



Holland Park Mt Gravatt Parish News



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31st Sunday in Ordinary Time

Year A

November 4th/5th, 2023

Since Vatican II the responsibilities of leadership have been spread throughout the community. This has not happened simply because there are fewer priests and religious. It has occurred primarily because the Council itself insisted that by virtue of their baptism all Christians are called to discipleship, which includes active participation in the mission of the church. While those who are ordained continue in specialised forms of leadership, other people have stepped forward to assume their newly recognised responsibilities. Sometimes they have more influence in the church than do the ordained.

We derive the connection between pharisaical and hypocritical from Jesus' description of the Pharisees found in today's reading. His condemnation, along with the condemnation of the priests in the first reading, should be a warning to all who in any way exercise leadership. We must always be on our guard lest the trappings of leadership ensnare us and we fail in our responsibilities toward God and the community we serve.

There is a mode of leadership that reflects the very meaning of authority. This way of leadership authors life. It is characterised by the striking image of a nursing mother who both gives and sustains life. Those who exercise leadership in this way create a community where life is fostered, not stifled, where talents serve all of the members, and the talents of all of the members are invited to serve. Such a community not only nurtures its members, it is itself the author of life in the world.

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First Reading

Malachi 1:14 - 2:2. 8-10

I am a great king, says the Lord of hosts, and my name is feared throughout the nations. And now, priests, this warning is for you. If you do not listen, if you do not find it in your heart to glorify my name, says the Lord of hosts, I will send the curse on you and curse your very blessing. You have strayed from the way; you have caused many to stumble by your teaching. You have destroyed the covenant of Levi, says the Lord of hosts. And so I in my turn have made you contemptible and vile in the eyes of the whole people in repayment for the way you have not kept to my paths but have shown partiality in your administration.

Have we not all one Father? Did not one God create us? Why, then, do we break faith with one another, profaning the covenant of our ancestors?

Responsorial Psalm

Response: In you, Lord, I have found my peace.

O Lord, my heart is not proud
nor haughty my eyes.

I have not gone after things too great
nor marvels beyond me.

Truly I have set my soul
in silence and peace.

A weaned child on its mother's breast,
even so is my soul.

O Israel, hope in the Lord
both now and for ever.

Second Reading

1 Thessalonians 2:7-9. 13

Like a mother feeding and looking after her own children, we felt so devoted and protective towards you, and had come to love you so much, that we were eager to hand over to you not only the Good News but our whole lives as well. Let me remind you, brothers and sisters, how hard we used to work, slaving night and day so as not to be a burden on any one of you while we were proclaiming God's Good News to you.

Another reason why we constantly thank God for you is that as soon as you heard the message that we brought you as God's message, you accepted it for what it really is, God's message and not some human thinking; and it is still a living power among you who believe it.

Gospel Acclamation

Alleluia, alleluia!

You have one Father, your Father in heaven;
you have one teacher: the Lord Jesus Christ.

Alleluia!

Gospel

Matthew 23:1-12

Addressing the people and his disciples Jesus said, 'The scribes and the Pharisees occupy the chair of Moses. You must therefore do what they tell you and listen to what they say; but do not be guided by what they do: since they do not practise what they preach. They tie up heavy burdens and lay them on men's shoulders, but will they lift a finger to move them? Not they! Everything they do is done to attract attention, like wearing broader phylacteries and longer tassels, like wanting to take the place of honour at banquets and the front seats in the synagogues, being greeted obsequiously in the market squares and having people call them Rabbi.'

'You, however, must not allow yourselves to be called Rabbi, since you have only one Master, and you are all brothers and sisters. You must call no one on earth your father, since you have only one Father, and he is in heaven. Nor must you allow yourselves to be called teachers, for you have only one Teacher, the Christ. The greatest among you must be your servant. Anyone who exalts himself will be humbled, and anyone who humbles himself will be exalted.'

Parish Diary**Monday, November 6th**Mass 8:00am
St Joachim's**Wednesday, November 8th**Mass 6:00pm
St Agnes'**Thursday, November 9th**Mass 9:00am
St Agnes'Funeral Mass – Margaret Klemm
St Agnes' 11:00am**Friday, November 10th**Mass 9:00am
St Joachim's**Saturday, November 11th**Reconciliation 5:30pm
St Joachim's**32nd Sunday in Ordinary Time****Saturday, November 11th**Mass 6:00pm
St Joachim's**Sunday, November 12th**Mass 7:30am
St Joachim'sMass 9:00am
St Agnes'Mass 6:00pm
St Agnes'**Prayer for the Deceased**

Remember, Lord,
those who have died
and have gone before us
marked with the sign of faith,
especially those for whom
we now pray.

May these and all
who sleep in Christ
find in Your presence
light, happiness and peace.
Through Christ our Lord.
Amen



Readings – 32nd Sunday in Ordinary Time

1st Reading: Wisdom 6:12-16

2nd Reading: 1 Thessalonians 4:13-18

Gospel: Matthew 25:1-13

PARISH NEWS

WE REMEMBER

We remember Margaret Klemm, Mary Bowden and Lily Coulter. 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.

SUNDAY HOSPITALITY

There will be hospitality after the 6:00pm and 7:30am masses at St Joachim's next weekend.

YOUTH AND FAMILY MASS

A Youth and Family Mass is held on the second Sunday of the month. Our next mass will be held on November 12th at the 6pm mass at St Agnes Church, this will be followed by hospitality.

PARISH DATE CLAIMERS

ADVENT ADORATION – Friday, 15th December from 9:00am – 4:00pm at St Joachim's Church. Full details later.

ADVENT PRAYER AND CHRISTMAS DRINKS - Monday, December 18th at St Agnes' Church commencing 6:30pm

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NOVEMBER MASSES

It is our Christian tradition to make a special effort to offer masses and pray for our deceased family members and friends during the month of November. We should also pray for those who have died and have nobody to pray for them. If you would like to have those who have gone before us remembered in all Masses in November, could you please write their names on the Book of Remembrance. Mass envelopes are also available at both churches for Fr Thomas to offer a mass for you.

COMMUNITY NEWS

CATHOLIC MISSION 2023 APPRECIATION OF THANKS CONCERT

Saturday, November 18th from 2:00pm – 4:00pm at Church of Twelve Apostles at Jindalee. Cost: free

You are invited to a celebration of music by Brisbane Catholic Schools, parishes and communities. Tickets are available at <https://www.trybooking.com/CKZIE>

GUIDED MEN'S RETREAT – AWAKE, ATTENTIVE, CALLED

Evangelisation Brisbane's Adult Formation team is hosting a three-day guided retreat for men from 6:00pm Friday 24th November to 12:00pm Sunday 26th November. Join with other men for a weekend of fellowship, prayer, reflection and faith sharing at Santa Teresa Spirituality Centre, Ormiston. Cost: Live in individual - \$425; live out individual - \$230 (includes all meals) RSVP: Monday 20th November 2023, register online at: tinyurl.com/guidedmensretreat2023

THE CUSKELLY COLLEGE OF MUSIC SUMMER SCHOOL

Cuskelly College of Music Summer School will again be held in Brisbane from Monday 1 January – Friday 12 January 2024. Early bird registration closes November 6th. Click here for full detail <https://tinyurl.com/mux2wnhx>



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- * Vocations blooming across Queensland
- * Liturgy Conference sees big ideas from around the world
- * November – A time to pray

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