



Holland Park Mt Gravatt Parish News



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17th Sunday in Ordinary Times

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July 23rd/24th, 2022

Dear Parishioners and friends.

We had a great day last Saturday, 16th July for our parish summit. 49 of our parishioners attended the process from 8:45am-2:00pm, concluding with an adoration. I wish to thank and express my appreciation to those who could take part in it. I thank our Evangelization team members for supporting us on this process. We had couple of sessions with EB during the day with some fruitful discussions. Deacon Peter Pellicaan, Executive Director of EB quoted the words of Henry Ford "if we always do what we have always done, we'll always get what we have always got." I believe this challenges us as we think and refocus on our parish priorities. We have to understand the culture and the need of the time for evangelizing our parish.

The other point that caught my attention was the defining process of 'WHY'. If we can give an answer to Why it will enrich our faith and the practise of it. The true meaning of Why gives us a chance to encounter God and that experience will change the life of a person and the whole environment, which then leads us into deeper faith and determination.

The formation of the intentional parish was one of the other thoughts which will bring community experience through liturgy and hospitality. Every person should feel welcomed in the parish, irrespective of age and culture.

The next step is for the Pastoral Council to meet EB and consider if there are any parishioners we have met who could be invited to be the team leader for a particular Ministry group. Let's continue to dream and pray for our parish as we journey together. These are some of the images from the parish summit.

With God's blessings,

Fr Joson



Readings: 18th Sunday Ordinary Time

Ecclesiastes 1:2, 2:21-23

Colossians 3:1-5, 9-11

Luke 12:13-21

READINGS FOR 15TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIMES

1st Reading

Genesis 18:20-32

The Lord said, 'How great an outcry there is against Sodom and Gomorrah! How grievous is their sin! I propose to go down and see whether or not they have done all that is alleged in the outcry against them that has come up to me. I am determined to know.'

The men left there and went to Sodom while Abraham remained standing before the Lord. Approaching him he said, 'Are you really going to destroy the just man with the sinner? Perhaps there are fifty just men in the town. Will you really overwhelm them, will you not spare the place for the fifty just men in it? Do not think of doing such a thing: to kill the just man with the sinner, treating just and sinner alike! Do not think of it! Will the judge of the whole earth not administer justice?' The Lord replied, 'If at Sodom I find fifty just men in the town, I will spare the whole place because of them.'

Abraham replied, 'I am bold indeed to speak like this to my Lord, I who am dust and ashes. But perhaps the fifty just men lack five: will you destroy the whole city for five?' 'No', he replied 'I will not destroy it if I find forty-five just men there.' Again Abraham said to him, 'Perhaps there will only be forty there.' 'I will not do it' he replied 'for the sake of the forty.'

Abraham said, 'I trust my Lord will not be angry, but give me leave to speak: perhaps there will only be thirty there.' 'I will not do it' he replied 'if I find thirty there.' He said, 'I am bold indeed to speak like this, but perhaps there will only be twenty there.' 'I will not destroy it' he replied 'for the sake of the twenty.' He said, 'I trust my Lord will not be angry if I speak once more: perhaps there will only be ten.' 'I will not destroy it' he replied 'for the sake of the ten.'

Responsorial Psalm

Response: Lord, on the day I called for help, you answered me.

I thank you, Lord, with all my heart, you have heard the words of my mouth.
Before the angels I will bless you. I will adore before your holy temple.

I thank you for your faithfulness and love which excel all we ever knew of you.
On the day I called, you answered; you increased the strength of my soul.

The Lord is high yet he looks on the lowly and the haughty he knows from afar.
Though I walk in the midst of affliction you give me life and frustrate my foes.

You stretch out your hand and save me, your hand will do all things for me.
Your love, O Lord, is eternal, discard not the work of your hands.

Second Reading

Colossians 2:12-14

You have been buried with Christ, when you were baptised; and by baptism, too, you have been raised up with him through your belief in the power of God who raised him from the dead. You were dead, because you were sinners and had not been circumcised: he has brought you to life with him, he has forgiven us all our sins.

He has overridden the Law, and cancelled every record of the debt that we had to pay; he has done away with it by nailing it to the cross.

Gospel

Luke 11:1-13

Once Jesus was in a certain place praying, and when he had finished, one of his disciples said, 'Lord, teach us to pray, just as John taught his disciples.' He said to them, 'Say this when you pray:

"Father, may your name be held holy, your kingdom come;
give us each day our daily bread, and forgive us our sins,
for we ourselves forgive each one who is in debt to us.
And do not put us to the test."

He also said to them, 'Suppose one of you has a friend and goes to him in the middle of the night to say, "My friend, lend me three loaves, because a friend of mine on his travels has just arrived at my house and I have nothing to offer him"; and the man answers from inside the house, "Do not bother me. The door is bolted now, and my children and I are in bed; I cannot get up to give it to you." I tell you, if the man does not get up and give it him for friendship's sake, persistence will be enough to make him get up and give his friend all he wants.

'So I say to you: Ask, and it will be given to you; search, and you will find; knock, and the door will be opened to you. For the one who asks always receives; the one who searches always finds; the one who knocks will always have the door opened to him. What father among you would hand his son a stone when he asked for bread? Or hand him a snake instead of a fish? Or hand him a scorpion if he asked for an egg? If you then, who are evil, know how to give your children what is good, how much more will the heavenly Father give the Holy Spirit to those who ask him!'

Parish Diary

Monday, July 25th

St James, Apostle

Mass 8:00am

St Joachim's

Wednesday, July 27th

Mass 6:00pm

St Agnes'

Thursday, July 28th

60th Anniversary Mass St Agnes School

Mass 9:00am

St Agnes'

Friday, July 29th

Mass 9:00am

St Joachim's

Saturday, July 30th

Reconciliation 5:30pm

St Joachim's

18th Sunday in Ordinary Times

Saturday, July 30th

Mass 6:00pm

St Joachim's

Sunday, July 31st

Mass 7:30am

St Joachim's

Mass 9:00am

St Agnes'

Mass 6:00pm

St Agnes'



World Day
for Grandparents
and the Elderly
2022

For older members of our parish, we pray that today's World Day of Prayer for Grandparents and the Elderly will serve to highlight the gift they are to families and to the whole community.



"Ask, and you shall receive; seek, and you shall find, knock, and it shall be opened to you." Believe and act on Jesus' promise. Pray for wisdom to discern God's will. (Luke 11:1-13)

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

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PARISH NEWS

SUNDAY HOSPITALITY

There will be hospitality after the 9:00am mass TODAY.

COUNTERS

Elisabeth's team.

ST VINCENT DE PAUL SOCIETY

Tuesday, July 26th at 4:00pm in the Parish Centre.

COFFEE AND CHAT

On Monday, August 1st please join other parishioners for morning tea and fellowship at BrizStar Café, Mt Gravatt Plaza (Coles end of plaza) commencing 10:00am. If you would like to attend or need more information please contact Barbara, 3349 6334 or just turn up. Everyone is welcome.

60TH ANNIVERSARY MASS - THURSDAY JULY 28TH

St Agnes' School will be celebrating its 60th Anniversary at the regular Thursday morning mass this coming week.



Solemnity of St Mary of the Cross MacKillop

Archbishop Mark Coleridge invites you to a special celebration of St Mary of the Cross MacKillop, patron of the Archdiocese, on her feast day, Monday August 8th. Mass will be celebrated at the 10:00am mass in the Cathedral followed by morning tea in the surrounding grounds. To RSVP call 3324 3200 or email rsvp@bne.catholic.net.au



"In old age
they will still
bear fruit"

(Ps 92:15)

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COMMUNITY NEWS

MAKE EVERY NIGHT 'DATE NIGHT' AGAIN WITH THE MARRIAGE COURSE

Thursday nights beginning 4th August 2022 from 7:30pm – 9:00pm; finishing on 15th September. Zoom link will be shared after registration. \$25pp (covers the cost of the course journal). RSVP: Monday 25th July at:

<https://bit.ly/3PGxRuZMarriageCourse>

Whether you've been together for 6 months or 60 years, whether you're in a good place or struggling, The Marriage Course offers seven practical online sessions to help strengthen your most important relationship in the privacy of your own home covering topics from the art of communication, to resolving conflict, to the power of forgiveness. No group sharing, just time together for you and your partner.

A MORNING'S PRAYER

Saturday, 30 July 2022 from 9:00 am - 12:00 pm at Santa Teresa Spirituality, Ormiston. Cost \$20. To book please go to:

<https://bit.ly/309Fom1MorningPrayer>

HEALING MASS - BARDON

Would you like to receive personal prayer for healing? Come to the first Friday of the month Healing Mass at St. Mary Magdalene's, 24 Cecil Road, Bardon, Friday, 5th August, 2022 at 7.30pm. Fr. Thomas Varkey, PP Booval Parish, will be the celebrant. Personal prayer for healing will be offered after the homily as well as prayer petitions. Sponsored by CCR Bardon. For further information, contact Len Airey on 0421 977 849 or by email to lenpatairey@gmail.com. Follow us on Facebook : <https://www.facebook.com/CatholicCharismaticRenewalBrisbane/>

WORLDWIDE MARRIAGE ENCOUNTER

A weekend experience for married couples, priests and religious, away from the distractions of everyday living. Take time out of your busy schedule, to invest in your most precious asset and revitalise your Sacrament. This is a unique opportunity to reconnect, rekindle and refresh your relationship. It gives you the opportunity to grow in your relationship with your spouse or your community. Our COVID-SAFE live-in weekend will be held from **Friday evening 14 October to Sunday afternoon 16 October (including Mass)** at Santa Teresa, Ormiston. Our virtual weekend will be held online via Zoom (stay home and participate from your lounge) from **19 to 21 August**. For bookings/details contact Maria and David M: 0481307821 E: gldbookings@wwme.org.au W: www.wwme.org.au. Watch Archbishop Mark Coleridge's support video https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=4o_Wp6qGB44.

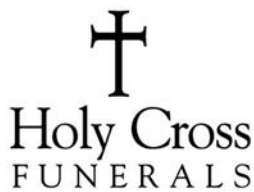
ENGAGED ENCOUNTER

Catholic Engaged Encounter (CEE) is a marriage preparation weekend that facilitates honest and constructive dialogue for engaged couples. **22 to 23 October**, Contact: M - 0481307821 E - cee.brisbane@gmail.com W: www.engagedencounter.org.au

CAN YOU UNDERTAKE AN OVERSEAS MISSION

Our sister churches in Africa, Asia and the Pacific are requesting Australian Catholics to join them to build the skills of those in their community who have had less opportunity than ourselves. Please consider these Mission opportunities abroad. The ACBC provide support. Palms Australia, who have prepared Australian Catholics for global mission since 1961, will ensure accommodation and a living allowance is provided to you during your time away. Enquire online or Ph: 0422 742 567 to find out about a placement to engage your skills.

You can also Register for a Webinar on Monday, August 1st at 7:00 pm to talk directly with a Palms' partner community in Timor Leste and two Australians recently posted to work with them. Invite your friends. The stories will inspire.



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SAFEGUARDING CHILDREN & VULNERABLE ADULTS PREVENTION AND PROTECTION POLICY

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

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