



# Holland Park Mt Gravatt Parish News



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5th Sunday of Easter

Year A

May 6<sup>th</sup>/7<sup>th</sup>, 2023

## *The Way, the Truth and the Life*

For many people 'going home', means a return to comfort and security.

In the best homes, children are unafraid; they know that their home is a buffer against some harsh realities beyond the door. As adults, we carry that desire for security into all the various homes in which we live.

When we reflect on our childhood homes many of us can say of it what Jesus says of himself. It was the first place almost all of us learnt about 'The Way'. The earliest Christians were called people of The Way. It is a rich image denoting that Christianity is not an idea; it is a way of living, a path to follow.

For better or worse one of the distinctive features of most of our homes is that it is also where we are told 'The Truth'. Sometimes that deflates our egos or means we hear things we would rather not listen to. But hopefully the comfort and love which accompanies this truth telling comes from the ease and care in the relationships at home. Our family does not pull any punches with the truth because they know us too well and love us too much.

Most adults also remember their childhood houses as lively. 'The Life' in our homes was about the buzz of children going to and from school, various friends calling in, the reign of organised chaos where space was claimed and a position defended. Minor dramas were never far away and life was lived to the full.

It is not by accident that the image of Jesus preparing us a house and being the Way, the Truth and the Life are put together in today's Gospel. In another part of John's gospel Jesus goes further in describing himself as our master builder, as our home and even our lodger. We are told to make a home in him as he makes a home in us. What a terrific image of the intimacy Christ wants to share with us, and we with him!

The best homes, however, do not just protect and keep their occupants safe for eternity. A home is a means to an end, which is to give us the stability and sanity we need to keep going out to the world beyond it. In the same way, our home of faith with Jesus enables us to keep going out to a sometimes hostile world and share with others the Way, the Truth and the Life that sustains us. In a world where 70% of all people have substandard housing and millions of displaced people have to create homes wherever they are, we have our work cut out for us.

The Way we follow is about justice, development and peace for all people everywhere and not just the select few who can build the biggest mansions on earth. We are invited to keep speaking the Truth even if that makes us unpopular or different or at odds with the majority. And we have to keep living the Life which sees that our greatest joy comes from human dignity being celebrated everywhere.

If all Christians lived out this Way, Truth and Life we would, by His grace, fulfil Jesus' extraordinary prophecy that we could do greater works than He did. Now that's a challenge to take with us into the coming week!

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Readings: 6th Sunday of Easter

Acts 8:5-8, 14-17

1 Peter 3:15-18

John 14:15-21

## READINGS FOR THE 5<sup>TH</sup> SUNDAY OF EASTER

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

About this time, when the number of disciples was increasing, the Hellenists made a complaint against the Hebrews: in the daily distribution their own widows were being overlooked. So the Twelve called a full meeting of the disciples and addressed them, 'It would not be right for us to neglect the word of God so as to give out food; you, brothers, must select from among yourselves seven men of good reputation, filled with the Spirit and with wisdom; we will hand over this duty to them, and continue to devote ourselves to prayer and to the service of the word.' The whole assembly approved of this proposal and elected Stephen, a man full of faith and of the Holy Spirit, together with Philip, Prochorus, Nicanor, Timon, Parmenas, and Nicolaus of Antioch, a convert to Judaism. They presented these to the apostles, who prayed and laid their hands on them.

The word of the Lord continued to spread: the number of disciples in Jerusalem was greatly increased, and a large group of priests made their submission to the faith.

### Responsorial Psalm

**Response:** Lord, let your mercy be on us, as we place our trust in you.

Ring out your joy to the Lord, O you just; for praise is fitting for loyal hearts.  
Give thanks to the Lord upon the harp, with a ten-stringed lute sing him songs.

For the word of the Lord is faithful and all his works to be trusted.

The Lord loves justice and right and fills the earth with his love.

The Lord looks on those who revere him, on those who hope in his love,  
to rescue their souls from death, to keep them alive in famine.

### Second Reading

1 Peter 2:4-9  
The Lord is the living stone, rejected by men but chosen by God and precious to him; set yourselves close to him so that you too, the holy priesthood that offers the spiritual sacrifices which Jesus Christ has made acceptable to God, may be living stones making a spiritual house. As scripture says: See how I lay in Zion a precious cornerstone that I have chosen and the man who rests his trust on it will not be disappointed. That means that for you who are believers, it is precious; but for unbelievers, the stone rejected by the builders has proved to be the keystone, a stone to stumble over, a rock to bring men down. They stumble over it because they do not believe in the word; it was the fate in store for them.

But you are a chosen race, a royal priesthood, a consecrated nation, a people set apart to sing the praises of God who called you out of the darkness into his wonderful light.

### Gospel Acclamation

Alleluia, alleluia!

I am the way, the truth, and the life, says the Lord;  
no one comes to the Father, except through me.

Alleluia!

### Gospel

John 10:1-10

Jesus said to his disciples:

'Do not let your hearts be troubled. Trust in God still, and trust in me.'

There are many rooms in my Father's house; if there were not, I should have told you. I am now going to prepare a place for you, and after I have gone and prepared you a place, I shall return to take you with me; so that where I am you may be too. You know the way to the place where I am going.'

Thomas said, 'Lord, we do not know where you are going, so how can we know the way?' Jesus said:

'I am the Way, the Truth and the Life. No one can come to the Father except through me. If you know me, you know my Father too.  
From this moment you know him and have seen him.'

Philip said, 'Lord, let us see the Father and then we shall be satisfied.' 'Have I been with you all this time, Philip,' said Jesus to him 'and you still do not know me?'

'To have seen me is to have seen the Father, so how can you say, "Let us see the Father"? Do you not believe that I am in the Father and the Father is in me? The words I say to you I do not speak as from myself: it is the Father, living in me, who is doing this work. You must believe me when I say that I am in the Father and the Father is in me; believe it on the evidence of this work, if for no other reason.'

'I tell you most solemnly, whoever believes in me will perform the same works as I do myself, he will perform even greater works, because I am going to the Father.'

# Parish Diary

Saturday, May 13<sup>th</sup>

Reconciliation 5:30pm  
St Joachim's

6<sup>th</sup> Sunday of Easter

Saturday, May 13<sup>th</sup>

Mass 6:00pm  
St Joachim's

Sunday, May 14<sup>th</sup>

Mass 7:30am  
St Joachim's

Mass 9:00am  
St Agnes

Mass 6:00pm  
St Agnes

## This week we welcome

6:00pm Sat Fr John Gillen  
7:30am Bishop Brian Finnigan  
9:00am Fr Frank O'Dea  
6:00pm Sun Fr Regi Gervasis

## Archbishop Mark's Apostolic Priorities for the Archdiocese

Lamps Ablaze: Apostolic Priorities for the Archdiocese of Brisbane

### Priority Four: Responding to Abuse and the Abused

"In responding to abuse and the abused, we need to move beyond considerations of law and finance... Of course we need to attend to legal and financial matters, but the paramount concern needs to be the good of those abused. Not all victims and survivors look to the Church for spiritual and pastoral accompaniment and care, but some do and others may in time, if ever trust can be established. We can learn from experience elsewhere in seeking to respond more effectively to abuse and the abused. Unless we do, this will remain a gaping wound - certainly for victims and survivors but for the whole Church as well - which makes it hard for us to move in the future."



## PARISH NEWS

### WE REMEMBER

We remember Bryan Fitzpatrick and Patsy Thomas. May they rest in the peace of Christ.

### CHILDREN'S LITURGY OF THE WORD

TODAY at St Agnes' Church at 9:00am

### SUNDAY HOSPITALITY

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

### COUNTERS

Robyn's team.

### YOUTH AND FAMILY MASS

Our monthly Youth and Family Mass will be held on Sunday, May 14<sup>th</sup> at the 6pm mass at St Agnes Church, followed by dinner and refreshments.

## COMMUNITY NEWS

### QLD CHURCHES TOGETHER - PASTORAL SKILLS TRAINING COURSE

Learning the Language of Healing – Skills for Pastoral Care  
Our culture does not teach us to listen. This 36 hour course is aimed at developing skills to be more effective in our relationship with those who we minister to. This course is being held over 2 weekends, Fri – Sun at St Mathews Anglican Church, Holland Park. For dates and cost there is a brochure on the noticeboards. For further information you can contact Rev Dr Marian Zaunbrecher: 0417 017 704 or email [marian.z@bigpond.com](mailto:marian.z@bigpond.com) or Rev David Baker, 0418 880 601 or email [gensec@qct.org.au](mailto:gensec@qct.org.au)

### IN THE FOOTSTEPS OF MARY

An Australian Pilgrimage led by a Sister of St Joseph and the Director of the Mary MacKillop Heritage Centre commencing in Melbourne on October 17. Travel by coach to Hamilton, Portland, Port McDonnell, Penola and Robe before heading north to Adelaide and then flying to Sydney for 3 nights at the Mary MacKillop Centre, finishing on October 28<sup>th</sup>. For further information go to [www.marymackillopplace.org.au](http://www.marymackillopplace.org.au) or to make an application, please contact the Australian Co-Ordinator on 02 8912 4818 or by emailing [national.pilgrimage@mmp.org.au](mailto:national.pilgrimage@mmp.org.au)

### 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.



**7:00pm Saturday 10 June 2023**

### St Francis of Assisi Catholic Church Hall, West End

The St Francis Social is a good ol' fashion dance for Catholic young adults aged 18 - 39, with a bit of fundraising for local charities thrown in for good measure!

All profits from this event (including ticket sales, drink purchases and raffle tickets) will be donated to Emmanuel City Mission to help fund the amazing work they do to support the homeless and vulnerable in Brisbane.

GOOD TUNES + GOOD DANCING + GOOD CROWD +  
FOR A GOOD CAUSE = A GOOD NIGHT OUT



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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.*



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

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.



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.