



Holland Park Mount Gravatt Parish

† St. Joachim's Church, 41 Yuletide Street, Holland Park West † St. Agnes' Church, 1227 Logan Road, Mt Gravatt
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22nd Sunday in Ordinary Time

Year C

August 30th/31st 2025

PARISH PRIEST

Fr Thomas Varkey

PARISH SECRETARY

Dot Lomax

SACRAMENTAL COORDINATOR

Mary Ginty

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Monday – Friday

8:30am – 4:00pm

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St Joachim's & St Agnes' parish

PARISH SCHOOLS

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1800 846 643

OUTSIDE HOURS SCHOOL CARE

St. Agnes & St. Joachim
07 3367 6300

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Those who exalt themselves will be humbled

Jesus uses the setting of a meal to tell the guests a parable. He uses the simple example of going to a wedding and taking a seat up with the important guests, only to be publicly embarrassed by having to be asked to move to a table with the “also rans”. Wouldn't it be better to sit with ordinary folk and then perhaps to have the honourable experience of being invited up to a seat of importance?

This is not just a piece of wise social courtesy. It is called a parable, which means this small story has something to say about the values of God's reign – the *kin-dom*. If right now you only associate with the rich and powerful imagine your shame in the time of *basileia* when you are shown up to be among the “least”. The values of God's *kin-dom* are so different to the values of this world that if you want to be on the “top-table” in God's perspective, then you had better spend time now with the apparently worthless ones, the poor, the lame, the outsiders – the one who can give you no prestige in the eyes of this world.

The parable concludes by raising the question what reward do you want: the reward of this world or the blessings of God? If this world is all you are concerned with then offer hospitality to those who can repay you now. But if you want to enjoy the hospitality of God, associate with those closest to God's heart.

Mary Cole PBVM

Social Justice Sunday - Signs of Hope on the Edge

One of the late Pope Francis's favourite phrases was “the culture of encounter”, which is illustrated perfectly in today's readings. We are called to be attentive to those around us, especially those who suffer in any way. God has always been the friend and champion of those on the edges of society, and our challenge as Christians is to do likewise, no matter our discomfort or fear. In fact, the humble solidarity of Jesus and his followers is the how the gospel comes alive in our time.

On this Social Justice Sunday, we are encouraged to be pilgrims who find hope on the edges of society. Let us really encounter and listen to those who are living with homelessness and mental ill-health. As Pope Francis said in a homily on the 23rd of September, 2016, it is “not just seeing, but looking; not just hearing, but listening; not just passing people by, but stopping with them; not just saying ‘what a shame, poor people!', but allowing yourself to be moved with compassion; “and then to draw near, to touch and to say: ‘Do not weep' and to give at least a drop of life”.

This is not only a personal call, but a challenge to society. The vision in Hebrews spurs us to urgent action to support and counteract homelessness and mental ill-health right now. We can be better and it is our responsibility as Christians to create a world of greater dignity and equality. The Social Justice Statement concludes: “Together with our homeless sisters and brothers, we are all pilgrims of hope. We are on a journey together towards the day when we will all live in happiness in the Father's house. There will be no more suffering, no more exclusion, and no more loneliness. When we challenge the superficiality and indifference which prevails in society and seek to serve those who are homeless and mentally ill with love and respect, we offer a powerful sign of hope that this day will come.”

Taken from ACBC Liturgy Notes for Social Justice Sunday 2025

The full Social Justice Statement is available to download from:

<https://bit.ly/4IQoXLh>

Parish News

CELEBRATE THE SEASON OF CREATION WITH YOUR PET



Saturday, September 6th
St Joachim's Church
4:30pm

The Mass 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.

There will be some chairs available but if you are able to please bring a fold-up chair or a blanket to sit on.

The carpark behind the church will be open, enter off Crown Street.

WE REMEMBER Anita Valentini, Anne Ascoli, Andree Cacciuttolo, Kenneth Tan, Sr Anna Ventura, Myrna Healey and Ray McMahon. May they rest in the peace of Christ.

COUNTERS Robyn's team.

BAPTISM PREPARATION will be held this Monday night commencing 7:00pm in the Parish Centre. To book in please ring the Parish Office, 3349 2280.

WEEKDAY MASS There will be **NO** mass on Wednesday evening, September 3rd due to the celebration of the Sacrament of Confirmation.

ANOINTING OF THE SICK The mass this Friday, September 5th will include an Anointing of the Sick and will be followed by hospitality.

SACRAMENT OF RECONCILIATION There will be **NO** reconciliation offered next Saturday, September 6th.

SACRAMENT OF CONFIRMATION will be held on Wednesday evening at St Joachim's Church. There are two sessions 5:00pm and 6:30pm. Please remember in your prayers, the children and their families as they celebrate this special time. Any enquiries, please contact Mary in the Parish Office, 3349 2280.



CONGRATULATIONS TO YOLANDA on achieving 25 years of service to our Parish.



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

Last weekend our parish held an appeal for the Annual Catholic Campaign in support of the important local ministries in our Archdiocese. Thank you to everyone who responded generously to Archbishop Mark's call for support.

If you didn't get a chance to make a gift last week, there is still time. If you took the envelope home, please pop it in the mail or leave it here on your way out after Mass. You can also give online by scanning the QR code on the envelope, or going to catholiccampaign.com.au

Your tax-deductible gift will be put straight to work by funding the vital Catholic agencies in our local community.

Thank you again for your time and generosity.

Weekday Masses			
Date	Day	Time	Location
Sept 1st	Mon	8:00am	St Joachim's
Sept 4th	Thurs	9:00am	St Agnes'
Sept 5 th	Fri	9:00am	St Joachim's

Weekend Masses			
Sept 6th	Sat	4:30pm	St Joachim's
Sept 7th	Sun	7:30am	St Joachim's
Sept 7th	Sun	9.00am	St Agnes
Sept 7 th	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

ADORATION - First Wednesday 6:00pm at St Agnes'

BAPTISM, WEDDINGS, AND FUNERALS
by appointment

BAPTISM PREPARATION SESSION
1st Monday 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

1st Sept Baptism Preparation 7:00pm

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



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