



## 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

23<sup>rd</sup> Sunday in Ordinary Time

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September 6<sup>th</sup>/7<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

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### WEBSITES

[www.hollandparkmgravattcatholicparish.com.au](http://www.hollandparkmgravattcatholicparish.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)

### **Congratulations to Our Newly Confirmed!**

On Wednesday, 3rd September, 57 of our parish children received the Sacrament of Confirmation. It was a truly joyful and Spirit-filled celebration. We congratulate our young people and offer heartfelt thanks to their families for guiding and supporting them in faith.

I am especially grateful to our dedicated Sacramental Team, to St Agnes' and St Joachim's Schools for their support, and to our parishioners for their prayers. A sincere word of thanks also goes to our servers, photographer, musicians, parish staff, and all who helped make the liturgy so beautiful.

Let us also give thanks in prayer for Archbishop Mark Coleridge as he retires, and joyfully welcome Archbishop-Designate Shane Mackinlay, who will be installed as the seventh Archbishop of Brisbane on Thursday, 11th September 2025.

Fr Thomas



Dear Sisters and Brothers in Christ,

The Season of Creation is the annual Christian celebration to pray and respond together to the cry of Creation: the ecumenical family around the world unites to contemplate and care for our common home, the *Oikos* of God.

The season's "Celebration" begins September 1, the Day which several Christian denominations celebrate as a World Day of Prayer for Creation and celebrated by some as the Feast of Creation and ends October 4, the Feast of Saint Francis of Assisi, beloved by many Christian denominations.

This year we will unite around the theme "Peace with Creation" with the symbol "Garden of Peace", inspired by Isaiah 32:14-18.

Many have shared their reflections to inspire our ecumenical family in this journey forward, as Christians everywhere prepare to witness the hope and action working together with and for Creation.

As sacred Scripture teaches, the earth is the Lord's and all of us dwell in it as 'aliens and tenants' (Leviticus 25:23). If we really wish to prepare a path to peace in our world, let us commit ourselves to remedying the remote causes of injustice, settling unjust and unpayable debts, and feeding the hungry.

*His Holiness Pope Francis,  
Bishop of Rome, Roman Catholic Church*

## Readings for 24<sup>th</sup> Sunday in Ordinary Time

Reading 1: Numbers 21:4-9

Psalm: 77

Reading 2: Philippians 2:6-11

Gospel: John 3:13-17

### Parish News

**WE REMEMBER** Sr Cath Duxbury osu, Fr John Chalmers and Anita Valentini. May they rest in the peace of Christ.

**COUNTERS** Alison's team.

**ST VINCENT DE PAUL** meeting will be held on Tuesday, September 9<sup>th</sup> commencing 4:00pm in the Parish Centre.

**WEEKDAY MASS** There will be **NO** weekday mass after Wednesday evening until Fr Thomas' return from holidays in October.

**THE ROSARY** will continue to be prayed each Wednesday afternoon at 5:30pm.

**SEASON OF CREATION** Special thanks to both St Agnes' and St Joachim's schools who have provided artwork for the Season of Creation. We invite you to take a moment to view the wonderful pieces the children have created for our Parish Community, celebrating the Season and giving thanks for God's Creation.

### HAPPY FATHER'S DAY

This Father's Day we honour fathers past and present, near and far. We reflect on the ways their love, wisdom and presence have influenced us and shaped the people we are today. For those who step into the role of father – grandfathers, uncles, mentors and friends – we give thanks for their presence and care.

Dear Lord, we thank You for fathers everywhere, those with us and those we remember. May their love and example continue to guide, support and inspire us every day. Amen.

## QUEENSLAND CHILD PROTECTION WEEK

7 - 13 September 2025

#qldchildprotectionweek



Child protection is everyone's business. The responsibility lies with adults in keeping children safe from harm. All members of society need to play a part in ensuring children are nurtured and safe.

Adults are essential in ensuring children's safety and well-being.

Listening to children and young people is the number 1 indicator in assisting their safety and well-being.

Caring for children and keeping them safe is a shared responsibility



### Weekday Masses

Date	Day	Time	Location
Sept 8	Mon	8:00am	St Joachim's
Sept 10	Wed	6:00pm	St Agnes'

### Weekend Masses

Sept 13	Sat	5:00pm	St Joachim's
Sept 14	Sun	7:30am	St Joachim's
Sept 14	Sun	9.00am	St Agnes
Sept 14	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**

1<sup>st</sup> 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

9 Sept St Vinnies Meeting 4:00pm

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



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