



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

17th Sunday in Ordinary Time

Year C

July 26/27th 2025

PARISH PRIEST

Fr Thomas Varkey

PARISH SECRETARY

Dot Lomax

SACRAMENTAL COORDINATOR

Mary Ginty

MUSIC COORDINATOR

Yolanda Apelt

LITURGY COORDINATOR

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Ron Pugh

PARISH OFFICE HOURS

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

Lyn Russo: 0474 297 201

(Safeguarding purposes only)

Feast of St. Joachim – Our Patron and Model of Faith

Dear Parishioners,

As we joyfully celebrate the Feast of St. Joachim this Saturday the beloved patron of our parish, along with St. Agnes—we give thanks for his example and intercession in our lives. St. Joachim holds a special place in the spiritual journey of our community, and we are especially proud of our St. Joachim School and all who form part of its vibrant legacy.

We offer our heartfelt prayers of gratitude for all who have served this community over the years: priests, religious, teachers, staff, and parishioners. Your dedication has helped shape our parish and school into places of welcome, faith, and learning.

Though little is written about St. Joachim in Scripture, tradition presents him as a man of deep prayer, steadfast trust in God, and unwavering love for his family. His quiet faithfulness and humble devotion remind us that God's grace often works through the ordinary rhythms of family life and personal sacrifice.

As we honour our patron, we are invited to reflect on our own call to be people of hope and faith especially within our homes, schools, families, and parish community. May St. Joachim inspire us to live our vocation with renewed dedication, to nurture the next generation with care and love, and to trust in God's promises even when the path is uncertain.

Let us pray for our parish and school family, that like St. Joachim, we may walk faithfully with God rooted in prayer and alive in hope.

Fr. Thomas

Let us pray:

Loving God,

On this feast of St. Joachim,
we honour the quiet strength of a faithful father,
the wisdom of a devoted grandfather,
and the grace of one chosen to prepare the way for Your Son.

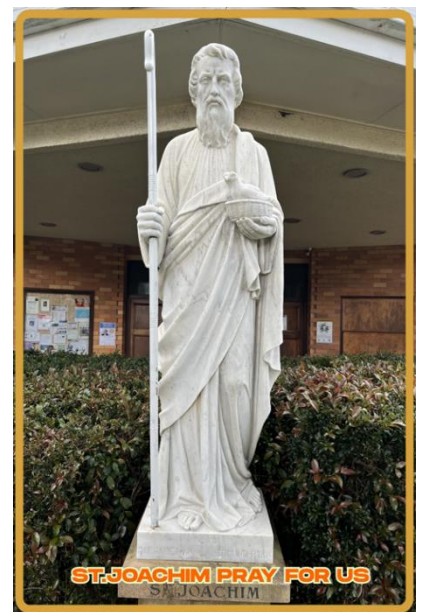
St. Joachim, patron of our parish,
you trusted in God's plan through silence and waiting.
Teach us to be patient in prayer,
steadfast in hope, and generous in love.

With St. Agnes, your companion in our parish mission,
intercede for our families, our children, and our elders.
May our community reflect the holiness of your home,
and grow in unity, peace, and service.

We ask this through Christ our Lord.

Amen.

St. Joachim, pray for us!



Parish News

WE REJOICE with the Murphy families family as they celebrate the baptism of Ryan and Colin in the parish this weekend and in welcoming Croia to our community after being baptised in Ireland last year.

COUNTERS Elisabeth 's team.

ST VINCENT DE PAUL SOCIETY MEETING will be held on Tuesday, July 29th commencing 3:30pm with a cuppa followed by meeting at 4:00pm.

ST AGNES' MEALS ON WHEELS team is rostered on for this Thursday, July 31st. Please advise MOW if you are unable to attend on 3397 9150.

MASS OF ANOINTING WITH HOSPITALITY The mass on Friday, August 1st will include an anointing of the sick. This will be followed by morning tea.

ALTAR SERVING TRAINING For children who have already received their First Holy Communion and are interested in becoming Altar Servers, training will be held on **Thursday, 1 August at 3:30 PM at St Agnes' Church**. The training will be led by **Mrs Lesley van Trier and Fr Thomas**. Afternoon tea will be provided.

CLOW Children's Liturgy of the Word will be held **Sunday 3rd August**. The liturgy takes place during the 9am Mass for about 15mins. Children are invited to listen to the Gospel in a way that is meaningful for them. All children invited to attend. Parents are welcome to accompany their child.

COFFEE AND CHAT will be held on Monday, August 4th commencing 10:00am at Brizstar Café, Mt Gravatt Plaza. Join other parishioners for morning tea and fellowship, everyone is welcome.

PREPARATION FOR THE SACRAMENT OF CONFIRMATION The Family Sessions for the children already enrolled and preparing for the Sacrament of Confirmation are on: Thursday 7 August at Agnes' Church from 6.00pm to 7.30pm **OR** Saturday 9 August St Joachim's Church from 2.00pm to 3.30pm. **Children to attend either of the sessions accompanied by a parent or guardian.**

SYNOD24 – IMPLEMENTATION Recommendations will soon be available from the Synod processes now underway in the church. All the Parishes of our Archdiocese in Brisbane will be looking at how to implement suitable initiatives in their own contexts. On August 16th there is a meeting at St Bernard's Aspinall Centre commencing 9:30am which we are looking for 2 people to attend with Roen and Vera Robinson. If you would be interested in finding out more about the Synod we would like to hear from you. Please speak to Fr Thomas or contact the Parish Office.

DATE CLAIMERS:

Annual Pet Mass, September 6 at 5:00pm mass at St Joachim's
Multicultural Mass, October 26th at 9am mass at St Agnes' followed by hospitality and entertainment in St Agnes' hall
Mass of Remembrance, Saturday, November 8th at 10:00am at St Agnes.

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: albanys@bne.catholic.net.au

Brochure with full program is available in the churches this weekend.

Weekday Masses

Date	Day	Time	Location
July 28	Mon	8:00am	St Joachim's
July 30	Wed	6:00pm	St Agnes'
July 31	Thurs	9:00am	St Agnes'
Aug 1	Fri	9:00am	St Joachim's

Weekend Masses

Aug 2	Sat	5:00pm	St Joachim's
Aug 3	Sun	7:30am	St Joachim's
Aug 3	Sun	9.00am	St Agnes
Aug 3	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 Meeting 5pm and Youth Mass 6pm on
2nd Sunday of the month 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

29nd Tues St Vincent de Paul Meeting 3:30pm

3rd Sun Children's Liturgy of the Word 9am

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.