



# Holland Park Mt Gravatt Parish News



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12<sup>th</sup> Sunday in Ordinary Time

Year A

20<sup>th</sup>/21<sup>st</sup> June, 2020

## **Do not be afraid**

I was a big fan of fear in my younger days. When I was an altar boy I had to walk about 2 km to attend my mass at 6am on an assigned roster. Mum usually gave me a black tea to drink, a candle and a coconut shell to hold the candle against the wind or a cell torch. If the wind blows the candle that is the end of the journey, then I had to sing, run or speak louder to myself to keep the fear out of my mind. So I always used to have a touch with me while I was going to church or visiting neighbours in the night.

It's an interesting word - "fear." It is used to convey very different moods, emotions and cautions. On one hand, it communicates anxiety — high anxiety at times. At other times, excitement, which is a mix of the fear of danger and the anticipation of something good on the other side of danger. Fear is often associated with risk. It can also describe a state of mind, an extended emotion lasting even for a lifetime such as the fear of heights, subways, lightening - whatever.

Fear no one. This seems to be the clear theme for us to meditate this week. The first reading, from the Prophet Jeremiah, says this: The Lord is with me, like a mighty champion: my persecutors will stumble, they will not triumph. This is the response of Jeremiah to the fear that his persecutors were trying to put in him.

Why would we fear? For Jeremiah, his enemies were trying to destroy him physically. Many of us do not have that kind of situation. Some of us do face enemies of that type. Many who follow Christ today are in danger of their lives. For them, the words of Jeremiah have a special ring of truth.

When we have everything that we need, then we do not need God. When we look at our world today, we see that the richer nations believe less. We must be careful not to generalize, but that surely looks like the trend.

Jesus is so clear in the Gospel from Matthew: do not fear those who can kill the body. Fear those who can destroy the soul. We who are wealthy stand in great danger of losing our souls. We are always invited to disbelief in God. We are invited to pursue the pleasures of this world as though the pleasures are God. We are told over and over again that we cannot be happy without the pleasures and the material goods of this world.

Jesus preaches a very different Gospel. Jesus tells us that real happiness comes from belief in God, from seeking the will of the Father. Jesus does not invite us to have absolutely nothing—but always the challenge is there: What are you doing with what you have? Are you loving God and loving one another? What are you doing in your daily life?

So often we long for material pleasures and the delights of this world! Jesus invites us to recognize that there is another world in which the values do not exclude pleasure and delight, but in which other values are much more important. When one person chooses to live according to the will of God, others can begin to grasp that there is another world. Jesus had a remarkable gift of convincing others of the Kingdom of God. Jesus is God, of course, but He invites us also to share His life and share that gift of convincing others of the Kingdom of God by our manner of living.

The word 'Do not fear' has been used around 366 times in the bible. Fear not about anything but God alone. I conclude with a quotation from St. John Paul II "Have no fear of moving into the unknown. Simply step out fearlessly knowing that I am with you, therefore no harm can befall you; all is very, very well. Do this in complete faith and confidence".

Fr Joson

## **Readings: Thirteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time**

Kings 4:8-11, 14-16

Romans 6:3-4, 8-11

Matthew 10:37-42

## READINGS FOR THE MOST HOLY BODY AND BLOOD OF CHRIST

### First Reading            Jeremiah 20:10-13

Jeremiah said:

I hear so many disparaging me,  
' "Terror from every side!"  
Denounce him! Let us denounce him!  
All those who used to be my friends  
watched for my downfall,  
'Perhaps he will be seduced into error.  
Then we will master him  
and take our revenge!  
But the Lord is at my side, a mighty hero;  
my opponents will stumble, mastered,  
confounded by their failure;  
everlasting, unforgettable disgrace will be theirs.  
But you, Lord of Hosts, you who probe with justice,  
who scrutinise the loins and heart,  
let me see the vengeance you will take on them,  
for I have committed my cause to you.  
Sing to the Lord,  
praise the Lord,  
for he has delivered the soul of the needy  
from the hands of evil men.

### Responsorial Psalm

Lord, in your great love, answer me.

### Second Reading        *Romans 5:12-15*

Sin entered the world through one man, and through sin death, and thus death has spread through the whole human race because everyone has sinned. Sin existed in the world long before the Law was given. There was no law and so no one could be accused of the sin of 'law-breaking', yet death reigned over all from Adam to Moses, even though their sin, unlike that of Adam, was not a matter of breaking a law.

Adam prefigured the One to come, but the gift itself considerably outweighed the fall. If it is certain that through one man's fall so many died, it is even more certain that divine grace, coming through the one man, Jesus Christ, came to so many as an abundant free gift.

### Gospel Acclamation

Alleluia, alleluia!  
The Spirit of Truth will bear witness to me, says the Lord,  
and you also will be my witnesses.  
Alleluia!

### Gospel                    *John 6:51-58*

Jesus instructed the Twelve as follows: 'Do not be afraid. For everything that is now covered will be uncovered, and everything now hidden will be made clear. What I say to you in the dark, tell in the daylight; what you hear in whispers, proclaim from the house-tops.

'Do not be afraid of those who kill the body but cannot kill the soul; fear him rather who can destroy both body and soul in hell. Can you not buy two sparrows for a penny? And yet not one falls to the ground without your Father knowing. Why, every hair on your head has been counted. So there is no need to be afraid; you are worth more than hundreds of sparrows.

'So if anyone declares himself for me in the presence of men, I will declare myself for him in the presence of my Father in heaven. But the one who disowns me in the presence of men, I will disown in the presence of my father in heaven.'

Continuing on our faith journey during this time of isolation; when our faith will sustain us through challenging times. If our doors are closed, let our hearts be open

#### SUPPORT WHEN YOU NEED IT

*The Parish Office continues to be open and we are available to help you.* If you are in need of help for anything during this time please remember that you can call us.

Your continued support of the Parish Planned Giving program is much appreciated. If you have any questions please give the office a call.

#### WE REMEMBER

We remember Tim Apelt. May he rest in the peace of Christ.

#### PARISH FACEBOOK

<https://www.facebook.com/hpmgparish/> Log into the parish Facebook page and see how members of our community are dealing with our current situation. Maybe you can share things that you are doing to keep busy, entertained or spiritually engaged. Check out this week's video from a parishioner.

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## Recommencement of Masses and Sacrament of Reconciliation

Dear Parishioners,

#### SUNDAY MASSES

We are offering two masses on Sundays commencing 7:30am at St Joachim's and 9:00am at St Agnes'. St Agnes' Church can accommodate 48 people and St Joachim's can have 65.

**Bookings must be made prior to attending Mass.** Due to registration sheets needing to be printed registrations close at 4:00pm on Fridays.

#### WEEKDAY MASSES

Weekday masses have recommenced on Thursday at St Agnes' and on Friday at St Joachim's, both commencing 9:00am.

**Bookings must be made prior to attending Mass.** Due to registration sheets needing to be printed registrations close at 4:00pm on the Wednesday and Thursday respectfully.

#### HOW TO BOOK

We have opened a TryBooking page to facilitate the booking of masses. All you need to do is click on your preferred venue:

St Joachim's Masses - <https://www.trybooking.com/BJVCV>

St Agnes' Masses - <https://www.trybooking.com/BJVFE>

and complete the online booking.

We have now been advised that we have to split the churches into sections so there is Sections 1-4 in each church for you to choose from. There is no need to print off the ticket. On the day there will be a sign-in sheet available at the door of the church for you to check and sign. Bookings are now open for Sunday, June 28<sup>th</sup> and July 5<sup>th</sup>.

**If you do not have access to the internet please ring the parish office and we will make the booking for you.**

#### WHEN YOU ARRIVE

Please sign the registration sheet at the front door. You must sit in the section which you chose or was allocated to you. If you have forgotten it will be noted on the sign-in sheets. Please sit between the crosses and remember to social distance within the pew.

#### SACRAMENT OF RECONCILIATION

The Sacrament of Reconciliation is also being made available to anyone who is interested. In line with government regulations and protocols put in place to keep parishioners safe you will need to contact the parish office to make an appointment.

Fr Joson

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