



Holland Park Mt Gravatt Parish News



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(Safeguarding purposes only)

Twenty-Seventh Sunday in Ordinary Time

Year C

5th/6th October, 2019

I come from a traditional catholic family. The kick off came from my family. My faith was fostered by my parents and grandparents. After joining the seminary one of my Hindu friends asks me, "Joson do you have faith?" It was a challenging question for me. When we face challenges in our faith life, when we encounter hurdles in others' lives, we think about our faith. I am quite sure that I didn't have as much faith as my parents had. The big question is who do you say that I am?

This modern world challenges our faith. Our faith is executed, even judged by others, the media and in and through different occasions. Have you ever thought about your faith seriously? In today's scripture reading the disciples are asking Jesus to increase their faith. The urgency is so clear in today's world. I ask the baptism preparation parents "Why do you bring your child for baptism?" They say "We want to continue our faith; we were brought up in the catholic faith so we wish to give it to the next generation."

Faith is a free gift from God. The catechism of the Catholic Church teaches faith is first of all a personal adherence of man to God. At the same time, and inseparably, it is a free assent to the whole truth that God has revealed. As personal adherence to God and assent to his truth, Christian faith differs from our faith in any human person. It is right and just to entrust oneself wholly to God and to believe absolutely what he says. It would be futile and false to place such faith in a creature.

When St Peter confessed that Jesus is the Christ, the Son of the living God, Jesus declared to him that this revelation did not come "from flesh and blood", but from "my Father who is in heaven". Faith is a gift of God, a supernatural virtue infused by him. "Before this faith can be exercised, man must have the grace of God to move and assist him; he must have the interior helps of the Holy Spirit, who moves the heart and converts it to God, who opens the eyes of the mind and 'makes it easy for all to accept and believe the truth.'"

Currently we run an ALPHA programme in the parish. It is a very helpful tool for us to learn more about our faith. As you know our parish focuses on building God centred, faith-filled families. It is in our parish and personal lives we encounter God, a kind of *Emmaus* experience. The profession of our faith is another way to live out our Christian life. There should be time and space to rekindle our faith. I am hoping that Holy land trip which I am planning in September 2020 will certainly add more strength to my faith. You are most welcome to join it. Above all we have to pray for our faith and nourish our faith through the sacraments in our church. Joining with the disciples we pray; *Lord increase our faith.*

Fr Joson

Readings: 28th Sunday in Ordinary Time

Kings 5:14-17

2 Timothy 2:8-13

Luke 17:11-19

WE REMEMBER

We remember Tom Dwyer. May he rest in the peace of Christ.

PARISH HAPPENINGS

MASS OF ANOINTING AND HOSPITALITY

An Anointing of the Sick will be included in our regular Monday mass on Monday October 7th. This will be followed by hospitality, all are welcome.

COUNTERS

Tony's team.

UNLOCKING YOUR PARISH

Unlocking Your Parish recommences this Tuesday at 7:00pm in the Parish to watch another Alpha film. It's never too late to have a look. No obligation.

CHILDREN'S LITURGY OF THE WORD

Primary school children are invited to attend CLOW at St Agnes' Church - Sunday, October 13th at 9:00am Mass

COFFEE AND CHAT

Due to the public holiday this Monday Coffee and Chat will be held on Monday, October 15th. Please join other parishioners for morning tea and fellowship from 10:00am at Kafe Me in the Greenslopes Mall Shopping Centre. Everyone welcome. Contact Barbara Kerr on 3349 6334 or just turn up.

DATE CLAIMER – PARISH CONCERT AND LUNCHEON

On Friday, November 29th 2019 Fr Joson will be hosting a concert by Brothers James Singers in St Joachim's Hall which will be followed by a light luncheon. All parishioners are invited. Mark your calendars. Full details will appear later.

Holy Land + India

A great opportunity to visit Jordan Israel and India

Departure - September 17, 2020

15 nights, 16 days.

Accompanied by Fr Joson and
tour manager from Travel Company

Tour guides, A/C coaches, accommodation in 4 star hotels

Many more attractions

More details are available on the noticeboard

If interested please speak to Fr Joson or ring the Parish Office

Parish Diary

Monday, October 7th

Mass 8:00am

St Joachim's

Wednesday, October 9th

Benediction 5:30pm

St Agnes'

Mass 6:00pm

St Agnes'

Thursday, October 10th

Mass 9:00am

St Agnes'

Friday, October 11th

Mass 9:00am

St Joachim's

Saturday, October 12th

Reconciliation 5:30pm

St Joachim's

28TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

Saturday, October 12th

Mass 6:00pm

St Joachim's

Sunday, October 13th

Mass 7:30am

St Joachim's

Mass 9:00am

CLOW 9:00am

St Agnes

Mass 6:00pm

St Agnes'

SAFEGUARDING CHILDREN & VULNERABLE ADULTS PREVENTION AND PROTECTION POLICY

...for it is to such as these that the kingdom of God belongs. Mark 10.14

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.

FROM AROUND THE ARCHDIOCESE

Child Protection Sunday 2019

This weekend, the Catholic Archdiocese of Brisbane marks Child Protection Sunday, on which we pray for those who have been abused, their families and supporters. We recognise the harm done by priests, religious and lay people in Church settings. We recommit to practices that support survivors and make the Catholic Church and its ministries the safest possible place for children and vulnerable adults.

You can find out more about the Church's work in this area at: www.catholic.org.au/responseandprevention

CATHOLIC PSYCHIATRIC PASTORAL CARE.

CPPC asks us to Take Time for Mental Health and invites you to a Mass to celebrate Mental Health Week on Friday, 11th October at 1.00pm in St Patrick's Church, Cnr of McLachlan and Morgan Sts, Fortitude Valley. Light refreshments will follow Mass. Parking available in Church Grounds

LOURDES HILL COLLEGE OPEN DAY

Friday, October 11th from 3:30 – 7:00pm. Bookings via their website: lhc.qld.edu.au

PUBLIC ROSARY - MT GRAVATT LOOKOUT

On Saturday 12 October commencing 4.30pm join with all those around Australia praying a Public Rosary for the Glory of God, the honour of Our Lady and the salvation of souls, come to the Mt Gravatt Lookout (accessed via Shire Road). Bring your Rosary beads, hat, and jumper.

AWAKEN, TOGETHER IN CHRIST

Join us for Praise & Worship, Talks and Healing on Saturday, October 12th from 6:00pm at 47 Dornoch Terrace, West End. For information visit www.Awaken.org.au or call 3844 2733.

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/>

OUR LADY OF THE VALLEY PARISH COOKBOOK

The Centenary Celebration Book of Family Favourites is a beautiful compilation of timeless classics and modern recipes for the busy family. Over 200 recipes including Kids in the Kitchen, Healthy Eating and of course desserts are all accompanied by snippets of generational family history and recipe tips. Highly recommended for everyone - start your Christmas shopping now by pre-ordering one of these recipe books today! Enquiries can be made to Our Lady of the Valley Parish Office 5465 3131 or email gat-ton@bne.catholic.net.au 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

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

VINCENT PALLOTTI SCHOLARSHIP TRUST

The St Vincent Pallotti Scholarship Trust offers scholarships to enable lay people to further their understanding and skills in leadership/ministry or a specialised activity, such as promoting faith enhancement, social justice and pastoral care. Closing Date: 18 October 2019. More information and Applications Forms are available on our website: <https://www.pallottine.org.au/scholarships/st-vincent-pallotti-scholarship-for-lay-ministry.html>

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

ST VINCENT'S PRIVATE HOSPITAL

Are you interested in volunteering your time? Join the St Vincent's Blue Angel Volunteer Team! St Vincent's is a private Catholic not-for-profit hospital specialising in medical care for those with chronic, complex and multiple health needs. We offer services for adolescents to the elderly. Our hospital was established by the Sisters of Charity in 1957. Since then we have been providing compassionate and innovative medical care. We have a dedicated group of volunteers and we are looking to grow our St Vincent's Blue Angel Volunteer Team. Volunteer roles exist across a range of areas. We are searching for individuals interested in ward visits, supporting our Arts program, Fundraising, spiritual care, and performing administrative duties.

Volunteers perform an integral role at St Vincent's Private Hospital Brisbane and are highly valued members of our Hospital community. Whether you are interested in volunteering your time weekly, fortnightly or monthly – we look forward to hearing from you. Please contact our Manager Volunteer Services, Toni Leahy, via phone (07 3240 1194) or email (Toni.leahy@svha.org.au) for information about our volunteer roles.

THE CATHOLIC LEADER

Cost: \$2.00

- Ignite Conference 2019 brought 1500 young people together for 4 days of formation and festivities
- 86 couples celebrate at the Golden Wedding Anniv Mass
- St Vincent de Paul Society and Catholic Religious Australia speak out against proposed legislation blocking access to social security for people with "modest savings".
- Nominate your Catholic hero for The Community Leader Awards 2019
- Rockhampton diocese experiences growth while others shrink based on new Catholic demographic report.
- New South Wales decriminalises abortion
- Well-travelled evangelist Fr Rob Galea discusses where he's been and where's he going.

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