



## 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

16<sup>th</sup> Sunday in Ordinary Time

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July 19<sup>th</sup>/20<sup>th</sup> 2025

### PARISH PRIEST

Fr Thomas Varkey

### PARISH SECRETARY

Dot Lomax

### SACRAMENTAL COORDINATOR

Mary Ginty

### MUSIC COORDINATOR

Yolanda Apelt

### LITURGY COORDINATOR

Sr. Helen Dyson

### PARISH FINANCE CHAIR

Ron Pugh

### PARISH OFFICE HOURS

Monday – Friday

8:30am – 4:00pm

### PARISH DETAILS

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### WEBSITES

www.hollandparkmtgravatt

catholicparish.com.au

### FACEBOOK

St Joachim's & St Agnes' parish

### PARISH SCHOOLS

St Agnes': 07 3349 5130

St Joachim's: 07 3397 9087

### ST. VINCENT DE PAUL WELFARE

1800 846 643

### OUTSIDE HOURS SCHOOL CARE

St. Agnes & St. Joachim

07 3367 6300

### SAFEGUARDING REPRESENTATIVE

Lyn Russo: 0474 297 201

(Safeguarding purposes only)

### ***Martha took up the duties in the house. Mary chose the better part.***

Today we see the people of God offering the hospitality rather than receiving it, first Abraham and then Martha. What lessons of discipleship can be learned from these readings?

First and foremost we see how important openness is, for in each case those to whom the hospitality was offered were divine visitors in human form. We can never be sure under what guise God will come to us. It could be the person on the street who asks for directions, or the one who comes to our place of work to engage the service that we provide. It may be the friend who comes to dinner or the co-worker who acts in a way we did not expect. God comes into our lives in unexpected ways and we must have an open attitude of hospitality if we are to receive the blessings that might come with such visits.

We know that we cannot lay aside the responsibilities of our lives in order to sit with Mary at the feet of Jesus. However, we cannot allow ourselves to be held captive by these responsibilities, regardless of how legitimate they may be. And so we continue to struggle; to carry the burdens that are ours for the sake of the people that we serve; to serve the people in our care realising that we will probably not be able to accomplish all of our tasks or at least as well as we would like. It is in this way that the reign of God struggles to be born.

Dianne Bergant CSA

### **Have you thought? – Action vs Reflection**

This gospel is sometimes portrayed as a dichotomy between action and reflection. Many within the Christian tradition adopt the Martha approach of responding to Christ through service and action while others see Mary sitting at the feet of Jesus as a model for contemplation and reflection. The two different models have developed quite distinctly in the history of the Church and it must be said that the Martha approach of service and action has been in the ascendance for some time. However, action that is not grounded in prayerful reflection runs the risk of becoming well-intentioned busy-ness.

Greg Sunter

**Parish News**

**WE REMEMBER** Denise Roberts. May she rest in the peace of Christ.

**WE REJOICE** with the Townson and Hallinan and Bernay families family as they celebrate the baptism of Joseph and Sophia in the parish this weekend.

**CONGRATULATIONS** to Adela and Charlie Schlegel who have received communion for the first time this weekend.

**CHILDREN'S LITURGY OF THE WORD** will be held this weekend in conjunction with the 9:00am mass at St Agnes' Church. All parents are welcome to attend. Children under 5 must be accompanied by an adult.

**COUNTERS** Maureen's team.

**HOSPITALITY AT ST JOACHIM'S** There will be hospitality after 7:30am mass at St Joachim's next weekend.

**SACRAMENTAL PROGRAM – CONFIRMATION ENROLMENT MASS**

Enrolment Masses are being held on the 26/27th of July for children already enrolled in this year's Confirmation preparation program.

Children are required to attend ONE of the following masses:

Saturday 26 July 5pm at St Joachim's

Sunday 27 July 7.30am at St Joachim's

Sunday 27 July 9am at St Agnes'

Sunday 27 July 6pm at St Agnes'.

Children will be receiving their Orange Workbook at the enrolment mass and are asked to return the Pray for Me Card.

**BE THE HANDS OF CHRIST: VISIT THE SICK IN HOSPITAL**

Join Centacare's hospital pastoral carers' community and share Christ's love through this powerful Ministry of Presence. We are looking for compassionate individuals to visit Catholic patients in hospital, offering prayer, a kind word, and giving your undivided attention to another person in difficult times, which is *the purest form of generosity (Simone Weil)*. **Training and support and ongoing formation provided.** Available placements at The Prince Charles, RBWH and The Wesley. To find out more please contact Centacare Director of Pastoral Ministries, 33243193; Email: [judy.norris@bne.centacare.net.au](mailto:judy.norris@bne.centacare.net.au) *Working with Children and a police check required along with Archdiocesan Safeguarding and Mandatory Training requirements.*

**CLAIRVAUX MACKILLOP COLLEGE TOURS** The 2025 tours will be held Friday, July 25<sup>th</sup> and Thursday, August 28<sup>th</sup> from 9:00am – 10:30am. Please register online at [www.cvxmck.edu.au](http://www.cvxmck.edu.au).

**Is India on your Bucket List?**

Seeking Expressions of Interest

- Go to India with Fr Joson
- Delhi, Agra, Jaipur(North)
- Kerala (South)
- Departing 19 Sep 2026
- 14 days
- Cost: \$6-\$6.5K (Approx)

Contact Parish Office for more information

All Saints Parish, Albany Creek  
Phone: 3267 4840  
Email: [albanyck@bne.catholic.net.au](mailto:albanyck@bne.catholic.net.au)

**Weekday Masses**

Date	Day	Time	Location
July 21	Mon	8:00am	St Joachim's
July 23	Wed	6:00pm	St Agnes'
July 24	Thurs	9:00am	St Agnes'
July 25	Fri	9:00am	St Joachim's

**Weekend Masses**

July 26	Sat	5:00pm	St Joachim's
July 27	Sun	7:30am	St Joachim's
July 27	Sun	9:00am	St Agnes
Jul 27	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**  
1<sup>st</sup> 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.

**Readings for 17<sup>th</sup> Sunday in Ordinary Time**

**1<sup>st</sup> Reading: Genesis 18:20-32   Psalm: 137   2<sup>nd</sup> Reading: Colossians 2:12-14   Gospel: Luke 11:1-13**

**ST JOACHIM'S MEALS ON WHEELS** is rostered for this Tuesday, July 15<sup>th</sup>.

**ST VINCENT DE PAUL SOCIETY** will be held on Tuesday, July 15<sup>th</sup> commencing 4:00pm in the Parish Centre.