



# Holland Park Mt Gravatt Parish News



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(Safeguarding purposes only)

15<sup>th</sup> Sunday in Ordinary Times

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July 9/10<sup>th</sup>, 2022

## Who is my neighbour...

The lawyer asked Jesus who his neighbour was; Jesus answered by telling him to be a neighbour to those in need, like the Samaritan. It is never easy to go out of our way to help others in need, and we do need the example of others to catch our imagination. We are busy with many appointments, as in Jericho, and have limited time to get there, so we do not want to get involved in what could distract us.

Pope Francis, said: "The priest and the Levite see but ignore; they look but they do not offer to help. Yet there is no true worship if it is not translated into service to neighbour. Let us never forget this: before the suffering of so many people exhausted by hunger, violence and injustice, we cannot remain spectators." The religious officials in the story - the priest and the Levite - fail the test (probably the fear of ritual impurity prevents them from responding as neighbours to the stricken man). Meanwhile, the Samaritan, an ethnic and religious outsider, is the hero.

What is striking is how Jesus seems to 'raise the bar' when he is speaking to individuals. When he preaches generally to the crowd, he invites and encourages. But to the individuals who offer themselves, or ask further questions, he challenges them to go that bit further. Is this my experience of being a Christian? Where do I find myself being 'stretched'? Lord, give us the freedom to notice and the courage to respond to the needs of others we meet on the journey of life.

This is a challenging time for us to think about our parish community. So let's come together for the Parish Summit on 16<sup>th</sup> of July, to listen and dream about what we would like for our community and contribute to the plan. The day will be held from 9:00am -2:00pm in St Joachim's hall. All are encouraged and welcome.

With God's blessings,

Fr Joson

Let us Come Together

Let us think  
together

Let us listen  
to each other



Let us pray  
together

Let us work  
together

Readings: 16<sup>th</sup> Sunday Ordinary Time

Genesis 18:1-10

Colossians 1:24-28

Luke 10:38-42

# READINGS FOR 15<sup>TH</sup> SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIMES

## 1<sup>st</sup> Reading

Deuteronomy 30:10-14

Moses said to the people: 'Obey the voice of the Lord your God, keeping those commandments and laws of his that are written in the Book of this Law, and you shall return to the Lord your God with all your heart and soul.

'For this Law that I enjoin on you today is not beyond your strength or beyond your reach. It is not in heaven, so that you need to wonder, "Who will go up to heaven for us and bring it down to us, so that we may hear it and keep it?" Nor is it beyond the seas, so that you need to wonder, "Who will cross the seas for us and bring it back to us, so that we may hear it and keep it?" No, the Word is very near to you, it is in your mouth and in your heart for your observance.'

## Responsorial Psalm

**Response:** The precepts of the Lord give joy to the heart.  
The law of the Lord is perfect, it revives the soul.  
The rule of the Lord is to be trusted, it gives wisdom to the simple.  
The precepts of the Lord are right, they gladden the heart.  
The command of the Lord is clear, it gives light to the eyes.  
The fear of the Lord is holy, abiding for ever.  
The decrees of the Lord are truth and all of them just.  
They are more to be desired than gold, than the purest of gold  
and sweeter are they than honey, than honey from the comb.

## Second Reading

Colossians 1:15-20

Christ Jesus is the image of the unseen God and the first-born of all creation, for in him were created all things in heaven and on earth: everything visible and everything invisible, Thrones, Dominations, Sovereignities, Powers – all things were created through him and for him.  
Before anything was created, he existed, and he holds all things in unity.  
Now the Church is his body, he is its head.  
As he is the Beginning, he was first to be born from the dead, so that he should be first in every way; because God wanted all perfection to be found in him and all things to be reconciled through him and for him, everything in heaven and everything on earth, when he made peace by his death on the cross.

## Gospel Acclamation

Alleluia, alleluia!  
Your words, Lord, are spirit and life; you have the words of everlasting life.  
Alleluia!

## Gospel

Luke 10:25-37

There was a lawyer who, to disconcert Jesus, stood up and said to him, 'Master, what must I do to inherit eternal life?' He said to him, 'What is written in the Law? What do you read there?' He replied, 'You must love the Lord your God with all your heart, with all your soul, with all your strength, and with all your mind, and your neighbour as yourself.' 'You have answered right,' said Jesus, 'do this and life is yours.'

But the man was anxious to justify himself and said to Jesus, 'And who is my neighbour?' Jesus replied, 'A man was once on his way down from Jerusalem to Jericho and fell into the hands of brigands; they took all he had, beat him and then made off, leaving him half dead. Now a priest happened to be travelling down the same road, but when he saw the man, he passed by on the other side. In the same way a Levite who came to the place saw him, and passed by on the other side. But a Samaritan traveller who came upon him was moved with compassion when he saw him. He went up and bandaged his wounds, pouring oil and wine on them. He then lifted him on to his own mount, carried him to the inn and looked after him. Next day, he took out two denarii and handed them to the innkeeper. "Look after him," he said, "and on my way back I will make good any extra expense you have." Which of these three, do you think, proved himself a neighbour to the man who fell into the brigands' hands?' 'The one who took pity on him,' he replied. Jesus said to him, 'Go and do the same yourself.'

# Parish Diary

## Monday, July 11<sup>th</sup>

Mass 8:00am  
St Joachim's

## Wednesday, July 13<sup>th</sup>

Mass 6:00pm  
St Agnes'

## Thursday, July 14<sup>th</sup>

Mass 9:00am  
St Agnes'

## Friday, July 15<sup>th</sup>

Mass 9:00am  
St Joachim's

## Saturday, July 16<sup>th</sup>

Parish Summit 9:00am

Reconciliation 5:30pm  
St Joachim's

## 16<sup>th</sup> Sunday in Ordinary Times

## Saturday, July 16<sup>th</sup>

Mass 6:00pm  
St Joachim's

## Sunday, July 17<sup>th</sup>

Mass 7:30am  
St Joachim's

Mass 9:00am  
St Agnes'

Mass 6:00pm  
St Agnes'



**PRAY  
DISCERN  
LIVE**



We are called to love with our whole being. How is God calling you to do that? Pray for generosity to serve God's people. (Luke 10:25-37)

Continuing on our faith journey during changed times; when our faith will sustain us through our challenges.

## PARISH NEWS

### WE REMEMBER

We remember Achamma Baby John. May she rest in the peace of Christ.

### WE REJOICE

With the Irvine family as they celebrate the baptism of Rafaelo in the parish this weekend

### COUNTERS

Alison's team.

### ST VINCENT DE PAUL SOCIETY

Tuesday, July 12th at 4:00pm in the Parish Centre.

### CHILDREN'S LITURGY OF THE WORD

CLOW will be held next Sunday, July 17th at the 9:00am mass at St Agnes'. All parents are very welcome however it is asked that children under the age of 5 are accompanied by a parent.

### Statement from the Queensland Bishops

In light of the Queensland Government's recent easing of COVID-19 restrictions the Bishops have been asked to consider a modification to the policy for the reception of Holy Communion.

Given that the COVID virus is still highly active and the pandemic is not over the Bishops would prefer that the faithful continue to receive Holy Communion in the hand.

However, for those who wish to receive Holy Communion on the tongue, this is now permitted with appropriate precautions with regard to hygiene, especially by those distributing Holy Communion.

The Bishops would prefer that those wishing to receive Holy Communion on the tongue come forward after the rest of the faithful in the Communion procession.

## COMMUNITY NEWS

### POSITION VACANT – PARISH BUSINESS MANAGER

Applications are open for the above position at the Coorparoo St James Parish. The position is a p/t 12 hours a week either over 3 or 2 days per week. Applications close: 11 July 2022

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

### QUO VADIS WEEKEND

Friday, August 12<sup>th</sup> 5:00pm – Sunday, August 14 2:00pm at the Holy Spirit Seminary. Cost: \$80. RSVP: August 1<sup>st</sup>  
The annual Quo Vadis Weekend is for young men, 18-35 years to learn more about the priesthood in an environment that will equip and inspire a better understanding of their personal calling. They will experience what it's like to study, pray, discern and live at the Holy Spirit Seminary through dynamic talks, small group discussions, prayer experiences through the Mass, Eucharistic Adoration, personal prayer and a guided retreat. And they'll spend quality time with those on the same journey of discernment around good food, conversation and sporting activities. To register follow the link <https://bit.ly/3RiGBt9QuoVadis>

### ST JAMES COLLEGE ENROLMENT INFORMATION EVENING

Monday, July 18<sup>th</sup> commencing 6:00pm 201 Boundary Street, Spring Hill. Register to attend or watch the livestream at [www.jta.link/sjc](http://www.jta.link/sjc)

### VOLUNTEERS PASTORAL CARE - HOSPITALS

Centacare will begin a new training course in late July 2022 through to May 2023 to equip lay men and women to provide spiritual and pastoral care to people in hospital. For more information about the role, the training course, timeframes and eligibility criteria email: [adminpasmin@bne.catholic.net.au](mailto:adminpasmin@bne.catholic.net.au) or phone Judy Norris on 33243193.

### ST. STEPHEN'S CATHEDRAL PRIMARY SCHOOL REUNION

Sunday, 24<sup>th</sup> July commencing at 10.00am with Holy Mass at St Stephen's Cathedral followed by Morning Tea in the Hanly Room. This is an invitation to all past students/teachers up to closure of school 1965. Speaker Sister Ann Hetherington RSM OAM. Cost \$30pp. Payment by bank Deposit before 12 July 2022 Bank of Qld: C. Massadi BSB 124 196 Account 232 98330 Your surname required in reference at bank. Enquiries & Bookings Connie Costa Massadi: 0415 592 155 Flora Di Lizio: 0418 753 554. All photos and memorabilia are welcome for display on the day.

### LADIES TAKE TIME OUT TO REFLECT AND RECHARGE

Treat yourself to some quality time with God at The Women of the Way Retreat from 26<sup>th</sup> to 28<sup>th</sup> August at Watson Park Convention Centre, Dakabin. Retreat Leader: Rebecca Crouch. Weekend includes Mass, Adoration, Reconciliation, Praise and Worship, inspirational teachings, prayer ministry and time for fellowship. For brochure or info phone Rosa Montegrando – 0400755516 or email [wowqld@gmail.com](mailto:wowqld@gmail.com). Close 31st July.

### THE CATHOLIC LEADER – JULY EDITION AVAILABLE TODAY

COST: \$4

### WHO IS MY NEIGHBOUR?

Seafarers in our ports arrive as strangers in a foreign land. They are also our neighbours who lead dangerous working lives. The Samaritan helped the stranger. We are called to...

> "Go and do likewise!" Luke 10:37



Stella Maris cares for the spiritual, social and material welfare of seafarers globally, regardless of colour, race or creed.

Please support our ministry to seafarers and donate online at

[www.stellamarisaaustralia.org](http://www.stellamarisaaustralia.org)

Today is Sea Sunday, when the church prays for all those who live and work at sea. Without them, we would not have most of the items we rely on for daily living. Even during a pandemic, seafarers continue to bring into our ports products that sustain our population and economy.

The Appeal today is for Stella Maris, Apostleship of the Sea, the official maritime welfare agency of the Catholic Church. It supports seafarers both practically and spiritually. To assist this ministry, please send your donations to:

<https://stellamarisaaustralia.org/sea-sunday-appeal/>

### URGENT WARNING - SCAM EMAILS

The Archdiocesan Communications team has advised us that there is an email doing the rounds claiming it is from the Parish Priest and that he is in some trouble and requires help. Please understand that Fr Joson (or any other clergy) would never seek to contact you in this way, or require of you that you provide them with cash or store cards to get them out of a bind.

Please if you do receive an email like this please do not respond and delete it immediately.



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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.