



Holland Park Mt Gravatt Parish News



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16th Sunday in Ordinary Times

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July 16/17th, 2022

The Better Part

Today we find Jesus in the home of the sisters, Mary and Martha. The story of Martha and Mary is, in a way, a contrast to the previous story about the Good Samaritan. It restores a balance in our following of Christ. The story about being a neighbour could lead us to think that only if we are doing things are we loving God.

Martha was a doer to the point of being a fusspot. Martha, we are told, was “burdened with much serving”. Serving is something that Jesus himself did constantly and he urged his followers to do the same. But it should not be a burden. And, after Martha had complained about her sister, Jesus told her that she was “anxious and worried about many things”. A true servant does not experience anxiety and worry. It signifies a lack of peace.

Because Mary seemed to be doing nothing, Martha saw her as idling and even selfish. Martha must have been somewhat surprised when Jesus said that Mary had “chosen the better part” which would “not be taken from her”.

What was that better part? Was Mary just sitting at the feet of Jesus and doing nothing? No. We are told that she was “listening to him speak”. Listening to his message is something Jesus tells his disciples and the crowd they need to be doing all the time. And we have mentioned before that listening involves understanding, accepting and assimilating that message so that it becomes part of our very selves.

If we do not spend time listening to him, how can we know that our activity is properly directed? It is easy for us Christians to be very busy but are we busy about the right things?

To answer that question, we have to stop to listen, to discern and to pray. And, ultimately, the highest form of activity in our lives is contemplation, being in conscious contact with God and his Word. If I find myself saying that I do not have time to give some time to prayer or contemplation each day, then there is a serious imbalance in my priorities and in my understanding of what it means to love and serve my God.

This story blends nicely with the parable of the Good Samaritan which went before it. Taken together they express what should be the essence of Christian living – action for others that is guided by what we learn in contemplation. This was the pattern of Jesus' own life – he spent long hours bringing healing to people's lives (being a neighbour) but also retired to quiet places to be alone in communion with his Father. The same pattern must be ours too. We call it being “contemplatives in action”. (Living space)

Readings: 17th Sunday Ordinary Time

Genesis 18:20-32

Colossians 2:12-14

Luke 11:1-13

READINGS FOR 15TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIMES

1st Reading

Genesis 18:1-10

The Lord appeared to Abraham at the Oak of Mamre while he was sitting by the entrance of the tent during the hottest part of the day. He looked up, and there he saw three men standing near him. As soon as he saw them he ran from the entrance of the tent to meet them, and bowed to the ground. 'My lord,' he said, 'I beg you, if I find favour with you, kindly do not pass your servant by. A little water shall be brought; you shall wash your feet and lie down under the tree. Let me fetch a little bread and you shall refresh yourselves before going further. That is why you have come in your servant's direction.' They replied, 'Do as you say.'

Abraham hastened to the tent to find Sarah. 'Hurry,' he said, 'knead three bushels of flour and make loaves.' Then running to the cattle Abraham took a fine and tender calf and gave it to the servant, who hurried to prepare it. Then taking cream, milk and the calf he had prepared, he laid all before them, and they ate while he remained standing near them under the tree.

'Where is your wife Sarah?' they asked him. 'She is in the tent,' he replied. Then his guest said, 'I shall visit you again next year without fail and your wife will then have a son.'

Responsorial Psalm

Response: The just will live in the presence of the Lord.

Lord, who shall dwell on your holy mountain? He who walks without fault; he who acts with justice and speaks the truth from his heart; he who does not slander with his tongue.

He who does no wrong to his brother, who casts no slur on his neighbour, who holds the godless in disdain, but honours those who fear the Lord.

He who keeps his pledge, come what may; who takes no interest on a loan and accepts no bribes against the innocent. Such a man will stand firm for ever.

Second Reading

Colossians 1:24-28

It makes me happy to suffer for you, as I am suffering now, and in my body to do what I can to make up all that has still to be undergone by Christ for the sake of his body, the Church. I became the servant of the Church when God made me responsible for delivering God's message to you, the message which was a mystery hidden for generations and centuries and has now been revealed to his saints. It was God's purpose to reveal it to them and to show all the rich glory of this mystery to pagans. The mystery is Christ among you, your hope of glory: this is the Christ we proclaim, this is the wisdom in which we thoroughly train everyone and instruct everyone, to make them all perfect in Christ.

Gospel Acclamation

Alleluia, alleluia!

Happy are they who have kept the word with a generous heart and yield a harvest through perseverance.

Alleluia!

Gospel

Luke 10:38-42

Jesus came to a village, and a woman named Martha welcomed him into her house. She had a sister called Mary, who sat down at the Lord's feet and listened to him speaking. Now Martha who was distracted with all the serving said, 'Lord, do you not care that my sister is leaving me to do the serving all by myself? Please tell her to help me.' But the Lord answered: 'Martha, Martha,' he said, 'you worry and fret about so many things, and yet few are needed, indeed only one. It is Mary who has chosen the better part; it is not to be taken from her.'

Parish Diary

Monday, July 18th

Mass 8:00am
St Joachim's

Wednesday, July 20th

Mass 6:00pm
St Agnes'

Thursday, July 21st

Mass 9:00am
St Agnes'

Friday, July 22nd

Mass 9:00am
St Joachim's

Saturday, July 23rd

Reconciliation 5:30pm
St Joachim's

17th Sunday in Ordinary Times

Saturday, July 23rd

Mass 6:00pm
St Joachim's

Sunday, July 24th

Mass 7:30am
St Joachim's

Mass 9:00am
St Agnes'

Mass 6:00pm
St Agnes'



Are you a Mary
or a Martha?



Jesus desires that we, like his friend Mary, would spend time in his presence. Take time regularly to be with Jesus and listen to his living word. (Luke 10:38-42)

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

PARISH NEWS

WE REMEMBER

We remember Maureen Jones, Barbara Rynne and Jack Toomey. May they rest in the peace of Christ.

WE REJOICE

With the Passi family as they celebrate the baptism of Quinn and Lucy in the parish this weekend

COUNTERS

Cheryl's team.

SACRAMENTAL PROGRAM - CONFIRMATION

Parent sessions for the Confirmation program are being held this week:-

6.30pm Monday 18 July at St Agnes'

6.30pm Wednesday 20 July at St Joachim's.

Parents may attend either session and bookings are **NOT** required.

MEALS ON WHEELS

St Joachim's team - Tuesday, July 19th.

SUNDAY HOSPITALITY

There will be hospitality after the 9:00am mass next Sunday, July 24th.

COMMUNITY NEWS

QUO VADIS WEEKEND

Friday, August 12th 5:00pm – Sunday, August 14 2:00pm at the Holy Spirit Seminary. Cost: \$80. RSVP: August 1st
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>

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 or phone Judy Norris on 33243193.

LADIES TAKE TIME OUT TO REFLECT AND RECHARGE

Treat yourself to some quality time with God at The Women of the Way Retreat from 26th to 28th 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. Close 31st July.

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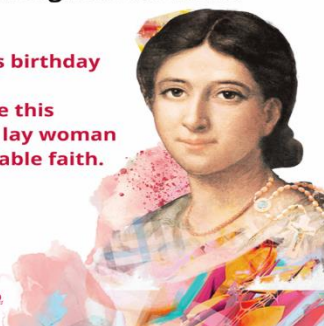
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To be taken up as a Retiring Collection
next weekend - July 23rd and 24th

Blessed Pauline Jaricot Catholic Mission Foundress

*"If we give a little and pray
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On Pauline's birthday
22nd July,
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remarkable lay woman
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A COVID-19 Safe Event

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via the Enrolments tab or telephone 3347 9275

Clairvaux MacKillop College

2022 College Tour

Please join us for a College Tour on

FRIDAY, 22nd JULY 2022

9.00am TO 10.30am

This event will provide you with a comprehensive insight into the life of Clairvaux MacKillop College and will allow you to take a tour with our Student Mentors; meet our Principal, Mrs Christine Clarke and senior members of staff. We look forward to welcoming you to the College.

Additional Tour Date: Friday 9th September 9am to 10.30am



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... for it is to such as thee that the kingdom of God belongs.

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