



Holland Park Mt Gravatt Parish News



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22nd Sunday in Ordinary Time

Year A

September 2nd/3rd, 2023

Get behind me...

Immediately following Peter's success story, where he accurately names Jesus as the Christ, come his failure. The word *Christ* is Greek for *the anointed one*, or in Hebrew, *the Messiah*. The expectation was that the Messiah would be the son of David, and like king, David would triumph over Israel's enemies and win their freedom. This is not the type of Messiah that Jesus is. Jesus' way of being the Messiah is to struggle against the oppressive spiritual powers that enslave and corrupt. This struggle will even take Jesus to his death. When Jesus begins to explain this, Peter remonstrates with him for Peter's idea is of a glorious and victorious Messiah. In this, Peter is acting as the Tempter Satan, who tries to lead Jesus away from his true path.

Jesus' words to Peter put him in his right place. Peter is a disciple, and the place for disciples is behind Jesus so that they can be his followers. It is not Peter's role yet to lead. So Peter is told 'Get behind me' – take up the place of a follower, and stop being an obstacle in front of me.

Sometimes I act like Peter. Sometimes I find myself telling God what to do, what would be the best course of action. Like Peter, I forget my place. Not only can I tell God what is best, but I then can work very hard to see that this happens! It is not easy letting God be God and dealing with the anguish of being an ordinary human being struggling with life's mysteries.

God let me know my true place.

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A Mighty River
Amos 5: 24

**Let Justice
and Peace Flow**
Season of Creation 2023

A Message from Pope Francis

"Let Justice and Peace Flow" is the theme of this year's ecumenical Season of Creation, inspired by the words of the prophet Amos: "Let justice flow on like a river, righteousness like a never-failing stream" (5:24).

The evocative image used by Amos speaks to us of what God desires. God wants justice to reign; it is as essential to our life as God's children made in his likeness as water is essential for our physical survival. This justice must flow forth wherever it is needed, neither remaining hidden deep beneath the ground nor vanishing like water that evaporates before it can bring sustenance. God wants everyone to strive to be just in every situation, to live according to his laws and thus to enable life to flourish. When we "seek first the kingdom of God" (Mt 6:33), maintaining a right relationship with God, humanity and nature, then justice and peace can flow like a never-failing stream of pure water, nourishing humanity and all creatures.

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.

First Reading

Jeremiah 20:7-9

You have seduced me, Lord, and I have let myself be seduced;
you have overpowered me: you were the stronger.
I am a daily laughing-stock,
everybody's butt.
Each time I speak the word, I have to howl
and proclaim: 'Violence and ruin!'
The word of the Lord has meant for me
insult, derision, all day long.
I used to say, I will not think about him,
I will not speak in his name any more.
Then there seemed to be a fire burning in my heart,
imprisoned in my bones.
The effort to restrain it wearied me,
I could not bear it.

Responsorial Psalm

Response: My soul is thirsting for you, O Lord my God.

O God, you are my God, for you I long; for you my soul is thirsting.
My body pines for you like a dry, weary land without water.

So I gaze on you in the sanctuary to see your strength and your glory.
For your love is better than life, my lips will speak your praise.

So I will bless you all my life, in your name I will lift up my hands.
My soul shall be filled as with a banquet,
my mouth shall praise you with joy.

For you have been my help; in the shadow of your wings I rejoice.
My soul clings to you; your right hand holds me fast.

Second Reading

Romans 12:1-2

Think of God's mercy, my brothers, and worship him, I beg you, in a way that
is worthy of thinking beings, by offering your living bodies as a holy sacrifice,
truly pleasing to God. Do not model yourselves on the behaviour of the world
around you, but let your behaviour change, modelled by your new mind. This
is the only way to discover the will of God and know what is good, what it is
that God wants, what is the perfect thing to do.

Gospel Acclamation

Alleluia, alleluia!

May the Father of our Lord Jesus Christ enlighten the eyes of our heart,
that we might see how great is the hope to which we are called.
Alleluia!

Gospel

Matthew 16:21-27

Jesus began to make it clear to his disciples that he was destined to go
to Jerusalem and suffer grievously at the hands of the elders and chief priests
and scribes, to be put to death and to be raised up on the third day. Then,
taking him aside, Peter started to remonstrate with him. 'Heaven preserve
you, Lord,' he said. 'This must not happen to you.' But he turned and said to
Peter, 'Get behind me, Satan! You are an obstacle in my path, because the
way you think is not God's way but man's.'

Then Jesus said to his disciples, 'If anyone wants to be a follower of mine, let
him renounce himself and take up his cross and follow me. For anyone who
wants to save his life will lose it; but anyone who loses his life for my sake will
find it. What, then, will a man gain if he wins the whole world and ruins his
life? Or what has a man to offer in exchange for his life?

'For the Son of Man is going to come in the glory of his Father with his angels,
and, when he does, he will reward each one according to his behaviour.'

Parish Diary

Monday, September 4th

Mass 8:00am
St Joachim's

Wednesday, September 6th

Confirmation 5:00pm
Confirmation 6:30pm
St Joachim's

Thursday, September 7th

Mass 9:00am
St Agnes'

Friday, September 8th

The Nativity of the Blessed Virgin Mary

Mass 9:00am
St Joachim's

Saturday, September 9th

Reconciliation 5:30pm
St Joachim's

23rd Sunday in Ordinary Time

Saturday, September 9th

Mass 6:00pm
St Joachim's

Sunday, September 10th

Mass 7:30am
St Joachim's

Mass 9:00am
St Agnes'

Mass 6:00pm
St Agnes'



Readings – 23rd Sunday in Ordinary Time

1st Reading: Ezekiel 33:7-9

2nd Reading: Romans 13:8-10

Gospel: Matthew 18:15-20

PARISH NEWS

WE REMEMBER

We remember Felice Taraborrelli. May he 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 this weekend.

COUNTERS

Robyn's team.

BAPTISMAL PREPARATION

A baptism preparation evening will be held on Monday, September 4th commencing 7:00pm in the Parish Centre. Ring the parish office to register.

ST VINCENT DE PAUL SOCIETY

Tuesday, September 5th at 4:00pm in the Parish Centre.

YOUTH AND FAMILY MASS

Our next mass will be held on September 10th at the 6pm mass at St Agnes Church, this will be followed by hospitality.

COMMUNITY NEWS

ANNUAL SEASON OF CREATION ECUMENICAL LITURGY

Join with other Christians to recognise the importance of, and celebrate together, our care for our common home at the Mt Coot-tha Botanical Gardens on Wednesday, 6 Sept at 12pm. The liturgy is followed by a guided contemplative walk.

"SPIRIT OF HOPE" CITY MONTHLY PRAYER MEETING

St Stephen's Chapel on Wednesday 6th September 2023 (10.45 - 12.15pm) following the regular 10am Mass. Please join us for a prayer, praise and worship. We will continue to call on the Holy Spirit to lead us in praying for Renewal for our City Brisbane, Australia and the World. Enquiries can be made to:- Maureen 0403002199 or Helena 0405321901

SEASON OF CREATION WITH MASS

Saturday, 9th September commencing 6:00pm. Catholic Earthcare and the Catholic Justice and Peace Commission are hosting this Mass at the Cathedral of St. Stephen, presided by Archbishop Mark Coleridge. Parishes and community groups are encouraged to bring a jar of water (river, seas or rainwater) from their area to add to an Archdiocesan urn that will be blessed then used to bless the congregation. Mass is followed by a free workshop in the Hanly Room (in the Francis Rush Centre) from 7pm to 8pm.

PALMS AUSTRALIA – MICHELE AND ANJELICA RANKIN

Palms Australia, an organisation offering opportunities for placements overseas is hosting an online webinar on **Thursday 14th September at 6pm (AEST)**. Michele and Anjelica, two Mt Gravatt locals and parishioners of the Holland Park Mt Gravatt Parish will be joining the webinar live from Balibo, Timor-Leste to talk about their experiences as a Palms participant. There may be a position that calls you. To register, follow the link <https://palms.org.au/event/discover-global-mission-webinar/>

JOB OPPORTUNITY

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FAITH IN ACTION TOGETHER UPDATES

As we move closer to the Voice Referendum, you may want to check out the following events/resources to gain more knowledge and understanding of the issues at hand.

THE VOICE, TREAT Y, TRUTH EVENT

A forum and Q&A session hosted by MP Corrine McMillan and featuring guest speakers Noel Pearson and MP Lance McCallum

Date: Tuesday, 26/09/2023 Time: 6pm – 8pm

Venue: Newnham Hotel Function Room

516 Newnham Road, Upper Mt Gravatt

Tickets: Free, but bookings are essential (go to www.eventbrite.com.au, click on the 'Search events' box and type *Voice Treaty Truth* next to the magnifying glass in the field that states 'Search for anything'. If you need help booking tickets, please text Jo at 0413 092 477 with your first name, surname, email address and number of tickets required so that a booking can be made for you.

KITCHEN TABLE CONVERSATION (ORGANISED BY CATHOLIC MISSION)



KITCHEN TABLE CONVERSATION

Let's take *One Journey, Together*. Join us as we listen, learn and reflect ahead of the referendum.

Save the Date!

Please join us for a Kitchen Table Conversation!

Date: 17 August, 29 August, 11 September, 28 September

Time: 3:30-4:45pm

Location: Online via Zoom

What is a Kitchen Table Conversation?

A Kitchen Table Conversation is a wonderful opportunity to join with others and listen, learn and reflect on the Indigenous Voice to Parliament referendum that will be held in the coming months.

To find out more, email adultformation@catholicmission.org.au



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