



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

16th Sunday in Ordinary Time

Year C

July 19th/20th 2025

PARISH PRIEST

Fr Thomas Varkey

PARISH SECRETARY

Dot Lomax

SACRAMENTAL COORDINATOR

Mary Ginty

MUSIC COORDINATOR

Yolanda Apelt

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Monday–Friday

8:30am – 4:00pm

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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

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(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

Readings for 17th Sunday in Ordinary Time

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

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 of 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, RWH and The Wesley. To find out more please contact Centacare Director of Pastoral Ministries, 33243193; Email: 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 25th and Thursday, August 28th from 9:00am – 10:30am. Please register online at www.cvxmck.edu.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 6:00pm at St Agnes'
BAPTISM, WEDDINGS, AND FUNERALS
by appointment
BAPTISM PREPARATION SESSION
1 st 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.

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ST JOACHIM'S MEALS ON WHEELS is rostered for this Tuesday, July 15th.

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