



Holland Park Mount Gravatt Parish

† St. Joachim's Church, 41 Yuletide Street, Holland Park West † St. Agnes' Church, 1227 Logan Road, Mt Gravatt

† St. Joachim Primary School, 41 Yuletide Street, Holland Park West † St Agnes' Primary School, 29 Tudor St, Mt. Gravatt

2nd Sunday of Easter

Year C

April 26th/27th, 2025

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Fr Thomas Varkey

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Dot Lomax

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St. Agnes & St. Joachim

07 3367 6300

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(Safeguarding purposes only)

Pope Francis Jorge Mario Bergoglio

Throughout his 12-year papacy, Pope Francis gave many addresses, talks, and statements, and he penned numerous encyclicals and apostolic exhortations emphasizing themes of hope, mercy, compassion, and joy. Below is a collection of quotes that reflect Pope Francis' vision for a more compassionate and Christ-centered world.

Hope: "Christian hope does not deceive or disappoint because it is grounded in the certainty that nothing and no one may ever separate us from God's love ... The death and resurrection of Jesus is the heart of our faith and the basis of our hope."

Mercy: "Let me say this once more: God never tires of forgiving us; we are the ones who tire of seeking his mercy ... Time and time again he bears us on his shoulders. No one can strip us of the dignity bestowed upon us by this boundless and unfailing love."

Joy: "Without this joy, faith shrinks into an oppressive and dreary thing; the saints are not 'sourpusses' but men and women with joyful hearts, open to hope ... Blessed Carlo Acutis is likewise a model of Christian joy for teenagers and young people. And the evangelical, and paradoxical, 'perfect joy' of St. Francis of Assisi continues to impress us."

Love: "You who live by always giving, and think that you need nothing, do you realize that you are poor yourself? Do you realize that you are very poor and that you need what they can give you? Do you let yourself be evangelized by the poor, by the sick, by those you assist?"

Migrants and refugees: "The Lord entrusts to the Church's motherly love every person forced to leave their homeland in search of a better future ... In this regard, I wish to reaffirm that 'our shared response may be articulated by four verbs: to welcome, to protect, to promote, and to integrate.'"

Environment and climate change: "We have to realize that a true ecological approach always becomes a social approach; it must integrate questions of justice in debates on the environment, so as to hear both the cry of the earth and the cry of the poor."

Pets vs. people: "I greeted the woman, and she opened a bag and said: 'Will you bless him, my baby?' A dog!" "I did not have any patience there... 'Madam, many children are hungry, and you are here with a dog!' Brothers and sisters, these are scenes from the present, but if things continue like this, it will be the custom of the future: beware."

Marriage and family life: "There are always problems and arguments in married life," the pope said. "It is normal for husband and wife to argue and to raise their voices; they squabble, and even plates go flying! So do not be afraid of this when it happens. May I give you a piece of advice: Never end the day without making peace."

Youth and the elderly: "The future of the world depends on this covenant between young and old. Who, if not the young, can take the dreams of the elderly and make them come true? Yet for this to happen, it is necessary that we continue to dream."

"Our dreams of justice, of peace, of solidarity can make it possible for our young people to have new visions; in this way, together, we can build the future," the pope said.

Synodality: "Everyone, everyone, everyone! Nobody left outside: everyone ... It is up to us to amplify the sound of this whispering, never getting in its way; to open the doors, never building walls." "How much damage the women and men of the Church do when they build walls, how much damage! Everyone is welcome, everyone, everyone!" he said.

Popular piety: "The flames of love of the Sacred Heart of Jesus also expand through the Church's missionary outreach, which proclaims the message of God's love revealed in Christ ... As we contemplate the Sacred Heart, mission becomes a matter of love."

Food: "In this age of artificial intelligence, we cannot forget that poetry and love are necessary to save our humanity." "No algorithm," he said, "will ever be able to capture, for example, the nostalgia that all of us feel, whatever our age, and wherever we live, when we recall how we first used a fork to seal the edges of the pies that we helped our mothers or grandmothers to make at home."

May he Rest in Peace

Parish News

WE REMEMBER Pope Francis and Sr Anne Dawson OSU. May they rest in the peace of Christ.

WE REJOICE with the Murphy and the McCormack and Iglesias families as they celebrate the baptism of Oliver and Alexandra in the Parish this weekend.

HOSPITALITY AT ST JOACHIM'S There will be hospitality after each of the masses this weekend.

COUNTERS Elisabeth's team.

BAPTISM PREPARATION A baptism preparation evening for families who are having their child baptised in the parish is being held on Wednesday, April 30th commencing 7:00pm at the Parish Centre. Please ring the office to register your attendance if you wish to attend.

MASS OF ANOINTING WITH HOSPITALITY The mass on Friday, May 2nd will include an anointing of the sick. This will be followed by morning tea.

CHILDREN'S LITURGY OF THE WORD (CLOW) All children are invited to join CLOW at the 9am mass at St Agnes' next Sunday, May 4th. All parents are very welcome, however children under 5 must be accompanied by an adult.

SUNDAY HOSPITALITY There will be morning tea after the 9:00am mass next Sunday.

SACRAMENT OF FIRST HOLY COMMUNION

(Children in Grade 4 and above who have made their Confirmation) Enrolments have now closed for First Holy Communion. For those already enrolled the **Parent Preparation Sessions (Parents only)** commence this coming week as follows: Wednesday 30th April, 6.30pm -7.30pm St Joachim's Church

OR

Thursday 1st May, 6.30pm - 7.30pm St Agnes' Church

CARITAS AUSTRALIA Your generosity through Project Compassion this year empowers some of the world's most vulnerable people to build better lives for themselves, their families, and their communities. Thank you so much for being part of Project Compassion 2025!

Please return your Project Compassion donation to the Parish Office or place it on the Collection Plate at any of the masses.



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!**

Weekday Masses

Date	Day	Time	Location
April 28	Mon	8:00am	St Joachim's
April 30	Wed	6:00pm	St Agnes'
May 1	Thurs	9:00am	St Agnes
May 2	Fri	9:00am	St Joachims

Weekend Masses

May 3	Sat	5:00pm	St Joachim's
May 4	Sun	7:30am	St Joachim's
May 4	Sun	9.00am	St Agnes
May 4	Sun	6:00pm	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

30th Wednesday, Baptism Preparation 7.00pm

30th Wednesday, Sac Prog Parent Sess 6.30pm

1st Thursday, Sac Program Parent Sess 6:30pm

2nd Friday, Mass with Anointing of Sick 9.00am

4th Sunday, CLOW 9.00am

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

