



Holland Park Mt Gravatt Parish News



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31st Sunday in Ordinary Time

Year B

October 30th/31st 2021

The Whole duty of Human beings.

What is the purpose of God's law or commandments? The Pharisees prided themselves in the knowledge of the law and their ritual requirements. They made it a life-time practice to study the 616 precepts of the Old Testament along with the numerous rabbinic commentaries. They tested Jesus to see if he correctly understood the law as they did. Jesus startled them with his profound simplicity and mastery of the law of God and its purpose.

What does God require of us? Simply that we love as he loves! God is love and everything he does flows from his love for us. God loved us first and our love for him is a response to his exceeding grace and kindness towards us. The love of God comes first and the love of neighbour is firmly grounded in the love of God. The more we know of God's love and truth the more we love what he loves and reject what is hateful and contrary to his will.

What makes our love for God and his commands grow in us? Faith in God and hope in his promises strengthens us in the love of God. They are essential for a good relationship with God, for being united with him. The more we know of God the more we love him and the more we love him the greater we believe and hope in his promises. The Lord, through the gift of the Holy Spirit, gives us a new freedom to love as he loves. Do you allow anything to keep you from the love of God and the joy of serving others with a generous heart? Paul the Apostle says: hope does not disappoint us, because God's love has been poured into our hearts through the Holy Spirit which has been given to us (Romans 5:5).

"We love you, O our God; and we desire to love you more and more. Grant to us that we may love you as much as we desire, and as much as we ought. O dearest friend, who has so loved and saved us, the thought of whom is so sweet and always growing sweeter, come with Christ and dwell in our hearts; that you keep a watch over our lips, our steps, our deeds, and we shall not need to be anxious either for our souls or our bodies. Give us love, sweetest of all gifts, which knows no enemy. Give us in our hearts pure love, born of your love to us, that we may love others as you love us. O most loving Father of Jesus Christ, from whom flows all love, let our hearts, frozen in sin, cold to you and cold to others, be warmed by this divine fire. So help and bless us in your Son." (Prayer of Anselm, 12th cen.)

(Taken from dailyscripture.servantsoftheword)

Readings: 32nd Sunday in Ordinary Times

1 Kings 17:10-16

Hebrews 9:24-28

Mark 12:38-44

READINGS FOR 31ST SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIMES

First Reading

Deuteronomy 6:2-6

Moses said to the people: 'If you fear the Lord your God all the days of your life and if you keep all his laws and commandments which I lay on you, you will have a long life, you and your son and your grandson. Listen then, Israel, keep and observe what will make you prosper and give you great increase, as the Lord God of your fathers has promised you, giving you a land where milk and honey flow.

'Listen, Israel: The Lord our God is the one Lord. You shall love the Lord your God with all your heart, with all your soul, with all your strength. Let these words I urge on you today be written on your heart.'

Responsorial Psalm

Response: I love you Lord, my strength.

I love you, Lord, my strength, my rock, my fortress, my saviour.
My God is the rock where I take refuge;
my shield, my mighty help, my stronghold.
The Lord is worthy of all praise: when I call I am saved from my foes.

Long life to the Lord, my rock! Praised be to the God that saves me.
He has given great victories to his king and shown love for his anointed.

Second Reading

Hebrews 7:23-28

There used to be a great number of priests under the former covenant, because death put an end to each one of them; but this one, Christ, because he remains for ever, can never lose his priesthood. It follows, then, that his power to save is utterly certain, since he is living for ever to intercede for all who come to God through him.

To suit us, the ideal high priest would have to be holy, innocent and uncontaminated, beyond the influence of sinners, and raised up above the heavens; one who would not need to offer sacrifices every day, as the other high priests do for their own sins and then for those of the people, because he has done this once and for all by offering himself. The Law appoints high priests who are men subject to weakness; but the promise on oath, which came after the Law, appointed the Son who is made perfect for ever.

Gospel Acclamation

Alleluia, alleluia!
All who love me will keep my words,
and my Father will love them and we will come to them.
Alleluia!

Gospel

Mark 12:28-34

One of the scribes came up to Jesus and put a question to him, 'Which is the first of all the commandments?' Jesus replied, 'This is the first: Listen, Israel, the Lord our God is the one Lord, and you must love the Lord your God with all your heart, with all your soul, with all your mind, and with all your strength. The second is this: You must love your neighbour as yourself. There is no commandment greater than these.' The scribe said to him, 'Well spoken, Master; what you have said is true: that he is one and there is no other. To love him with all your heart, with all your understanding and strength, and to love your neighbour as yourself, this is far more important than any holocaust or sacrifice.' Jesus, seeing how wisely he had spoken, said, 'You are not far from the kingdom of God.' And after that no one dared to question him anymore.

Parish Diary

Monday, November 1st

All Saints Day

Mass 8:00am
St Joachim's

Wednesday, November 3rd

Mass 6:00pm
St Agnes'

Thursday, November 4th

Mass 9:00am
St Agnes'

Friday, November 5th
(Includes Anointing of the Sick)

Mass 9:00am
St Joachim's

Saturday, November 6th

Mass of Remembrance 10:00am
St Agnes'
Reconciliation 5:30pm
St Joachim's

32ND SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

Saturday, November 6th

Mass 6:00pm
St Joachim's

Sunday, November 7th

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 REJOICE

With the Jackson and Gloria families and the Driscoll family as they celebrate the baptism of Riona and Luca in the parish this weekend.

COUNTERS

Vince's team.

ST VINCENT DE PAUL SOCIETY

Tuesday, November 2nd at 4:00pm in the Parish Centre

MASS OF ANOINTING AND HOSPITALITY

The mass on Friday, November 5th will include an Anointing of the Sick. This will be followed by a hospitality which will be held at the front of the church.

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

Traditionally, November is the month when we, the Church, celebrate and remember those family and friends who have gone before us. 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.

COMMUNITY NEWS

CATHOLIC CHRISTIANITY PODCAST

Can science disprove God? Is it valid to say that it's true for you but not true for me? Is there more to the human experience than what science can measure? Find out in episode one of the Catholic Christianity podcast, Season One: Reasons to Believe. Subscribe on your preferred podcast platform or watch on YouTube by searching 'Catholic Christianity'. Find out more at www.catholicchristianity.org.

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 will invite the People of God 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>

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.

The Catholic Leader November Issue

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Year 12 students head back to Prep for one last school memory - A GROUP of Brisbane Year 12 students set off on one last adventure before starting their final exams – returning for an emotional reunion with their prep teacher.

Hospital carers graduate - Pastoral carers have overcome learning challenges from COVID-19 lockdowns to complete their training and join Centacare Pastoral Ministries.

Annual Catholic Mission Appeal – This Weekend

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

This week Catholic Mission will share the story of Churai*, who having experienced much heartbreak in childhood, turned to the Mother and Babies Home run by the Good Shepherd Sisters in Bangkok when her partner cast her experienced rejection as an adult, abandoned by her partner and pregnant.

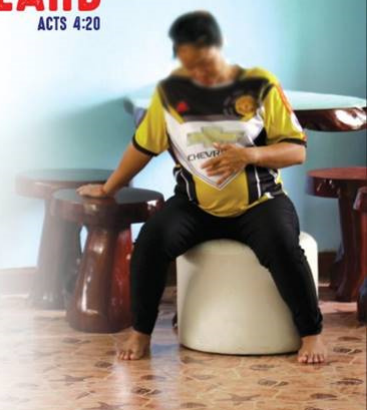
Without this program, many vulnerable mothers like Churai will have nowhere to turn when they need love and care the most.

Please give generously today to help continue this life-giving program by using the appeal envelope, going online at catholicmission.org.au/thailand or by texting 'GIVE' to 0488 854 436. Your gift will also help many other similar Church-run mission programs around the world.

*Name and images altered to protect identity



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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.