



# Holland Park Mt Gravatt Parish News



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**14<sup>TH</sup> SUNDAY OF ORDINARY TIME**

**Year B**

**July 6<sup>th</sup>/7<sup>th</sup>, 2024**

Dear Brothers and Sisters in Christ,

Welcome to this special celebration of Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Sunday. On this day, we gather as one community to honour and celebrate the rich cultural heritage and contributions of our First Nations Peoples to our Australian Catholic Church. This liturgy resource has been thoughtfully compiled to enrich your worship experience on this significant day.

The Gospel Reading for 7 July, from Mark 6:1-6, tells the story of Jesus returning to His hometown, only to be met with scepticism and disbelief. Despite His teachings and miracles, those who knew Him best failed to recognise His divine wisdom and power. This passage resonates deeply with our own experiences as First Australians, as we can often find that our voices go unheard and our contributions not embraced.

The recent Voice referendum highlighted the ongoing journey toward recognition and reconciliation. While the outcome was not what many hoped for, it has strengthened our resolve and commitment to working together for a better Australia for everyone. Like Jesus, who persevered in His mission despite the obstacles, we too remain committed to our Culture, our Land, our Church, and our communities with unwavering hope and determination.

As we gather on this sacred land, we acknowledge the Traditional Custodians and honour our Elders past and present, and our young people. Our connection to the land, waters, and skies is deeply rooted in our identity and spirituality. We invite you to join us in respecting and cherishing this connection, as it is vital to our shared journey of faith.

Our prayer is that this resource will deepen your understanding and appreciation of the diverse cultures and histories of Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Peoples. Through the prayers, reflections, and hymns included in this Liturgy, may we all be inspired to walk together in reconciliation, respect, and unity.

As Pope Francis reminds us, we are called to be a Church that goes forth, embracing all cultures and peoples. Let us open our hearts to the wisdom and spirituality of our First Nations Peoples, recognizing the presence of Christ in our stories and traditions. May this celebration be a moment of grace, healing, and transformation for all of us. Thank you for joining us in this celebration. May the Holy Spirit guide and bless each of us as we journey together in faith, hope, and love.

**Artwork (Page 2 – Keep the Fire Burning – Strong in Faith)**

Pentecost painting by Magda Lee, Gracie Mosquito and Imelda Gugamen (Balgo Community)

The four circles in the corners of painting represent the four communities: Wirrimanu, Mulan, Kurrurungku and Ringer Soak. The leaders are represented through the horse shoes located around the circle. The different colours represent different people. The stars represent the different flowers in our area. The dots represent people all over the world and the people coming together for Church. People are also represented through the horse shoes on the right of the painting. Wirrimanu is located in the top left hand corner, Mulan in the top right hand corner, Ringer Soak in the bottom right hand corner and Kurrurungku in the bottom left hand corner. The Holy Spirit is located in the centre of the painting. It is the Spirit working in all of our communities.

Creating this painting helped to make us strong in the Spirit.

Taken from National Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Catholic Council Resources



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**

Ezekiel 2:2-5

The spirit came into me and made me stand up, and I heard the Lord speaking to me. He said, 'Son of man, I am sending you up to the Israelites, to the rebels who have turned against me. Till now they and their ancestors have been in revolt against me. The sons are defiant and obstinate; I am sending you to them, to say, "The Lord says this." Whether they listen or not, this set of rebels shall know there is a prophet among them.'

**Responsorial Psalm**

**Response:** Our eyes are fixed on the Lord, pleading for his mercy.

To you have I lifted up my eyes, you who dwell in the heavens:  
my eyes, like the eyes of slaves on the hand of their lords.

Like the eyes of a servant on the hand of his mistress,  
so our eyes are on the Lord our God till he shows us his mercy.

Have mercy on us, Lord, have mercy. We are filled with contempt.  
Indeed all too full is our soul  
with the scorn of the rich, with the proud man's disdain.

**Second Reading**

2 Corinthians 12:7-10

In view of the extraordinary nature of these revelations, to stop me from getting too proud I was given a thorn in the flesh, an angel of Satan to beat me and stop me from getting too proud! About this thing, I have pleaded with the Lord three times for it to leave me, but he has said, 'My grace is enough for you: my power is at its best in weakness.' So I shall be very happy to make my weaknesses my special boast so that the power of Christ may stay over me, and that is why I am quite content with my weaknesses, and with insults, hardships, persecutions, and the agonies I go through for Christ's sake. For it is when I am weak that I am strong.

**Gospel Acclamation**

Alleluia, alleluia!  
The Spirit of the Lord is upon me;  
he sent me to bring Good News to the poor.  
Alleluia!

**Gospel**

Mark 6:1-6

Jesus went to his home town and his disciples accompanied him. With the coming of the sabbath he began teaching in the synagogue and most of them were astonished when they heard him. They said, 'Where did the man get all this? What is this wisdom that has been granted him, and these miracles that are worked through him? This is the carpenter, surely, the son of Mary, the brother of James and Joses and Jude and Simon? His sisters, too, are they not here with us?' And they would not accept him. And Jesus said to them, 'A prophet is only despised in his own country among his own relations and in his own house'; and he could work no miracle there, though he cured a few sick people by laying his hands on them. He was amazed at their lack of faith.

**Keep the Fire Burning - Strong in Faith**

**Parish Diary****Monday, July 8<sup>th</sup>**Mass 8:00am  
St Joachim's**Wednesday, July 10<sup>th</sup>**Mass 6:00pm  
St Agnes'**Thursday, July 11<sup>th</sup>**Mass 9:00am  
St Agnes'**Friday, July 12<sup>th</sup>**Mass 9:00am  
St Joachim's**Saturday, July 13<sup>th</sup>**Reconciliation 4:30pm  
St Joachim's**15<sup>th</sup> Sunday in Ordinary Time****Saturday, July 13<sup>th</sup>**Mass (Vigil) 5:00pm  
St Joachim's**Sunday, July 14<sup>th</sup>**Mass 7:30am  
St Joachim'sMass 9:00am  
St Agnes'Mass 6:00pm  
St Agnes'**NATSICC Logo**

The NATSICC Logo depicts a willy willy, the wind force in the centre a symbol of God's Spirit. The round concentric circles at the top symbolise God and Life; the base depicts men and women receiving the Holy Spirit. The logo was designed by Mrs Olive Boddington from Western Australia.



## Readings – 15<sup>th</sup> Sunday in Ordinary Time

1<sup>st</sup> Reading: Amos 7:12-15

2<sup>nd</sup> Reading: Ephesians 1:3-14

Gospel: Mark 6:7-13

## PARISH NEWS

### WE REMEMBER

We remember Caroline Robinson and Anne-Marie Conway. May they rest in the peace of Christ.

### HOSPITALITY

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

### COUNTERS

Alison's team.

### ST VINCENT DE PAUL SOCIETY

Tuesday, July 9<sup>th</sup> at 4:00pm in the Parish Centre.

SUNDAY

JULY 14<sup>th</sup>

6:00pm

St Agnes Church



The mass will be followed by hospitality and a meeting. All young members of our parish are invited and encouraged to come along and check it out.

## 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](mailto: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

## SYNODALITY – LAY PARTICIPATION

Come and hear Steph Unger (Synod Executive Officer for Archdiocese of Brisbane's Synod 24) share ways us Laity can participate in the new structure that Pope Francis is promoting for parishes everywhere.

## MARK YOUR CALENDAR

Thursday, July 11<sup>th</sup> 2024

7:00pm

St Bernard's Community Centre

See you there

## ARCHDIOCESE OF BRISBANE YARNING CIRCLE

### AT ST STEPHEN'S PRECINCT

This year, we are seeing more examples of milestones being reached towards reconciliation. In February the Archdiocese of Brisbane embarked on a journey to create a Reconciliation Garden at St Stephens Cathedral.

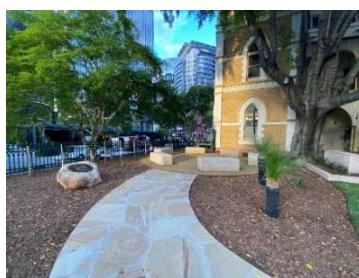


*Image reference - [Reconciliation Garden to be opened in St Stephen's Cathedral precinct this Sunday - The Catholic Leader](#)*

In discussing the process of creating a Yarning Circle, Design Manager Juliana Hannah has revealed how rewarding the process became and how important the milestone was to have the garden and yarning circle ready for National Reconciliation Week.

Furthermore, Juliana described how from the very beginning the process involved consulting with the elders and members from the community to ensure that the design was respectful in line with the Aboriginal customs, culture and traditions. Being described as, a very important step for this project to succeed. Starting from the shape and size of the yarning circle through to the landscaping and encompassing the acknowledgement of country plaque. Every step of the way resulted in every detail being presented to the elders and ideas being opened up for feedback and discussion.

In summary, Juliana felt that the consultation process was a very enriching experience, from the wisdom gained the Archdiocese of Brisbane were able to build strong relationships and understand what a yarning circle is and its importance for the First Nations People.



During NAIDOC Week 7 -14 July 14, 2024, the Parish would like to encourage our community to visit areas of indigenous meaning such as the Reconciliation Garden in the St Stephen's Cathedral grounds.

*Image Reference – Juliana Hannah*

For more activities during NAIDOC week visit: [NAIDOC Week celebrations | Brisbane City Council](#)

And to read the Archdiocese of Brisbane Reconciliation Action Plan or list of Events they are available here: [RAP – Calendar of Events 2024](#).



To download the 2023-25 Archdiocese of Brisbane RAP scan this QR code or follow this link [tinyurl.com/archrap](http://tinyurl.com/archrap)



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**Saturday 20th JULY 6.00pm**

Our Lady of Fatima Church 350 Mortimer Rd Acacia Ridge

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# ALL GOD'S CHILDREN:

THE WHY AND HOW OF ECUMENICAL AND INTERFAITH DIALOGUE

SATURDAY 13 JULY 9:30AM – 12PM

HANLY ROOM, FRANCIS RUSH CENTRE, 196 CHARLOTTE ST, BRISBANE

SCAN QR CODE FOR MORE INFORMATION AND REGISTRATION

LIVE STREAM

ARCHDIOCESE OF BRISBANE

Mackillop Fund

Because of you, six Mary MacKillop Bursary Fund students could graduate Year twelve in 2023. Your support also made it possible to award 21 new bursaries in 2024.

Catholic Care

With your gift, you have given women and children fleeing domestic violence a safe space. Because of you, they look forward to a brighter and safer future.

Priests Foundation

At the end of 2023, nine priests retired from active ministry. Your support helped to provide a modest home and basic healthcare in their retirement.

Holy Spirit Seminary

Holy Spirit Seminary welcomed three young men to the transitional diaconate in 2023. Through your gifts, we were blessed to ordain four new priests for in 2024.



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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.

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.



We are committed to the  
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SAFEGUARDING STANDARDS**