



## 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

The COMMEMORATION of ALL the FAITHFUL DEPARTED Year C November 1<sup>st</sup>/2<sup>nd</sup>, 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

### PARISH DETAILS

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### WEBSITES

[www.hollandparkmgravatt](http://www.hollandparkmgravatt)

[catholicparish.com.au](http://catholicparish.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)

**'Indeed, I promise you: today you will be with me in Paradise.'**

Today, many of us will visit the grave or plinth of a beloved member of the family or a friend. If you are like me, you will first tidy the area, prune any dead heads off the rose bush, place some fresh flowers and then pray.

The beautiful Catholic custom is that on this day especially – All Souls' Day – we pray for those who have died. We prayed for them when they were with us on earth. Death is no barrier to continuing that prayer. We pray for them and for ourselves that one day, when every tear is wiped away, we may join them in heavenly bliss.

What grounds our hope? Nothing more, nothing less, than the victory of Jesus Christ over death. We pray that those we love even now are sharing in the benefits of that triumph.

For most, as I expect for me, that may involve a *purgation* of those traits of personality which prevent the fullest participation in the bliss of Heaven. But that bliss is what God desires for each one of them and for me.

God prays for the fulfilment of that desire whilst souls are being purged (whatever that may involve). Our praying for the dead is simply our participation in this prayer of God, our privilege which we intentionally share in. Even those not intentionally sharing our faith often say R.I.P., rest in peace, and that is a prayer!

And so we pray with confident Christian hope:

'Endless light shine on those we love, O Lord. May their souls and the souls of all those who have died, through the mercy of God rest in peace. Amen.'

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## Readings for THE DEDICATION of the LATERAN BASILICA

Reading 1: Ezekiel 47:1-2, 8-9, 12 Psalm: 45 Reading 2: 1 Corinthians 3:9-11, 16-17 Gospel: John 2:13-22

### Parish News

**WE REMEMBER** Mary Dewar, Fr Van Huong Nguyen. May she rest in the peace of Christ.

**COUNTERS** Robyn's team.

**ST VINCENT DE PAUL MEETING** will be held on Tuesday, November 4th commencing 4:00pm in the Parish Centre.

**ADORATION AND EXPOSITION OF THE BLESSED SACRAMENT** will be held after mass on Wednesday, November 5<sup>th</sup> for approx. 15 minutes.

**BAPTISM PREPARATION** will be held on Wednesday, November 5<sup>th</sup> commencing 7:00pm in the Parish Centre. Please register with the Parish Office.

**ANointing of the Sick** will be offered at the 9:00am mass on Friday, November 7<sup>th</sup>. Hospitality will follow.

**ANNUAL MASS OF REMEMBRANCE** will be offered on Saturday, November 8<sup>th</sup> commencing 10:00am at St Agnes' Church. If you have lost a loved one during the last 12 months and you would like to have them remembered during the mass, please email the office – [hpmg@bne.catholic.net.au](mailto:hpmg@bne.catholic.net.au). Everyone is welcome to attend. There will be morning tea afterwards.

### CELEBRATING LIFE'S SPECIAL MOMENTS – BE PART OF OUR PARISH THANKSGIVING DAY 2025!

As part of our Thanksgiving Day Celebrations 2025, Friday 21st November, 6pm, St Agnes' Church, we want to honour and give thanks for the wonderful milestones in our parish family

⦿ Marriage anniversaries (25, 30, 40, 50, 60, 65, 70 yrs and beyond!)

🎂 Special birthdays (50, 60, 70, 80, 85, 90, 95, 100...)

☀️ Other remarkable achievements and blessings

If you or someone you know in our parish community is celebrating a special milestone in 2025, we would love to include you in our roll call of thanksgiving and blessings during our celebration. Please Email: [hpmg@bne.catholic.net.au](mailto:hpmg@bne.catholic.net.au) or contact the parish office: 07 3349 2280.

Let's give thanks together for the many ways God has blessed our parish family!

**CATHOLIC CHARISMATIC RENEWAL BRIABNE** Join us for Prayer Ministry  
St Stephens Chapel, on Wednesday 5th November, commencing at 10.45 to 12.15pm. Morning Tea afterwards.

Enq. to Maureen 0403002199 or Helena 0405321901.

**NOVEMBER – MONTH OF THE HOLY SOULS** It is our Christian tradition to make a special effort to offer masses and pray for our deceased family members and friends during the month of November. We should also pray for those who have died and have nobody to pray for them. If you would like to have those who have gone before us remembered in all Masses in November, could you please write their names in the Book of Remembrance in either of the churches. Mass envelopes are also available in both churches if you would like to have Fr Thomas offer a mass for you.

### Children's Liturgy of the Word – Volunteers Needed!

#### 9:00am Mass – St Agnes' Church

Children's Liturgy of the Word is a special part of our 9am Sunday Mass at St Agnes' Church, where primary school-aged children are invited to hear and reflect on the Gospel. It's also a great opportunity for them to make new friends and grow in their faith.

We currently have a small team of dedicated volunteers who make this ministry possible – but we need more helpers to keep it going!

**Could you give just 2-3 Sundays in the year to help?**

No experience required just a willingness to share God's word with the children. You are welcome to sit in on Children's Liturgy at St Agnes' and see for yourself.

**Interested or have questions?** Just have a chat with one of the team after Mass, or contact the parish office – we'd love to hear from you!

Parish office: Mary at, [sacpr.hpmg@bne.catholic.net.au](mailto:sacpr.hpmg@bne.catholic.net.au) or phone 3349 2280 and speak to Dot or Mary. Also a sign-on sheet is available in St Agnes' Church.

Weekday Masses			
Date	Day	Time	Location
Nov 3	Mon	8:00am	St Joachim's
Nov 5	Wed	6:00pm	St Agnes'
Nov 6	Thurs	9:00am	St Agnes'
Nov 7	Fri	9:00am	St Joachim's
Nov 8	Sat	10:00am	St Agnes

Weekend Masses			
Nov 8	Sat	5:00pm	St Joachim's
Nov 9	Sun	7:30am	St Joachim's
Nov 9	Sun	9.00am	St Agnes
Nov 9	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			
Tues Nov 4 St Vincent de Paul Meeting 4:00pm			
Wed Nov 5 Baptism Preparation 7:00pm			

<b>New to the parish</b> <b>Register via Flocknote</b> <b>by scanning the QR code.</b>	
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<b>Safeguarding Commitment</b>	

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