



Holland Park Mount Gravatt Parish

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The Ascension of the Lord

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May 31st/June 1st, 2025

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OUTSIDE HOURS SCHOOL CARE

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07 3367 6300

SAFEGUARDING REPRESENTATIVE

Dot Lomax: 0474 297 201

(Safeguarding purposes only)

God's power

Luke is the only Gospel writer to give a forty-day time frame for the events of Easter, followed by Jesus' return to his Father, followed ten days later by the gift of the Spirit. This time frame may well be governed by the Jewish liturgical calendar where the Feast of Pentecost or 'First Fruits' occurs fifty days after Passover (Easter). The Ascension celebrates an experience of the early Christian communities. There was a time when they knew Jesus of Nazareth. He lived among them and they were attracted by his vision of God's reign. Then, following his death, there were brief moments of his presence. But there came a time when even these Risen appearances finished. The time of the Jesus bound by human history has come to an end.

And yet, when they gathered to share their memories and to celebrate the Lord's Supper, they knew that he was still a presence in their midst. In fact, in the absence of Jesus of Nazareth, they had a new certainty of faith and enthusiasm for spreading the Gospel message. This empowering and enlivening presence they called the Spirit, drawing on the words of their Jewish Scriptures that described the power of God's Spirit in people's lives. The Greek word for the power of the Spirit is *dunamis*, from where we get words such as 'dynamic' and *dynamite*'.

With the new experience of the Spirit as a power and presence in their lives, Jesus' return to his Father is not a cause of grief but one of joy for now people of all times can share the experience of those first disciples.

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Gospel Focus – A message for all people

One of the defining features of the Gospel of Luke is the fact that the message preached and practised by Jesus made salvation available to all people. At times in the gospel some of the Jewish audience became quite angry at Jesus because he said that pagans and gentiles were also included in the salvation he promised – something they regarded as exclusive to the 'chosen' people. The two accounts of the Ascension make very clear that the message and ministry of Jesus are to be carried to all nations – even to the ends of the earth!

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Parish News

WE REMEMBER Maria Tabulo. May she rest in the peace of Christ.

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

COUNTERS Robyn's team.

COFFEE AND CHAT will be held this Monday, June 2nd commencing 10:00am at Brizstar Café, Mt Gravatt Plaza. Everyone is welcome, just turn up and enjoy the fellowship of other parishioners.

ST VINCENT DE PAUL MEETING will be held this Tuesday, June 3rd commencing at 3:30pm for a cuppa, followed by meeting at 4:00pm.

ADORATION AND EXPOSITION OF THE BLESSED SACRAMENT will be held this Wednesday following the 6:00pm Mass.

BAPTISM PREPARATION will be held on Wednesday, June 4th commencing 7:00pm in the Parish Centre.

MASS OF ANOINTING WITH HOSPITALITY The mass on Friday, June 6th will include an Anointing of the Sick. Mass will be followed by morning tea.

MONTHLY YOUTH MASS AND MEETING will be held on Sunday June 8th commencing 6:00pm at St Agnes Church. The mass will be followed by hospitality and a meeting. All young members of our parish are invited and encouraged to come along and check it out.

LOCAL SAFEGUARDING OFFICER We wish to advise Parishioners that Lyn Russo has taken on the role of Local Safeguarding Officer and she will be working from the Parish Office, generally on a Monday afternoon. It will be Lyn who will be liaising with volunteers in future with regards to renewal and training requirements, updates from the Office of Safeguarding or Archdiocesan offices or other issues dealing with safeguarding. Lyn's email address is lsr.hpmg@bne.catholic.net.au; if you receive an email from this address it is not Spam. There may also be times when Lyn will contact you phone.

Assistance Needed in Eucharistic Ministry

[Esida Nursing Home, Mt Gravatt East]

Would you have an hour or two to spare on a **Thursday morning**?

We are looking for volunteers to assist a pastoral worker in bringing **Holy Communion** to some **15 catholic residents** at Esida Nursing Home.

This is a beautiful opportunity to share Christ's love with those who are unable to attend Mass. **Training will be provided**.

We would love to hear from you if this is something you could help us with. For more information please contact the **Parish Office**

Ph: 3349 2280 Em: hpmg@bne.catholic.net.au

"I was sick and you visited me..." – Matthew 25:36



ST VINCENT DE PAUL ANNUAL WINTER APPEAL will be held in the Parish on the weekend of June 7th/8th. There's no one face of homelessness with people of all ages and backgrounds susceptible to going from stability to precarity in a short span of time. Homelessness could affect a neighbour, a colleague, a relative – it's never a choice, but sometimes it's the only option. The unrelenting cost-of-living crisis, the ongoing rental affordability crisis and shortage of affordable housing, is putting the future of more vulnerable Queenslanders at risk. For people at risk of or experiencing homelessness, the impacts can be long-lasting and insidious. Homelessness can affect health and mental well-being, impacting schooling and employment opportunities throughout people's lifetime. Through the generosity of our Donors, Vinnies were able to help Abigail and Isabella, two sisters who have never known a stable, safe and loving home. Funds raised through the Vinnies QLD Winter Appeal will directly support our core programs, providing vital assistance to people experiencing or at risk of homelessness, poverty, and cost-of-living pressures. Your continued support is vital. All funds raised in this Parish are used locally by our local St Joachim's St Agnes' Conference.

CORPUS CHRISTI PROCESSION, led by Archbishop Mark Coleridge, will be held at 2pm on Sunday, June 22 starting and ending from the Cathedral of St Stephen. Brochures with full details are available in the churches.

Date	Day	Time	Location
May 26	Mon	8:00am	St Joachim's
May 28	Wed	6:00pm	St Agnes'
May 29	Thurs	9:00am	St Agnes
May 30	Fri	9:00am	St Joachim's
Weekend Masses			
May 30	Sat	5:00pm	St Joachim's
June 1	Sun	7:30am	St Joachim's
June 1	Sun	9.00am	St Agnes
June 1	Sun	6:00pm	St Agnes

SACRAMENTS AND SPECIAL LITURGIES

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

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

ADORATION - First Wednesday 5:30pm at St Agnes'

BAPTISM, WEDDINGS, AND FUNERALS
by appointment

BAPTISM PREPARATION SESSION
1st Wednesday of the month

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

1st Sun CLOW 9.00am

3rd Tues St Vincent de Paul Meeting 3:30pm

4th Wed Baptism Preparation 7:00pm

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



"The Ascension of the Lord is not his separation or removal from us, but rather the fulfilment of his mission. Jesus first descended to us, so that we might ascend to the Father. He came down to us in order to raise us on high".

Pope Francis