



Holland Park Mt Gravatt Parish News



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15TH SUNDAY OF ORDINARY TIME

Year B

July 13th/14th, 2024

He called the Twelve, and began to send them out.

Many centuries ago the Pope decided that all the Jews had to leave Rome. Naturally there was an uproar from the Jewish community. So the Pope made a deal. He would have a religious debate with a member of the Jewish community. If the Jews won, they could stay. If the Pope won, the Jews had to leave. The Jews realised that they had no choice. Problem was that no one wanted to debate the Pope. The only volunteer was a poor, simple, old man named Moishe who opened the door to the synagogue each Friday night. Not being used to words Moishe asked for only one addition to the debate – that neither side be allowed to talk. The Pope agreed.

The day of the great debate came. Moishe and the Pope sat opposite each other. The Pope raised his hand and showed three fingers. Moishe looked back at him and raised one finger. The Pope waved his hand in a circle around his head. Moishe pointed to the ground where he sat. The Pope pulled out a wafer and a glass of wine. Moishe pulled out an apple. The Pope stood up and said, 'I give up. This man is too good. The Jews can stay.'

Later, the Pope explained what happened: 'I held up three fingers to represent the Trinity. He responded by holding up one finger to remind me that we believe in the same one God. Then I waved my hand around my head to show that God was all around us. He responded by pointing to the ground, showing that God was present right here. I pulled out the bread and wine to show that God has given us the Eucharist. He pulled out an apple to remind me of original sin. He had an answer for everything. What could I do?'

Meanwhile, Moishe explained to the Jewish scholars how he won the unwinnable debate. 'Well', said Moishe, 'First he said that the Jews had three days to get out of Rome. I told him that not one of us was leaving. Then he told me that this whole city would be cleared of Jews. I let him know that we were staying right here.' 'And then what clinched the debate?' asked the Rabbi. 'I don't know', said Moishe. 'It was strange. He took out his lunch, and I took out mine!'

Life always depends on how we read the signs!

In today's Gospel Jesus tells the twelve apostles that they should embody three signs: simplicity of lifestyle, dependence on others and hospitality. These instructions are such a contrast to what most of us value today, where it is often the rich and powerful, the independent and the inhospitable who are thought to be the best leaders.

For Jesus, however, the one truly sent in his name is the one who knows that another's worth comes from who they are, not what they have. It doesn't matter whether we're rich or poor. It's the way we use our money for others which reveals whether our wealth possesses us or not.

For Jesus, being 'a rock and an island' was not a sign of strength but one of fear and despair. A strong Christian is the one who rejoices in our dependence on each other, and is always grateful for the interconnectedness of life.

For Jesus, making room for others, especially toward those in legitimate need and even when it makes a large claim on us, is a pre-eminent sign of his Kingdom.

The Christian life is about reading the signs of the times. May our Eucharistic signs of his presence amongst us, the bread and wine, change us today, to match it with the best in being simple in lifestyle, happily dependent and extravagantly hospitable with our time, talent and energy for the sake of the Kingdom of God.

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First Reading

Amos 7:12-15

Amaziah, the priest of Bethel, said to Amos, 'Go away, seer; get back to the land of Judah; earn your bread there, do your prophesying there. We want no more prophesying in Bethel; this is the royal sanctuary, the national temple.' 'I was no prophet, neither did I belong to any of the brotherhoods of prophets.' Amos replied to Amaziah, 'I was a shepherd, and looked after sycamores: but it was the Lord who took me from herding the flock, and the Lord who said, "Go, prophesy to my people Israel."

Responsorial Psalm

Response: Lord, show us your mercy and love, and grant us your salvation.

I will hear what the Lord God has to say,
a voice that speaks of peace, peace for his people.
His help is near for those who fear him and his glory will dwell in our land.
Mercy and faithfulness have met; justice and peace have embraced.
Faithfulness shall spring from the earth and justice look down from heaven.
The Lord will make us prosper and our earth shall yield its fruit.
Justice shall march before him and peace shall follow his steps.

Second Reading

Ephesians 1:3-14

Blessed be God the Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, who has blessed us with all the spiritual blessings of heaven in Christ. Before the world was made, he chose us, chose us in Christ, to be holy and spotless, and to live through love in his presence, determined that we should become his adopted sons, through Jesus Christ for his own kind purposes, to make us praise the glory of his grace, his free gift to us in the Beloved in whom, through his blood, we gain our freedom, the forgiveness of our sins. Such is the richness of the grace which he has showered on us in all wisdom and insight. He has let us know the mystery of his purpose, the hidden plan he so kindly made in Christ from the beginning to act upon when the times had run their course to the end: that he would bring everything together under Christ, as head, everything in the heavens and everything on earth.

And it is in him that we were claimed as God's own, chosen from the beginning, under the predetermined plan of the one who guides all things as he decides by his own will; chosen to be, for his greater glory, the people who would put their hopes in Christ before he came. Now you too, in him, have heard the message of the truth and the good news of your salvation, and have believed it: and you have been stamped with the seal of the Holy Spirit of the Promise, the pledge of our inheritance which brings freedom for those whom God has taken for his own, to make his glory praised.

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

Mark 6:7-13

Jesus summoned the Twelve and began to send them out in pairs giving them authority over the unclean spirits. And he instructed them to take nothing for the journey except a staff – no bread, no haversack, no coppers for their purses. They were to wear sandals, but, he added, 'Do not take a spare tunic.' And he said to them, 'If you enter a house anywhere, stay there until you leave the district. And if any place does not welcome you and people refuse to listen to you, as you walk away shake off the dust from under your feet as a sign to them.' So they set off to preach repentance; and they cast out many devils, and anointed many sick people with oil and cured them.

Parish DiaryMonday, July 15th

Mass 8:00am
St Joachim's

Wednesday, July 17th

Mass 6:00pm
St Agnes'

Thursday, July 18th

Mass 9:00am
St Agnes'

Friday, July 19th

Mass 9:00am
St Joachim's

Saturday, July 20th

Reconciliation 4:30pm
St Joachim's

16th Sunday in Ordinary TimeSaturday, July 20th

Mass (Vigil) 5:00pm
St Joachim's

Sunday, July 21st

Mass 7:30am
St Joachim's

Mass 9:00am
St Agnes'

Mass 6:00pm
St Agnes'

Loving God,

We thank you for the gift of life as every day we experience your grace.

We call this part of the year 'ordinary time' as you ask us to order our lives according to your plan in the ups and downs of work, family, school, community, laughter and tears. All things are extraordinary when we share them with you.

Keep our minds open and our hearts warm, as you challenge us in the needs of the world and your entire family.

May all our days contribute to peace and justice,

May all our lives help the healing of this special planet.

May all our ears listen to the cry of the poor.

May all our eyes look with wonder at the beauty around us.

May all our time be for your glory.

Who lives and reigns without end.

Amen

PARISH NEWS**WE REMEMBER**

We remember Denise Ryan, Sr Elaine Wainwright RSM and Carolina Robinson. May they rest in the peace of Christ.

WE REJOICE

With the Doughan family as they celebrate the baptism of Lily in the parish this weekend.

WELCOME MASS

This weekend we welcome the MacDonald and Hand Family as they prepare to have their children baptised in the Parish this month.



This Sunday evening at the 6:00pm mass at St Agnes'. Please join other young members of our parish and stay afterwards for hospitality and a short meeting and.

COUNTERS

Maureen's team.

OFFICE HOURS

Office hours this Tuesday will be 9:00am – 2:00pm.

MEALS ON WHEELS

St Joachim's team - Tuesday, July 16th.

CHILDREN'S LITURGY OF THE WORD (CLOW)

All children are invited to join us for CLOW at the 9am mass at St Agnes' next Sunday, July 21st. All parents are very welcome! Children under 5 years must be accompanied by an adult.

SUNDAY HOSPITALITY

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

FUNERAL OF DENISE RYAN

It is with sadness that we advise of the passing of Denise Ryan, a long-time parishioner with connections to both St Agnes' and St Joachim's Churches. Denise's funeral will take place at St Luke's Church, Buranda on Friday July 12th commencing 10:30am.

RCIA

Through the Rite of Enrolment, those seeking Baptism, Confirmation and Eucharist enter a new phase in the path towards initiation. It is called the Period of Purification and Enlightenment. Daniel entered into this stage last Sunday and today has the first Scrutiny which is really the community praying over and for Daniel that he will have the strength to withstand the powers of darkness and be drawn into the powerful life of the resurrection and walk always in the light of Christ.

PREPARATION FOR SACRAMENT OF CONFIRMATION

Parent sessions for the Confirmation program are being held shortly:

Monday 15 July 6.30pm at St Agnes'

OR

Tuesday 16 July 6.30pm at St Joachim's

Parents/Carers may attend either session and bookings are **NOT** required.

Children are not required to attend this session.

For more information email Mary at
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Parish Census 2024

Dear Holland Park Mount Gravatt Parishioners,

Our parish has not engaged in a formal census update for a while, and the time has come! We here at Holland Park Mount Gravatt Parish are keenly interested in all the people who make up our Parish family and in getting to know them better. It is also our deepest desire to serve everyone more effectively.

This weekend we ask you to please help us by completing our **CONFIDENTIAL** parish census, even if you are already a registered parishioner. The census update will provide us with:

- An update on all our active parish families/ parishioners
- To work with new parish admin software Flocknote
- To ensure that everyone stays informed and connected
- Utilize special skills that can help the parish
- Updates for all your Sacramental needs
- Help in future planning of the parish.

In an attempt to record the most accurate information possible, we need your assistance. Would you kindly take a moment to fill out the Census Update information form; these are available on the pews.

We realize that this task may take a few minutes of your time, but the updated information you provide will be invaluable to our parish. Please know how much your assistance is appreciated in this project.

Please place the completed form in the plate or drop in the box on the gifts table in the churches or hand over to the parish office. All information remains confidential.

If there is anything that you need from us, please do not hesitate to call the parish office at 0733492280 or Email: hpmg@bne.catholic.net.au

Thank you and God Bless!

INVITATION TO ALTAR SERVING

Dear Families,

We are currently seeking to train new Altar Servers!



If you have a child in Grade 4 or above and they have received their First Holy Communion, please talk to your child to see if they would be interested to serve.

For further enquiries please email sacpr.hpmg@bne.catholic.net.au or phone the Parish Office on 3349 2280

Some Benefits of Altar Serving

- * Nurturing Faith
- * Actively Involved
- * Hands-on Learning offering closeness to what is happening and a better understanding of the Mass
- * Chance to meet others in the Parish
- * Builds Confidence & Belonging



Please join us as we spend time together learning and sharing about how we can all care for creation.

We will gather online during Thursday 12 and Friday 13 September to engage in keynote presentations, workshops, discussions and spiritual experiences. On Saturday 14 we encourage participants to attend one of 11 diocesan hubs to transform our learnings into action. If there is not a hub near you, we will continue online together.

Attend for 1, 2 or all 3 days! Group discounts available.

For more information and to register, visit:

www.caritas.org.au/soc-convocation



(Registrations close Monday 12 August 2024)



We are wanting to provide an opportunity for our community to benefit from the parish recycling program. To do this we are seeking donations of bottles, cans and other containers to recycle through the Containers for Change program. <https://www.containersforchange.com.au>

The Parish has now set up a clear plastic bucket to be placed next to the Parish office on Sundays during mass times.



Alternatively, you can use our client number to deposit the return into our containers for change account when you are recycling at the depot. In addition, if you are holding a function or have large amounts of containers to recycle the Parish can make pick up arrangements.

The Parish would like to support the mission programs of the MCBS Congregation that Father Thomas is a member of and a share of the funds raised through Containers for Change will go towards this.



For however you choose to say goodbye...

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

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