



# Holland Park Mt Gravatt Parish News



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## Parish Office Hours

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## Parish Schools and College

St Agnes' School

07 3349 5130

St Joachim's School

07 3397 9087

Seton College

07 3291-5333

St Vincent de Paul Welfare

1800 846 643

Safeguarding Officer

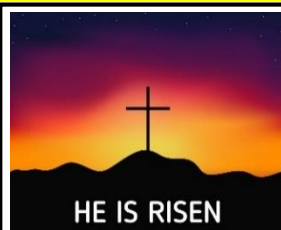
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Easter Sunday of the Resurrection of the Lord

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April 16<sup>th</sup>/17<sup>th</sup>, 2022



## Just as we are

Dear Friends

As Christians we especially rejoice on Easter Sunday that Jesus has risen and saved us, through our weaknesses and wounds.

But that is the 'Good News' many of us, including me, find very hard to accept. Easter Sunday is a good time to reflect on why we all stubbornly resist God's deep love for each of us.

I know only too well how I can find it difficult to really stop, be still and enter into this inner journey.

Strangely, something in me persists in the continual search for a 'perfect' friend, partner, church, priest, parish or family or whatever. It is so very hard to accept God's love deep down. For the disease of 'perfectionism' eats away at us all in a society that celebrates 'success' as the ultimate goal of life. We all want to get it 'right', look 'good' and please!

Christian Discipleship instead demands 'Falling in love with God'. It is a paradoxical call, at once very simple, yet very demanding. Its territory is tolerating messiness and imperfection. For it involves having learnt the 'hard' truth of what Richard Rohr OFM often points out about the spiritual journey: "You can't come to God by doing it right – you come to God by doing it wrong, otherwise, you don't fall in love with God, and you fall in love with yourself."

Rohr reminds me of Tony de Mello SJ's paradoxical saying, "Be grateful for your sins. They are carriers of grace."

Sooner or later – we must all come to the realization that only God can save us from our fears and our addictions.

Many of us need to 'hit a wall' in order to have a chance of waking up to the reality that we are living insane lives as long as we believe that we can 'control' things on our own.

When 'we wake up' to the real world, we find God patiently waiting for us, ready to help, ready to save us and make us whole. That is the resurrection in our lives –often 'frozen' or 'dead' to self-hatred and sin.

May this Easter 2022 challenge me and all us to 'fall in love' with our God who loves us just as we are. May the joy, peace and healing of Easter reign our hearts and minds. I wish all Happy Easter. Jesus is risen! Alleluia!

Br Mark O'Connor FMS



## Readings: 2<sup>nd</sup> Sunday of Easter

Acts 5:12-16

Apocalypse 1:9-13, 17-19

John 20:19-31

## Readings 3<sup>rd</sup> Sunday of Easter

Apostles 5:27-32, 40-41

Apocalypse 5:11-14

John 21:1-19

Continuing on our faith journey during changed times; when our faith will sustain us through our challenges.

## PARISH NEWS

### WE REMEMBER

We remember Michael Herbert (former parishioner and brother of Gerry Rallos). May he rest in the peace of Christ.

### COUNTERS

Tuesday, April 19 - Cheryl's team.

Tuesday, April 26 - Elisabeth' team.

### MEALS ON WHEELS

St Joachim's team - Tuesday, April 19th.

### ST VINCENT DE PAUL SOCIETY

Tuesday, April 19th at 4:00pm in the Parish Centre.

### PARISH OFFICE CLOSURE

The Parish Office will be closed on Wednesday and Thursday next week. In the case of an emergency during this time please use the pager (3834 8507) and we will get back to you as soon as possible.

## COMMUNITY NEWS

### CATHEDRAL OF ST STEPHEN, GUIDES AND WELCOMERS

You are invited to an information day for prospective guides and welcomers at the Cathedral of St Stephen **Thursday 28 April 2022 9:30am-1:00pm Hanly Room, Cathedral of St Stephen, 249 Elizabeth Street, Brisbane.** Please register your interest with Carmel Devery at the Cathedral Office by Friday 22 April - 3324 3006 or [cathedral@bne.catholic.net.au](mailto:cathedral@bne.catholic.net.au)

### CENTACARE FAMILY AND RELATIONSHIP SERVICES PRE-MARRIAGE EDUCATION PROGRAM

Centacare is committed to delivering high quality programs and provides couples with the option of attending a Group Pre-Marriage program or the FOCCUS Pre-Marriage Education program. Information on these courses, including dates, venues and registration is available at [www.centacarebrisbane.net.au](http://www.centacarebrisbane.net.au)

### HARVEST JOURNEYS

Harvest Journeys arrange Catholic Roads Trips in Australia and International Pilgrimages. The sacred paths of our **Great South Land of the Holy Spirit** await you! Now that borders have opened up and the demand for travel increases, domestic journeys are enjoying unprecedented demand. Don't miss out, places are limited. To check out the many trips available visit: <https://www.harvestjourneys.com>

### POSITION VACANT - PASTORAL MINISTRY COORDINATOR

Applications are open for a position at the Sunnybank Parish.

This is an exciting opportunity for an enthusiastic committed person to join the Parish team and assist them with the coordination of a variety of pastoral ministry programs. The position is permanent part time 20 hours per week with the days of work to be negotiated. Applications close: 29 April 2022

For additional information, please visit the Archdiocese of Brisbane website <https://clientapps.jobadder.com/68451/aob-internal-career-opportunities/471284/pastoral-ministry-coordinator>

### THE CATHOLIC LEADER

The April issue of the Catholic Leader is available now for \$4

## Happy Easter from all at Caritas Australia!

Thank you for your continued support for Project Compassion – past, present and future. Together, we can help vulnerable communities face their challenges today and build a better tomorrow **For All Future Generations.**

### Thank you for supporting Caritas Australia's Project Compassion 2022 Lenten appeal

Together, we can help vulnerable communities face their challenges today and build a better tomorrow **For All Future Generations.** You can donate through Project Compassion donation boxes and envelopes available from your Parish, by calling 1800 024 413 or by visiting [lent.caritas.org.au](http://lent.caritas.org.au).



## Parish Diary

### Friday, April 22<sup>nd</sup>

Mass 9:00am  
St Joachim's

### Saturday, April 23<sup>rd</sup>

Reconciliation 5:30pm  
St Joachim's

### 2<sup>nd</sup> Sunday of Easter

### Saturday, April 23<sup>rd</sup>

Mass 6:00pm  
St Joachim's

### Sunday, April 24<sup>th</sup>

Mass 7:30am  
St Joachim's

Mass 9:00am  
St Agnes'

Mass 6:00pm  
St Agnes'

### Monday, April 25<sup>th</sup>

ANZAC Day

Mass 9:00am  
St Joachim's

### Wednesday, April 27<sup>th</sup>

Mass 6:00pm  
St Agnes'

### Thursday, April 28<sup>th</sup>

Mass 6:30pm  
St Joachim's

### Friday, April 29<sup>th</sup>

Mass 9:00am  
St Joachim's

### 3<sup>rd</sup> Sunday of Easter

### Saturday, April 30<sup>th</sup>

Mass 6:00pm  
St Joachim's

### Sunday, May 1<sup>st</sup>

Mass 7:30am  
St Joachim's

Mass 9:00am  
St Agnes'

Mass 6:00pm  
St Agnes'