



Holland Park Mount Gravatt Parish

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The Most Holy Body and Blood of Christ

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June 21st/22nd, 2025

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St Joachim's & St Agnes' parish

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07 3367 6300

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(Safeguarding purposes only)

In the mid 1980s in churches in Paris I saw for the first time reconciliation rooms that had ceiling to floor glass. The priest sat at a candle-lit table and the penitent knelt behind the priest or sat with him at the table. Restoring the public dimension to the Sacrament increased its power and witness.

Last year in our community we renovated our chapel. One of several things we did was put glass doors on the tabernacle, install a diffused light inside and reserve the chalice.

The overall effect was startling. For the first time in my life I could see at all times the elements toward which I direct my devotion.

The reaction of others was interesting too. One person protested that 'you can see the Blessed Sacrament and the chalice looks ready to drink', another felt that 'the wafers we reserved should not be broken, but be one complete host' and still a third objected that it 'looks like real food'.

These were curious reactions given what we celebrate today, the feast of Corpus Christi. The devotion we as Catholics have to Christ's presence in the Eucharist is precisely caught up in the meal he left us. Therefore it is right that the food we share and venerate should be on display, should look inviting and be broken, for this is what Jesus did at his final supper and what he offers us as gifts – himself, broken and poured out in love.

Each time I pray in front of our new tabernacle I have been struck by the power of these elements as the definitive symbol of Jesus' presence in our world. Not only in grand cathedrals or libraries of words does God visit us. Not only in prophets' speeches or laws set in stone. But in simple gifts of broken bread and poured wine. And at these times I recall that the action of being broken and poured out is the core of what we believe: our God poured himself out in love for us in Christ; Jesus was broken unto death for us so that we might be made whole; the Spirit gives us strength and courage to face the daily breakings and pourings that make up our lives and every time anyone, anywhere shares bread or passes a cup with those in need, our God is really present.

Praying there also reminds me that following the Trinity's example, this pattern is repeated in all faithful Christian lives too. The martyrs, the saints and all of those we know who have gone before us, having led lives of selfless devotion, continue to embody the Body and Blood of Christ we venerate.

And so to us. When we come forward, when we say 'Amen' and receive into our hands the Bread of Life and the Cup of Salvation we too take on to ourselves the invitation to become what we receive: a body broken in love, blood poured out in hope that the world may be saved from itself and find life to the full in Christ.

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Welcome to Our New Archbishop



Welcome, Archbishop Shane!

We joyfully welcome Archbishop-elect Shane Mackinlay as the new Archbishop of Brisbane. Appointed by Pope Francis, Archbishop-elect Mackinlay brings with him a wealth of experience as a theologian, pastor, and educator. His leadership in the Diocese of Sandhurst and his service in national and international Church roles prepare him well for this new mission. We are grateful to Archbishop Mark Coleridge for his dedicated years of service and leadership. As we prepare for the installation on 11 September 2025, let us keep Archbishop-elect Shane in our prayers, entrusting his ministry to the guidance of the Holy Spirit.

The Holland Park Mt Gravatt Catholic Parish acknowledge the Jagera people, the traditional Owners who have walked upon and cared for this land for thousands of years. We acknowledge the continued deep spiritual attachment and relationship of Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander peoples to this country and commit ourselves to the ongoing journey of reconciliation.

Parish News

WE REMEMBER Brian Besgrove and Fr Ron Mollison. May they rest in the peace of Christ.

CONGRATULATIONS The Sacramental Program for First Communion has now been completed and culminates with the children being welcomed at the Table of the Lord. Thanks is extended to children and their families for their commitment to the program. Congratulations to the following children who have received communion for the first time this weekend.

Harry Easman, Alastair Knight, Sienna Stewart, Darcy McCoola, Quinn Passi, Rueben Rogers, Alice Davis, Sahan Mendis, Riccardo Foti, Laura Zlatkovich, Kieran Banako, Elizabeth Sendrea-Vallee, Archie Carter, Grayson de Gier, Toren Lankowski, Josephine Bau, Éile Bowden, Grace Sutton, Frankie Tormey, Isla Kopeshke, Rory Dooley, Lily Todd, Pippa Harris, Lauren Clothier, Eloise Busuttin, Saoirse Cannon, Patrick Treloar, Isabel Rigby, Illyana Slattery and Emily Turner.

COUNTERS Alison's team.

SACRAMENT OF CONFIRMATION

Preparation for the Sacrament of Confirmation will begin in July this year.

Enrolments now **OPEN** and close **Monday 30th June**.

Families with children in year 3 should have already received an invitation to the program via school.

This program is open to all baptised children in year three (3) and above.

If you would like to receive a copy of the invitation and details of how to enrol please email Mary at sacpr.hpmg@bne.catholic.net.au



MANDATORY TRAINING FOR VOLUNTEERS WHO HOLD BLUE CARDS AND/OR POLICE CHECKS

To support those listed on the Safeguarding Training Matrix in completing their required ArcheLearn training, the Archdiocese HR and Training Team will be hosting Volunteer Training Webinars. If you are not currently up to date with your required training, we strongly encourage you to undertake one of these sessions. For those who are unable to access the webinars from home and would still like to participate, we are hosting the webinar on **Monday, 23rd June session (11:30am – 1:30pm) at the Parish Centre**. If you wish to attend this Parish Centre session, please notify the **Parish Office** so we can coordinate arrangements with HR accordingly.

VOLUNTEERING FOR CHILDREN'S LITURGY OF THE WORD CLOW is held on the 1st and 3rd Sundays of the month in conjunction with the 9:00am mass at St Agnes' Church. We have a dedicated team however we would like to see more people join. No prior experience required, just enthusiasm to nurture and help grow children's faith. If you are interested please contact Mary sacpr.hpmg@bne.catholic.net.au or phone the Parish Office, 3349 2280.

ST AGNES CHURCH CARPARK There will changes to the carpark at St Agnes over the next few weeks with the area around the old presbytery closed from next Thursday to allow for the safe removal of the asbestos and demolition of the building.

MARIAN VALLEY PILGRIMAGE REFLECTION - I made my way to St Agnes' where the bus was to leave at 8 AM. The heavy sky supported the forecast of a rainy day. We would reach our destination after 90 minutes. Clouds there were, but only a few sprinkles as we journeyed. What a delight it was that on arrival umbrellas stayed deep in bags, and also all the time we were based at the Centre; blue skies often appeared. The setting, facilities and programme made for 5 hours of an experience that could not have been predicted nor improved. The return trip was to a very soggy St Agnes' where umbrellas were essential. We had been spared the drenching day of the city ... miracles *do* happen! A wonderful outcome of this event was the chance for twinned parishioners to mingle at picnic time. For myself it was so valuable to get to know a little about a family from Timor-Leste and another parishioner whose original country was Columbia. The whole trip produced such lovely benefits for everyone in "this lucky country" *Margaret Tiainen*

Weekday Masses

Date	Day	Time	Location
June 23	Mon	8:00am	St Joachim's
June 25	Wed	6:00pm	St Agnes'
June 26	Thurs	9:00am	St Agnes
June 27	Fri	9:00am	St Joachim's

Weekend Masses

June 28	Sat	5:00pm	St Joachim's
June 29	Sun	7:30am	St Joachim's
June 29	Sun	9:00am	St Agnes
June 29	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

The Rosary – Every Wednesday
5:30pm at St Agnes' Church

ADORATION - First Wednesday
6:0pm 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

New to the parish
Register via Flocknote
by scanning the QR
code.



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Safeguarding Commitment

We have **zero tolerance** for all forms of abuse and are committed to safeguarding everyone involved in our activities, ministries and services.

The safety and wellbeing of children and adults-at-risk is paramount.