



Holland Park Mount Gravatt Parish

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Palm Sunday of the Passion of the Lord

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April 12th/13th, 2025

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8:30am – 4:00pm

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St Joachim's & St Agnes' parish

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07 3367 6300

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(Safeguarding purposes only)

It's not fair!

How often do we find ourselves saying or thinking, "It's not fair!" Life sometimes hands us matters to deal with that catch us by surprise, that we were not expecting, and that seem to be out of our control. At such times, we can feel powerless and in this can wonder about the fairness of life and even ask, "Is God being fair?"

Luke emphasis in his passion story is that Jesus is innocent – that his death is undeserved – that it's no fair. Pilate says, "I find no case against this man." After sending Jesus to Herod, Pilate says again that he found no case against him, and neither had Herod. Even the soldiers who crucify him say, "This was a great and good man." Jesus is innocent.

Jesus' innocence makes his words of forgiveness more powerful. Because he is the one who has suffered undeservedly, he is the one able to pray, "Forgive them." The Cross offers an alternative wisdom and power to the norm we find in the world today. Retribution and revenge are the currency of political powers, even though sometimes hidden behind the rhetoric of justice, or peace-making. And so a spiral of violence and evil spins out of control, with violent acts begetting further violence and hatred. Jesus knows his innocence, but rather than enter into the spiral of violence he entrusts his life in God's hands. He does not ask God for retribution for his tormentors; he has faith that a loving God is somehow present within the mystery of his suffering. We all face this choice in different situations - to be part of Jesus' choice for peace and forgiveness, or to be part of ongoing violence.

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Marian Valley Pilgrimage

When: Saturday, 31st May 2025

Where: Marian Valley, 2541 Beechmont Rd, Canungra

Departure: 8:00 AM from St. Agnes' Church

Return: 2:30 PM **by bus \$ 25 per person**

Join us for a faith-filled day of Rosary, Mass, music, and fellowship in the spirit of the

Jubilee 2025 – Pilgrims of Hope.

Register by April 28th to secure your seat!

Call Parish Office 0733492280 or email hpmg@bne.catholic.net.au to sign up.

Let's journey in faith together!

Readings for Easter Sunday

1st Reading: Acts 10:34, 37-43 Psalm: 117 2nd Reading: Colossians 3:1-4 Gospel: John: 20:1-9

Parish News

WE REMEMBER Irene, Edward and Vincent Khoo and Maureen Redman. May they rest in the peace of Christ.

COUNTERS Alison's team.

WORKING BEE There will be a working bee on Wednesday commencing 9:00am at St Joachim's Church to polish the brass in readiness for the Triduum.

HOLY THURSDAY CLOTHING COLLECTION You may still contribute to the collection on Thursday evening at mass or by delivering to office.

HOSPITALITY AT ST AGNES' There will be no hospitality at Easter.

ANZAC DAY MASS A mass will be celebrated at St Joachim's Church 9:00am on Friday, April 25th.

NOTES ON PRAYER

In the year dedicated by Pope Francis to praying, the Notes on Prayer series features 8 books by international authors who explore how to dialogue with God.

The Books at a Glance

1. Prayer Today: A Challenge to Overcome
2. Praying with the Psalms
3. The Prayer of Jesus
4. Praying with Saints and Sinners
5. The Parables of Prayer
6. The Church in Prayer
7. The Prayer of Mary and the Saints Who Met Her
8. The Prayer Jesus Taught Us: Our Father



We have a set of these books in each church for your use. So we can share them as a community, we suggest you take one and return it when finished. In this way, many in the community will be enriched by their content and it can work like a lending library. Thank you for your co-operation.



Palm Sunday palms !

How long do you keep your palm?

You are invited to keep your palm until next year when we will have a ritual prayer and burning of them to use as our ashes for Ash Wednesday in 2026.



EASTER HOLY WATER - would you like some to take home?

On Easter Sunday morning after Mass, you will be invited to take home some Holy Water, blessed at the Easter Vigil the night before. The Parish will have a limited number of bottles available, and you are welcome to take one. However, since the bottles are limited, you may wish to bring your own to ensure you have a bottle to take home. Share in the joy of the Easter blessings.

Weekday Masses

Date	Day	Time	Location
April 14	Mon	8:00am	St Joachim's
April 16	Wed	6:00pm	St Agnes'
April 17	Thurs	6:30pm	St Joachim's

Weekend Masses

April 19	Sat	6:30pm	St Joachim's
April 20	Sun	7:30am	St Joachim's
April 13	Sun	9:00am	St Agnes

SACRAMENTS AND SPECIAL LITURGIES

RECONCILIATION - Every Saturday
at 4.30pm at St. Joachim Church.

MASS OF ANOINTING - First Friday
9. 00am at St. Joachim

ADORATION - First Wednesday
5. 30pm at St. Agnes

BAPTISM, WEDDINGS, AND FUNERALS
by appointment

BAPTISM PREPARATION SESSION
First Wednesday 7. 00pm at Parish Centre

CHILDREN AND FAMILY MINISTRY

Children's Liturgy of the Word: 1st and 3rd
Sunday 9.00am at St. Agnes' Church

Youth Mass and Meeting on 2nd Sunday of the
month at 6.00pm at St. Agnes Church

Family and Children's Mass on 4th Sunday of
the month at 9.00am at St. Agnes

EVENTS & MEETINGS AT PARISH CENTRE

Wednesday, 16th Working Bee - Brass 9:00am
St Joachim's Church

HOLY WEEK TIMETABLE

Day	Date	Time	Location	Event & Celebrations
Passion Sunday	April 12th	Sat. 5.00 pm	St. Joachim	Blessing of Palms
(Palm Sunday)	April 13th	Sun. 7.30 am	St. Joachim	Blessing of Palms
		Sun. 9.00 am	St. Agnes	Blessing of Palms
		Sun. 6.00pm	St. Agnes	Blessing of Palms
Holy Thursday	April 17th	6.30 pm	St. Joachim	Mass of the Lord's Supper
Good Friday	April 18th	10.00 am	St. Joachim	Stations of the Cross
		3.00 pm	St. Agnes	The Lord's Passion
Holy Saturday	April 19th	6.30 pm	St. Joachim	Easter Vigil
Easter Sunday	April 20th	7.30 am	St. Joachim	Mass
		9.00 am	St. Agnes	Mass

Please note there will not be a 6pm Mass on Easter Sunday

New to the parish – register via
Flocknote by scanning the QR code.



Archdiocese of Brisbane Safeguarding Commitment. The Archdiocese has zero tolerance for all forms of abuse and is committed to safeguarding everyone involved in its activities, ministries and services. The safety and wellbeing of children and adults-at-risk is paramount.