



Holland Park Mt Gravatt Parish News



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Twenty-Eighth Sunday in Ordinary Time

Year C

12th/13th October, 2019

Did you thank God for....

A story is told of a man who was lost in the woods. Later, in describing the experience, he told how frightened he was and how he had even finally knelt and prayed. Someone asked, "Did God answer your prayer?" "Oh, no," the man replied. "Before God had a chance, a guide came along and showed me the way out."

Like that man, many people are blind to the many blessings that God daily showers upon them. They awake to see the sun shining, and do not give thanks to God. They hear the birds chirping and see beautiful flowers and trees, but they don't give it a moment's thought that God has given those blessings and given them the senses to enjoy them. They grumble about having to eat the same old cereal, forgetting that many would gladly exchange places with them and eat anything for breakfast. They complain about their jobs, forgetting that many would be grateful just to have a job or even to have the bodily strength to go to work.

Jesus is traveling somewhere along the border between Samaria and Galilee, where He enters a village and encounters ten leprous men. According to the Law, they keep their distance but they recognize Jesus and cry out to Him for mercy. Jesus simply instructs them to go and show themselves to the priests. They had to act with obedient faith. As they were going, they were cleansed.

But only one of the ten, a Samaritan, turns back to glorify God and give thanks to Jesus for His great mercy and power. The strong implication is that the other nine were Jews. Luke seems to put this here to show the increasing rejection of Jesus by the nation Israel, whereas this foreigner receives not only healing, but also salvation. Whether you are a believer in Jesus Christ or a person who does not even believe in God, the fact is, God has blessed you far more than you realize and far more than you deserve. It is important to understand how to respond properly to God's abundant blessings. The only proper response is to glorify Him from a thankful heart.

(Steven J Cole)

My thanks to the parishioners who attended and supported the parish plenary discernment discussion on September 29th and the Brisbane Assembly on October 4th and 5th.

I will be leaving for holidays this Tuesday and will be returning on Wednesday, November 13th.

Fr Joson

Music for St Joachim's 7:30am

Gathering: Sing A New Song 575

Communion: You Are near 443

Recessional: Glory and Praise 550

Responsorial Psalm

The Lord has revealed to the nations his saving power.

Readings: 29th Sunday in Ordinary Time

Exodus 17:8-13

2 Timothy 3:14 – 4:2

Luke 18:1-8

WE REMEMBER

We remember Donald Moloney. May he rest in the peace of Christ.

WE REJOICE

With the Dempsey and Abel and the Arnold families as they celebrate the baptism of Aidan and Wilkie in the parish this weekend.

PARISH HAPPENINGS

CHILDREN'S LITURGY OF THE WORD

TODAY at St Agnes' Church at 9:00am

WEEKDAY MASSES

There **will be** the regular Monday morning mass this week. There will be only 1 mass while Fr Joson is on leave and that will be on Friday, November 1st, All Saints Day which will also include an Anointing of the Sick. Regular weekday masses resume on Wednesday, November 13th.

COUNTERS

Alison's team.

COFFEE AND CHAT

Monday, October 14th. Please join other parishioners for morning tea and fellowship from 10:00am at Kafe Me in the Greenslopes Mall Shopping Centre. Everyone is welcome. Contact Barbara Kerr on 3349 6334 or just turn up.

MEALS ON WHEELS

St Joachim's team - Tuesday, October 15th.

UNLOCKING YOUR PARISH

No gathering this week.

ST VINCENT DE PAUL SOCIETY

Wednesday, October 16th at 4:30pm in the Parish Centre.

SACRAMENTAL PROGRAM - PENANCE

Children, in year five or above who have received their First Holy Communion, are invited to prepare for the Sacrament of Penance. There will be two sessions which are designed to further your child's understanding of God and themselves. These sessions will be facilitated by suitable adults in the parish and parents are most welcome to come along and assist. Sessions will be held at St Agnes' church, starting at 5pm, on Friday 15 November and Friday 22 November. Children will need to attend both sessions in order to receive the Sacrament of Penance. RSVP to sacpr.hpmg@bne.catholic.net.au before 1 November.

DATE CLAIMER - PARISH CONCERT AND LUNCHEON

On Friday, November 29th Fr Joson will be hosting a concert by Brothers James Singers in St Joachim's Hall, light lunch to follow. Mark your calendars. Full details will appear later.

Congratulations and God's Blessings



On 28th September, Sr Susan Flood, Provincial of the Australian Ursulines, was elected as the Prioress General of the Ursulines of the Roman Union, which is present in 39 countries with more than 1500 members. Sue will be based in Rome. The term of office is eight years.

Sr Sue has been an active member of our parish for a number of years. She was a reader at St Joachim's and was a member of our Social Justice Group until she moved to Sydney in her role as Provincial. I would like to extend our congratulations to Sr Sue and pray for God's blessing to her.

Fr Joson

Parish Diary

Monday, October 14th

Mass 8:00am
St Joachim's

Saturday, October 19th

Reconciliation 5:30pm
St Joachim's

29TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

Saturday, October 19th

Mass 6:00pm
St Joachim's

Sunday, October 20th

Mass 7:30am
St Joachim's

Mass 9:00am
St Agnes

Baptisms 10:30am
St Joachim's

Mass 6:00pm
St Agnes'

PRAYER FOR MENTAL HEALTH WEEK

We pray all those people who suffer with a mental illness, for their families, friends and carers.

We pray that the Australian Community and the Catholic Community, in particular, will be welcoming and accepting to all people.

We pray, especially, for the Ministry of Catholic Psychiatric Pastoral Care in the Archdiocese of Brisbane.

FROM AROUND THE ARCHDIOCESE

MENTAL HEALTH WEEK

A Day of Prayer for Mental Illness Recovery and Understanding will be held on Sunday, October 13th. People are being asked to remember those who suffer from a mental illness in their prayers on this day.

ADDING TO THE CONVERSATION ABOUT DEMENTIA

Monday, October 14th from 10:00am – 3:00pm at the Wynnum Municipal Hall, 219 Bay Tce, Wynnum.

The Wynnum Manly Dementia Friendly Community are committed to reducing the stigma of dementia by developing inclusive communities. There will be an armchair discussion on dementia with G. Allen Power, geriatrician, author and Clinical Assoc Prof of Medicine from New York and John Quinn, adviser, educator, advocate. There will be a number of other presenters during the course of the day. Full schedule is on the noticeboards. Cost: \$10pp. Registration link: <https://conversation-dementia.eventbrite.com.au/>

FINDING GOD IN THE QUIET CENTRE

"God speaks and names us, knows our being, touches base....."

Friday, December 13th from 6pm to 3pm Sunday December 15th at Santa Teresa Spirituality Centre, Ormiston.

A weekend opportunity for women to leave behind the chaos and clutter that can be a part of life and enter in to quiet in community. Come and experience a time of prayerful reflection in the beauty of God's good creation. Facilitated by Grace Harwood (Dragonfly Ministries). Cost: \$370 (\$340 for pensioners, f/t students and unemployed) includes all accommodation, meals, resources and facilitation. Santa Teresa requires an additional \$30 fee for those with special diets. For more information contact, Grace at on 0409 524 283 or email grace@dragonflyministries.net.au

"PRECIOUS IN HIS EYES" PHOTO EXHIBITION FOR CATHOLIC MISSION

October 23rd - November 3rd at Percolator Gallery, 134 Latrobe Terrace, Paddington from 10am to 4.30pm
Join the Brisbane Team of Catholic Mission at a photographic exhibition to mark the Extraordinary Month of Mission, as declared by Pope Francis for October 2019. Titled 'Precious in His Eyes' the Exhibition will showcase images of missionary work undertaken around the world, particularly in response to the needs of children. For information phone 3352 4560 or email: info@percolatorgallery.com.au

BE PART OF THE MEDIA APOSTOLATE

If you can comfortably commute to the Cathedral parish at least once every 3 months and would like to become a volunteer webcaster, please phone 3324 3227 or email communications@bne.catholic.net.au. This service is an invaluable assistance to people who are infirmed or shut-in.

OUR LADY OF THE VALLEY PARISH COOKBOOK

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Launch date is Sunday 27th October ... *limited copies available*

NOTICEBOARDS

There are lots of interesting things happening in our community. Please check the noticeboards for details.

COMMUNITY

TRIUMPH - THE STORY OF GABRIELLA CALDWELL AND HER FAMILY

Shalom World has produced a story on the Caldwell Family, who are members of our parish. It was aired on Friday, October 11th and tells how this family's rock solid faith in God kept them going during the most painful times of their lives. To view this story go to <https://shalomworld.org/shows> and select Triumph. This episode will appear in 2-3 days.

UNPLANNED - AN AUSTRALIAN & NZ EXCLUSIVE - CINEPLEX

In an Australian and New Zealand first, the pro-life movie Unplanned will be screened as part of regular programming in a Brisbane cinema chain. Cherish Life was honoured to facilitate a connection between Unplanned distributors and Cineplex management, which resulted in Cineplex deciding to show the film. Cineplex chief operating officer Justin Hann said *Unplanned* deserved a slot in the chain's programming and would run for up to six weeks, "depending on popularity". The first screening will be on Thursday, 10 October, at South Bank, Bulimba, Victoria Point and Redbank cinemas. To see the trailer or for session times please visit the link below:

<https://www.cineplex.com.au/Movie/2329>

This movie really does have the power to move hearts and minds on the issue of abortion, so let's get behind it.

MARCH FOR LIFE

Saturday, October 12th from 2:00pm in Queens Gardens, George Street, Brisbane. We march for the Unborn, for proper care for Women and the Generations to come. The march will mark the 1 year anniversary of the passing of Queensland abortion laws.

AID TO THE CHURCH IN NEED

On October 18th *Aid to the Church in Need* is inviting children worldwide to take part in the campaign "One Million Children Praying the Rosary." For more information and for prayer resources visit www.millionkidspraying.org

ALL HALLOWS PAST PUPILS' MASS

All Hallows' Past Pupils' are invited to the Annual Mass and Biennial Meeting in All Hallows' Chapel on Saturday, 26 October at 10.30am followed by morning tea in Loretto Hall. To assist catering it is essential to book. Cost towards morning tea is \$25.00 per person and bookings can be made online at www.ahs.qld.edu.au under Quicklinks. RSVP by 18th October. For enquiries contact Lenore Thompson Foundation Manager and Past Pupil School Liaison on 3831 5632; Lenore.Thompson@ahs.qld.edu.au. Limited parking available.

MISSION ADVENTURE? PALMS AUSTRALIA REACH BEYOND

Communities in Asia, Africa and the Pacific seek volunteer medics, teachers, tradies, business and admins to assist their development. Contact Palms and find out how sharing your skills can immerse you in a world of deep cultural discovery. Apply by November 1st to start your adventure in 2020. Call 02 9560 5333 or see www.palms.org.au

THE CATHOLIC LEADER

Cost: \$2.00

- Brisbane Assembly brings hundreds of Catholics together
- Bishop Anthony Randazzo named shepherd of Broken Bay diocese.
- A senior professional in the death-care industry says Qld's laws are "failing dismally" to protect bereaved families and workers
- Sally Hood opens up about her experience with endometriosis
- Red Frogs is 'Red-y' for Schoolies 2019
- Capuchin Father Thomas McFadden wants to inspire young people to live the Gospel
- Catch the Seniors Week Guide in this week's edition of The Catholic Leader
- Darwin Bishop Charles Gauci shares about his first year of leading and ministering to Catholics in the Top End Available in the churches this weekend.



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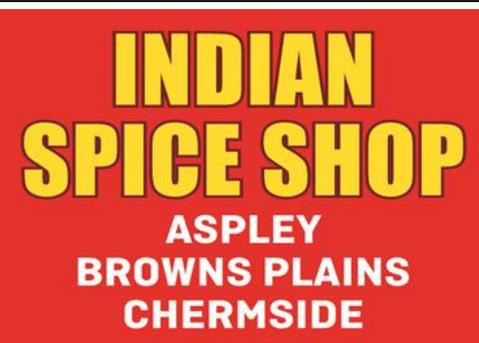
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