



Holland Park Mount Gravatt Parish

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Fifth Sunday of Lent

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April 5th/6th, 2025

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(Safeguarding purposes only)

Dear Parish Family,

As we journey deeper into Lent, we enter a sacred time of reflection, renewal, and preparation for the joy of Easter. The Fifth Sunday of Lent calls us to open our hearts to God's mercy and embrace the hope of new life. It is a season that invites us to surrender our burdens, trust in God's grace, and walk forward in faith.

This weekend, we are also pleased to introduce our newly designed parish newsletter. We have condensed it into a two-page format to ensure it remains clear, engaging, and easy to navigate. Our hope is that this streamlined design will help us stay connected as a parish family, allowing us to focus on our mission of faith and service. In addition, we look forward to launching a quarterly parish magazine in the future. This publication will feature inspiring stories from our schools, youth, children, families, personal faith journeys, ministry updates, teachings on Liturgy and Sacraments, historical insights into our parish, etc.

As we approach the final weeks of Lent, the Word of God calls us to embrace His promise of renewal. This Sunday's readings remind us that God is always doing something new in our lives—leading us away from the past and into a future filled with His grace and mercy.

In Isaiah 43:16-21, the Lord declares, "See, I am doing a new thing!" He reassures us that even in the wilderness of our struggles, He is making a way forward. Psalm 125 reminds us that those who trust in the Lord are like Mount Zion—unshaken and secure. This is an invitation to deepen our faith, knowing that God's love surrounds us always. In Philippians 3:8-14, St. Paul urges us to let go of what is behind and press on toward Christ. Lent is our opportunity to release all that holds us back and strive for a life rooted in Him.

The Gospel presents the powerful story of the woman brought before Jesus. Instead of condemnation, He offers mercy, teaching us to do the same.

May this Lent draw us closer to Christ's love and renewal.

Blessings,

Fr. Thomas



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 5th Sunday of Lent

1st Reading: Isaiah 43:16-21. Psalm. 125. 2nd Reading. Philippians 3:8-14. Gospel: John: 8:1-11

Parish News

WE REMEMBER Mel McKay and Mark Tiainen. May they rest in the peace of Christ.

WE REJOICE with the Hjelmstrand & Kaewkham and Quinn and Tibby-Duncan families as they celebrate the baptism of Ella and Nina in the parish this weekend.

CHILDREN'S LITURGY OF THE WORD will be held today at the 9am mass in the Parish Centre

COUNTERS Robyn's team.

COFFEE AND CHAT will be held this Monday commencing 10:00am at Brizstar Café, Mt Gravatt Plaza. All are welcome, just turn up.

SACRAMENTAL PROGRAM – 1ST EUCHARIST Registration will close this Monday, April 7th. Children in Gr 4 and above who have received the sacrament of Confirmation are invited to enrol for 1st Communion.

2ND RITE OF RECONCILIATION will be held this Monday, April 7th commencing 6:30pm at St Agnes' Church.

ST VINCENT DE PAUL MEETING Tuesday, April 8th commencing 3:30pm. with a cuppa. Followed by meeting commencing 4:00pm.

YOUTH MEETING – Sunday, April 12th following the 6:00pm mass at St Agnes'.

HOLY THURSDAY CLOTHING COLLECTION Baskets are available in the churches for you place donations for our Holy Thursday collection in support of Emmanuel Mission.

WEEKLY READINGS if you would like the Readings of the Day for Sunday printed please let me know. They will also be included in the weekly newsletter email.

Congratulations to the children who have celebrated the Sacrament of reconciliation on 22.03.2025



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

Weekday Masses

Date	Day	Time	Location
April 7	Mon	8:00am	St Joachim's
April 9	Wed	6:00pm	St Agnes'
April 10	Thurs	9:00am	St Agnes'
April 11	Fri	9:00am	St Joachim's

Weekend Masses

April 12	Sat	5:00pm	St Agnes
April 13	Sun	7:30am	St Joachim's
April 13	Sun	9.00am	St Agnes
April 13	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

Monday, 7 th	Coffee and Chat	
	2 nd Rite Reconciliation	6.30pm
Tuesday 8 th	St Vincent de Paul	3.30pm
	Lenten Reflection	7:00pm
Sunday 13 th	Youth Meeting	7:00pm

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.