



Holland Park Mt Gravatt Parish News



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33rd Sunday in Ordinary Time

Year B

November 13th/14th 2021

The Son of man coming in clouds with great power and glory"

Do you take God's judgments lightly or seriously? When Jesus warned his disciples about the destruction of Jerusalem and its holy Temple, he quoted from the prophet Daniel who prophesied the desecration of the holy place in Jerusalem as "a desolating sacrilege" (Daniel 12:11). This came to pass around 170 BC when the king of Syria, Antiochus Epiphanes, determined to wipe out the religion of Israel.

When the Romans decided to destroy Jerusalem in 70 AD, they first cut off all food supplies to the walled city and allowed no one to escape. They then waited for its inhabitants to starve to death before they entered the city and destroyed it and levelled it to the ground. Josephus described in detail the siege and famine. A deep silence, also, and a kind of deadly night had seized upon the city. And every one of them died with their eyes fixed upon the Temple." (Josephus, War of the Jews, 5.12.3)

Many Jews in Jesus' time expected the Messiah King to come at any moment. Jesus warns his disciples that many false Christs (the Greek form of the word for 'Messiah') and false prophets would lead people astray. The Jews were looking for the right sign to show them who the true Messiah would be. Jesus pointed to himself as the definitive sign of God's imminent kingdom.

Jesus used the image of a fig tree to teach his disciples an important lesson about reading the "signs of the times". The fig tree was a common and important source of food for the Jews. It bore fruit twice a year, in the autumn and in the early spring. The Talmud said that the first fruit came the day after Passover. The Jews believed that when the Messiah came he would usher in the kingdom of God at Passover time. The signs of spring are evident for all who can see. Just so are the signs of God's kingdom and his coming in judgment. The "budding" of God's kingdom begins first in the hearts of those who are receptive to God's word. Those who trust in God's word will bear the fruits of his kingdom.

Jesus tells us that one thing is certain. This world as we know it will not last. But that is not the end. When the Lord Jesus returns again in glory he will bring the reign or kingdom of God in all its fullness. That is why Christians pray to hasten Christ's return by saying to him: "Maranatha! Come, Lord Jesus!" (Rev. 22:20). While we do not now know the date or time for the second coming, the signs of its imminent approach will be evident for all who take notice. God's word is utterly reliable, because God, himself, is utterly trustworthy. His word lasts because he is faithful and he keeps his promises.

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Readings: Feast of Christ the King

Daniel 7:13-14

Revelations 1:5-8

John 18:33-37

First Reading

Daniel 12:1-3

'At that time Michael will stand up, the great prince who mounts guard over your people. There is going to be a time of great distress, unparalleled since nations first came into existence. When that time comes, your own people will be spared, all those whose names are found written in the Book. Of those who lie sleeping in the dust of the earth many will awake, some to everlasting life, some to shame and everlasting disgrace. The learned will shine as brightly as the vault of heaven, and those who have instructed many in virtue, as bright as stars for all eternity.'

Responsorial Psalm

Response: Keep me safe, O God: you are my hope.

O Lord, it is you who are my portion and cup;
it is you yourself who are my prize.
I keep the Lord ever in my sight:
since he is at my right hand, I shall stand firm.

And so my heart rejoices, my soul is glad;
even my body shall rest in safety.
For you will not leave my soul among the dead,
nor let your beloved know decay.

You will show me the path of life,
the fullness of joy in your presence,
at your right hand happiness forever.

Second Reading

Hebrews 10:11-14, 18

All the priests stand at their duties every day, offering over and over again the same sacrifices which are quite incapable of taking sins away. Christ, on the other hand, has offered one single sacrifice for sins, and then taken his place for ever, at the right hand of God, where he is now waiting until his enemies are made into a footstool for him. By virtue of that one single offering, he has achieved the eternal perfection of all whom he is sanctifying. When all sins have been forgiven, there can be no more sin offerings.

Gospel Acclamation

Alleluia, alleluia!
Be watchful, and pray constantly,
that you may be worthy to stand before the Son of Man.
Alleluia!

Gospel

Mark 13:24-32

Jesus said to his disciples: 'In those days, after the time of distress, the sun will be darkened, the moon will lose its brightness, the stars will come falling from heaven and the powers in the heavens will be shaken. And then they will see the Son of Man coming in the clouds with great power and glory; then too he will send the angels to gather his chosen from the four winds, from the ends of the world to the ends of heaven.

'Take the fig tree as a parable: as soon as its twigs grow supple and its leaves come out, you know that summer is near. So with you, when you see these things happening: know that he is near, at the very gates. I tell you solemnly, before this generation has passed away all these things will have taken place. Heaven and earth will pass away, but my words will not pass away.

'But as for that day or hour, nobody knows it, neither the angels of heaven, nor the Son; no one but the Father.'

Parish Diary

Monday, November 15th

Mass 8:00am
St Joachim's

Wednesday, November 17th

Mass 6:00pm
St Agnes'

Thursday, November 18th

Mass 9:00am
St Agnes'

Friday, November 19th

Mass 9:00am
St Joachim's

Saturday, November 20th

Reconciliation 5:30pm
St Joachim's

OUR LORD JESUS CHRIST KING OF THE UNIVERSE

Saturday, November 21st

Mass 6:00pm
St Joachim's

Sunday, November 21st

Mass 7:30am
St Joachim's

Mass 9:00am

(Multicultural Mass)
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

PARISH NEWS



MULTICULTURAL MASS

Sunday, November 21st 2021

9:00am Mass - St Agnes Church

Mass will be followed by morning tea

Parishioners, you are invited and encouraged to consider attending this multicultural celebration even though it may not be your regular mass time.

Please wear the national dress of your ancestors and to bring a plate of traditional food to share.

WE REJOICE

With the Gifford and Aaron families, and the Wintle family as they celebrate the baptism of Marley and Zander in the parish this weekend.

COUNTERS

Cheryl's team.

MEALS ON WHEELS

St Joachim's team - Tuesday, November 16th.

ST VINCENT DE PAUL SOCIETY

Tuesday, November 16th at 4:00pm in the Parish Centre

VINNIES VOLUNTEERS REQUIRED

Do you have any spare time? Would you like to make new friends, learn new skills and have fun while helping your local community? Vinnies Centre of Charity on Logan Road, Mt Gravatt is in need of volunteers. The centre is open Monday - Saturday. If you think you can help please contact Eliza at Elisa.govi@svidpql.org.au or 0457 878 969.

ADVENT REFLECTION BOOKS

A 28 prayer and reflection resource for Advent (or anytime of the year) prepared by Shane Dwyer of Evangelisation Brisbane. Available in the churches this weekend for \$5.

BREAK OPEN THE WORD

Readers please collect your copy of Break Open the Word from the sacristy this weekend.

COMMUNITY NEWS

POSITION VACANT - PARISH SECRETARY, JUBILEE CATHOLIC PARISH

A person with excellent administration and time management skills required for a full-time position of Parish Secretary working 38 hours a week. For additional information, please visit the Archdiocese of Brisbane website <https://clientapps.jobadder.com/68451/aob-internal-career-opportunities>. Applications close: 14 November 2021

CATHOLIC MISSION SUPPORTER APPRECIATION MUSICAL MORNING

You are invited to a celebration of Music from Brisbane Catholic schools, parishes and communities on Saturday, November 20 from 10:00am - 12:00pm at Our Lady of Graces Catholic Church, Carina. Admission is free. To book a seat go to: [Catholic Mission Supporter Appreciation Musical Morning | TryBooking Australia](#).

CHRISTMAS BY THE LAKE

Moogerah Passion Play Association is presenting Christmas by the Lake on Saturday, November 27th commencing 3:00pm at The Lake Theatre, Moogerah Dam. Adults: \$10, Children under 18 free. The evening will comprise carols, nativity play, food and drinks, live music, stalls and free rides. For more information go to <https://moogerahpassionplay.org.au> or Facebook.

INFORMATION DAY FOR CATHEDRAL GUIDES AND WELCOMERS

You are warmly invited to attend an Information Day on becoming a tour guide and/or a welcomer at the Cathedral on Saturday, 27th November in the Hanley Room, Francis Rush Centre, St Stephen's Cathedral Precinct from 10 am to 2pm. Refreshments provided. Discover how you can be a part of the team. Your training will cover the architecture, the history, the unique and beautiful stained glass windows and their significance and you'll learn how to share this knowledge with all the many visitors and tour groups who come to the Cathedral. The Information day is open to anyone. Please register your interest with Carmel Devery at the Cathedral Office on 07 3324 3006 or by emailing deveryc@bne.catholic.net.au

A MORNING'S PRAYER

Saturday, 4th December from 9:00am - 12:00pm at Santa Teresa Spirituality Centre, Ormiston. The morning will be facilitated with a time of input, prayer, reflection and faith sharing, aims to provide a prayerful respite from the busyness of life. It will be a great way to begin preparations for Christmas before things get too hectic. Cost: \$15. To book go to: tickets.org.au - [Australia's Premier Ticketing System For Organisations](#)

AID TO THE CHURCH IN NEED AUSTRALIA

'That Catholic Shop' stocks a great supply of Christmas items to decorate your house or to gift to family and friends. The proceeds of your purchases go to support persecuted and suffering Christians throughout the world! Visit: www.thatcatholicshop.com/christmas.

LOURDES HILL COLLEGE - A SCHOOL OF GOOD SAMARITAN EDUCATION

Enrolments for Year 7 in 2025 are closing soon. For further info or to submit an application visit www.lhc.qld.edu.au.

VOLUNTEERS NEEDED - WA KIMBERLEY REGION

Are you looking for a unique experience to: learn more about indigenous culture; contribute to the wider community, and grow personally. We need people to volunteer in the remote community of Kalumburu Mission. If you would be interested to offer your skills and learn more about the local culture, please see the contact details below (couples or singles welcome). Diocese of Broome Chancery, 08-9192-1060; volunteers@broomedioocese.org; www.broomedioocese.org (click on the volunteer tab at the top of the page).

NOVEMBER MASSES

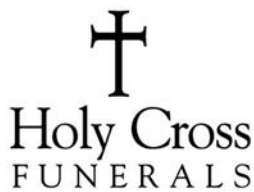
November Mass Envelopes are available from the table in the Church. PLEASE PRINT the names of those who you wish to be remembered and either give to Fr Joson or place it in the collection plate.

You are welcome to write the names of your deceased ones in a Remembrance Book in the churches. The church dedicates the month of November to praying for our deceased loved ones. Both Scripture and Tradition remind us to pray for the dead that they may be loosened from their sins and enter the joy of Heaven. Offering Masses therefore is the greatest gift we can give to them. Masses can be offered for those we knew and loved, or for the souls that have nobody to pray for them.



SYNOD OF BISHOPS

On Sunday, October 17, dioceses around the world launched local preparations for the Synod of Bishops, which has the theme: "For a Synodal Church: Communion, Participation and Mission". The Catholic Church in Australia invites you to make submissions via an online portal that opened on October 17. Those submissions will help the Bishops develop a national report to support the global process leading to an international gathering in 2023. Find out more at: <http://www.catholic.org.au/synodalchurch>



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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.