



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

20th Sunday in Ordinary Time

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August 16th/17th 2025

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Fr Thomas Varkey

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Dot Lomax

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Monday – Friday

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FACEBOOK

St Joachim's & St Agnes' parish

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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)

God's fire purifies our hearts

Brothers and Sisters in Jesus Christ, what do we expect Jesus to bring into our lives? While we may list many things, we surely hope that our Saviour will bring peace and blessings to every one of us as His disciples and to the world.

We believe that our God is Emmanuel, God with us, and that He is almighty and His love everlasting. We believe that He creates us according to His image and likeness; and that He calls each to grow as a person of faith and into the fullness of our humanity.

Alas, what we see happening in our world today are wars, suffering, ongoing violence, increased injustice, inhumane conditions, and destruction of the environment.

In this week's gospel Jesus' teaching seems not to meet our expectations of peace and joy.

Indeed, Jesus' words are rather startling. We hear Jesus say, "I have come to bring fire to the earth. . . Do you think that I have come to bring peace to the earth? No, I tell you, but rather division!" It sounds harsh and it unsettles us. Certainly, we know that Jesus himself experienced antagonism, rejection and a violent death.

The fire that Jesus sets on the earth is a purifying fire. It may indeed cause pain and suffering, as it did for Jesus. We are called to live our faith in Jesus Christ, allowing His life to penetrate ours as we continue to witness the gospel, despite whatever difficulties confront us. But Jesus would have us clearly realise that our commitment as His followers will sometimes meet with tension, disagreement, antagonism and even violence. We are to persevere nonetheless, and to hold true and firm to our faith in Jesus and the defence of His teachings.

Jesus continues, "There is a baptism I must receive and great is my distress till it is over." Jesus, having become one like us in all things but sin, knows our human condition very deeply. For love of us and for our salvation, Jesus bore the cross on His shoulders and carried it to His crucifixion, so that we may receive and celebrate new life through His resurrection.

The peace that Jesus wants to share with us is the peace of love coming from God, not like the peace the world offers. It is a peace the world cannot give.

The fire the Lord has brought into the world is the fire that cleanses and purifies us, enabling us to move forward courageously and without fear to share God's love and peace, despite whatever opposition we may encounter.

Jesus brings the Good News that God is always with us. Saint Paul encourages us, "Let us not lose sight of Jesus, who leads us in our faith." So, stay firm in our faith and remain united with the Lord, because hope in the Lord never disappoints us.

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Parish News

WE REMEMBER Anne Ascoli, Anita Valentini, Andree Cacciuttolo, Kenneth Sen Siar Tan, Daphne Stewart and Doug Hansen. May they rest in the peace of Christ.

WE REJOICE with the Rawson family as they celebrate the baptism Marlo in the parish this weekend.

COUNTERS Maureen's team.

FUNERAL MASS OF ANITA VALENTINI will be held at St Agnes' Church on Monday, August 18th commencing 11:00am. The Rosary will be recited from 10:00am.

MEALS ON WHEELS The St Joachim's team is rostered on this Tuesday, Aug 18th.

FAMILIES AND CHILDREN'S MASS will be held next weekend, August 24th in conjunction with the 9:00am mass at St Agnes' Church. Children will be leading parts of the mas. We encourage families to support this initiative.

SEASON OF CREATION Calling for your photo's /artwork...



The Season of Creation is a special time dedicated to deepening our relationships with Creation and our Creator.

This the **FINAL** Call for photographs, artwork, or any creative works. Email to sacpr.hpmg@bne.catholic.net.au. We would like to use your photo's/artwork in the celebration of mass.

CELEBRATE THE SEASON OF CREATION WITH YOUR PET



The 5:00pm Mass on Saturday, September 6th will include a blessing of your family pet. It will be an outdoor celebration (approved by the Archbishop) in the car park next to St Joachim's Church. This mass is a whole parish celebration, and we encourage you to bring your pets with you for a blessing.

Please bring a fold-up chair or a blanket to sit on.

"God made all the creatures and gave them our love and our fear – to give



Multicultural Mass

October 26th 9:00am St Agnes' Church

Hospitality and entertainment

will follow mass in St Agnes' hall.

This will be the only mass on the day.

We are looking for people to join a working group to plan and coordinate the hospitality and cultural events on the day. Fr Thomas invites anyone interested to a meeting on Sunday, August 24th at 10:00am in the Parish Centre (following the 9:00am Mass).



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Be blessed and bless others with your gift

The Annual Catholic Campaign asks us to make a sacrifice to support the works of the Church in our local community. Your gift will help lift the burden from the shoulders of those in dire need, and is a way of ensuring that as many as possible can come to the feast of the Kingdom which God has prepared for all.



2025 ANNUAL CATHOLIC CAMPAIGN
Our Church • Our Mission • Our Community

Next weekend, our parish will support the Annual Catholic Campaign. Funds raised will support ministries that directly impact this parish. The Campaign supports training future priests, caring for our elderly and retired priests, giving local families in dire need access to a Catholic education and caring for those suffering physically and emotionally in our community. Envelopes will be available to you next weekend.

Weekday Masses

Date	Day	Time	Location
Aug 18	Mon	8:00am	St Joachim's
Aug 20	Wed	6:00pm	St Agnes'
Aug 21	Thurs	9:00am	St Agnes'
Aug 22	Fri	9:00am	St Joachim's

Weekend Masses

Aug 23	Sat	5:00pm	St Joachim's
Aug 24	Sun	7:30am	St Joachim's
Aug 24	Sun	9:00am	St Agnes
Aug 24	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 Ages' Church

ADORATION - First Wednesday
6:00pm 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

24th Sunday Multicultural Celebrations
Meeting 10:00am

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.