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The Holland Park Mt Gravatt Catholic Parish acknowledge the Jagera people, the Traditional Owners who have walked upon and cared for this land for thousands of years. We acknowledge the continued deep spiritual attachment and relationship of Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander peoples to this country and commit ourselves to the ongoing journey of Reconciliation.

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.