



# Holland Park Mt Gravatt Parish News



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3<sup>rd</sup> Sunday in Ordinary Time

Year A

January 21<sup>st</sup>/22<sup>nd</sup>, 2023

## *Preaching Conversion Response*

**Preaching.** What is the first sermon that Jesus ever preached? You might be tempted to say repent for the kingdom of heaven is at hand. In fact, if we think of how it was said of Saint Francis that we are called to preach to all of creation and if necessary use words -we can better look at Jesus' actions to see how he preached in where he went first. We are told he went to Zebulun and Neftali which for most of us doesn't mean much, but for every Jew would've been very significant. They would've known that it was here in the north of Israel that 10 of the twelve tribes of Israel were lost in the Assyrian exile which devastated them and took them prisoners about 700 years before Christ. Since that time hope had been lost that the 12 tribes of Israel would ever be able to continue or the promise of God be fulfilled.

When Jesus began with the last tribes, precisely in Zebulun and Neftali it was seen as a messianic move. This is why God always goes after the lost sheep -those who are on the fringes of society, the weak and brings them the good news - that is why we hear Isaiah's prophecy fulfilled - that light has shown in the darkness. A quick look at the Bible shows us the same - that Moses who was a murderer and David who was a murder and adulterer and Paul who was a murderer, all become great examples of God going after those who are lost in order to convert them. This is the good news in which the medium is the message - that God calls those who are weak and lost to become saints and apostles.

**Conversion** - Repent because the kingdom of heaven is at hand simply means that we are called to turn away from anything that prevents us from loving God fully and authentically. Although change is hard we need only open our heart and ask our God to help us to respond to the grace that God freely gives in order to choose to love.

**Response-** God is calling us too today, just as he did with the disciples, in the very concrete situation of our life in the middle of our daily routine right where we work. It doesn't happen in a church or while we are praying but rather in media res, that is, in the middle of things. Our response is key here as we are called to drop our nets to respond immediately to follow. Unfortunately, many of us are entangled in the nets of the world. What is it that holds me back today from truly following Jesus whole heartedly? What unfreedom prevents me from being all Gods and belonging to him?

(Fr. Michael Della Penna)

Readings: 4<sup>th</sup> Sunday in Ordinary Time

Zephaniah 2:3; 3:12-13

1 Corinthians 1:26-31

Matthew 5:1-12

READINGS FOR THE 2<sup>ND</sup> SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

1<sup>st</sup> Reading

Isaiah 8:23 – 9:3

In days past the Lord humbled the land of Zebulun and the land of Naphtali, but in days to come he will confer glory on the Way of the Sea on the far side of Jordan, province of the nations.

The people that walked in darkness has seen a great light;  
on those who live in a land of deep shadow a light has shone.  
You have made their gladness greater, you have made their joy increase,  
they rejoice in your presence as men rejoice at harvest time,  
as men are happy when they are dividing the spoils.

For the yoke that was weighing on him, the bar across his shoulders,  
the rod of his oppressor,  
these you break as on the day of Midian.

Responsorial Psalm

**Response: The Lord, is my light and my salvation.**

The Lord is my light and my help; whom shall I fear?  
The Lord is the stronghold of my life; Before whom shall I shrink?

There is one thing I ask of the Lord, for this I long,  
to live in the house of the Lord, all the days of my life,  
to savour the sweetness of the Lord, to behold his temple.

I am sure I shall see the Lord's goodness in the land of the living.  
Hope in him, hold firm and take heart. Hope in the Lord!.

Second Reading

1 Corinthians 1:10-13, 17

I appeal to you, brothers, for the sake of our Lord Jesus Christ, to make up the differences between you, and instead of disagreeing among yourselves, to be united again in your belief and practice. From what Chloe's people have been telling me, my dear brothers, it is clear that there are serious differences among you. What I mean are all these slogans that you have, like: 'I am for Paul', 'I am for Apollos', 'I am for Cephas', 'I am for Christ'. Has Christ been parcelled out? Was it Paul that was crucified for you? Were you baptised in the name of Paul?

For Christ did not send me to baptise, but to preach the Good News, and not to preach that in the terms of philosophy in which the crucifixion of Christ cannot be expressed.

Gospel Acclamation

Alleluia, alleluia!

Jesus preached the Good News of the kingdom  
and healed all who were sick.

Alleluia!

Gospel

Matthew 4:12-23

Hearing that John had been arrested Jesus went back to Galilee, and leaving Nazareth he went and settled in Capernaum, a lakeside town on the borders of Zebulun and Naphtali. In this way the prophecy of Isaiah was to be fulfilled:

Land of Zebulun! Land of Naphtali!  
Way of the sea on the far side of Jordan, Galilee of the nations!  
The people that lived in darkness has seen a great light;  
on those who dwell in the land and shadow of death a light has dawned.

From that moment Jesus began his preaching with the message, 'Repent, for the kingdom of heaven is close at hand.' As he was walking by the Sea of Galilee he saw two brothers, Simon, who was called Peter, and his brother Andrew; they were making a cast in the lake with their net, for they were fishermen. And he said to them, 'Follow me and I will make you fishers of men.' And they left their nets at once and followed him.

Going on from there he saw another pair of brothers, James son of Zebedee and his brother John; they were in their boat with their father Zebedee, mending their nets, and he called them. At once, leaving the boat and their father, they followed him.

He went round the whole of Galilee teaching in their synagogues, proclaiming the Good News of the kingdom and curing all kinds of diseases and sickness among the people.

# Parish Diary

**Monday, January 23<sup>rd</sup>**

Mass 8:00am  
St Joachim's

**Wednesday, January 25<sup>th</sup>**

Mass 6:00pm  
St Agnes'

**Thursday, January 26<sup>th</sup>**

Mass 9:00am  
St Agnes'

**Friday, January 27<sup>th</sup>**

Mass 9:00am  
St Joachim's

**Saturday, January 28<sup>th</sup>**

Reconciliation 5:30pm  
St Joachim's

**4<sup>th</sup> Sunday in Ordinary Time**

**Saturday, January 28<sup>th</sup>**

Mass 6:00pm  
St Joachim's

**Sunday, January 29<sup>th</sup>**

Mass 7:30am  
St Joachim's

Mass 9:00am  
St Agnes

Mass 6:00pm  
St Agnes

## Pray for the New School Year

Lord, as a new school year begins, bless the teachers and students to start the year strong.

Give teachers renewed energy and enthusiasm to teach with passion and purpose and give our children a thirst for knowledge, wisdom, and understanding.

May the new year bring new hope, excitement, and readiness to learn and grow. Amen.

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

## PARISH NEWS

### WE REMEMBER

We remember Doreen Brooks, Paul Lavington and Jack Toomey. May they rest in the peace of Christ.

### COUNTERS

Cheryl's team

### SUNDAY HOSPITALITY

There will be hospitality after the 6:00pm mass next Saturday.

### ST VINCENT DE PAUL SOCIETY

Tuesday, January 24th at 4:00pm in the Parish Centre.

### FUNERAL OF DOREEN BROOKS

The funeral of Doreen Brooks will be held at Mt Thompson Crematorium in the East Chapel on Friday, January 27<sup>th</sup> at 10:00am.

### CHILDREN'S LITURGY OF THE WORD



All children are invited to join us for CLOW on Sunday 5 February at the 9am mass at St Agnes'.

CLOW is a great way for children to get involved in the mass in a child friendly environment. Parents are very welcome!

(children under 5 to be accompanied by a parent).

CLOW is held at the 9am mass at St Agnes' on the 1st Sunday of the month during school terms.

### SACRAMENT PROGRAM – 1<sup>ST</sup> EUCHARIST

Preparation for the sacrament of First Communion begins in February. The program is open to all children in Year Four (4) and above who have received the sacrament of Confirmation.

To secure your place or for more information contact Rachel at [sacpr.hpmg@bne.catholic.net.au](mailto:sacpr.hpmg@bne.catholic.net.au) registrations close 13 February 2023.

## COMMUNITY NEWS

### PARISH SECRETARY - CAMP HILL PARISH

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The Camp Hill Parish invites applications for the Part-time position of Parish Secretary 18 hours per week Monday, Tuesday, Thursday and Friday.

To apply for this position please, apply online submitting your cover letter and resume. Applications should include the name of two (2) referees one of which preferably should be a Parish Priest.

For a copy of the position description or any other enquires please email Seamus Baldwin (People & Culture) at [baldwins@bne.catholic.net.au](mailto:baldwins@bne.catholic.net.au)

### AID TO THE CHURCH IN NEED AUSTRALIA

ACN is the Pontifical Foundation dedicated to supporting the suffering and persecuted Church.

Aid to the Church in Need is asking for support to aid sisters in Kenya in building a new mother house and formation centre for their local community. Hunger, illiteracy, and lack of medical provision, combined with desperately poor roads and a lack of clean drinking water make life incredibly difficult for many people in Kenya. The diocesan congregation of the "Visitation Daughters of the Immaculate Heart" were established in order to help this needy population - but to continue their work they need your help! The sisters' work includes caring for expectant mothers, acting as midwives, providing counselling, caring for the sick and looking after the elderly and orphans who are frequently abandoned by society. Your support will help these sisters to continue their mission

by providing them with a permanent convent.

To make an offering and learn more visit

<https://aidtochurch.org/monthlyproject>

or scan the Qr code.



### JAMBEROO ABBEY ONLINE RETREAT

6 weeks commencing February 12<sup>th</sup> with Theresa Adler and Sr Antonia Curtis OSB pondering the values of silence, listening, Reverence and Community. All three integral to both Aboriginal Spirituality and Benedictine Spirituality. We are stretching our hands in friendship toward each other – honouring both ways and striving to live in harmony and peace. Cost of the retreat is \$300. Register at <https://www.jamberooabbey.org.au/retreats/online-retreats/>

### CENTACARE MENTAL HEALTH HUB

Seeking better mental wellbeing and would like a pleasant morning with a caring and supportive group in a faith setting. You are most welcome to join the folk at the Centacare Mental Health Hub, 58 Morgan Street, Fortitude Valley, any day Monday to Friday 9am – 12pm. For more details, please call 3324 3193, or just come along and you will be most welcome.



### FAREWELL FROM THE ARCHDIOCESE

Parishioners are invited to attend a farewell for Sr Kari on Tuesday, February 14<sup>th</sup> at the Cathedral of St Stephen. It will commence with Evening Prayer at



6:00pm which will be followed by refreshments in the Hanly Room.

If you would like to attend please rsvp by Wednesday, February 8<sup>th</sup> to [rsvpcathedral@bne.catholic.net.au](mailto:rsvpcathedral@bne.catholic.net.au) or telephone 3324 3030.

Cathedral car park will be available.



**7:30pm Saturday 4 February 2023**

St Francis of Assisi Catholic Church Hall, West End

Inspired by the Catholic parish dances held around Brisbane during the 1950s-1970s ask your parents and grandparents about them! the St Francis Social will be a good of fashion dance/social mixer for young adults in their 20s and 30s, with a bit of fundraising for local charities thrown in for good measure.

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## **SAFEGUARDING CHILDREN & VULNERABLE ADULTS PREVENTION AND PROTECTION POLICY**



We are committed to the  
**NATIONAL CATHOLIC  
SAFEGUARDING STANDARDS**

*... 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.