



## 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

28<sup>th</sup> Sunday in Ordinary Time

Year C

October 11<sup>th</sup>/12<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

### PARISH DETAILS

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### WEBSITES

www.hollandparkmtgravatt

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)

### *Seeing miracles*

"On the way to Jerusalem..." These opening words remind us of the great journey Jesus is taking from his home territory of Galilee towards Jerusalem. On this journey, Jesus takes the border road, skirting the hostile territory of Samaria, for as a Jew he would not be welcome. Here, on the outskirts of the territory he meets a group of outcasts, both Jew and Samaritan united in the common bond of leprosy.

The story is familiar to you, but have you ever considered the other nine lepers in this miracle story? They too were cured. They did exactly what Jesus told them to do. They did what their religious laws demanded in going to the priests to be announced as clean and so able to join the praying community. But they took their healing for granted and failed to see the miracle of God's goodness to them. The one who does recognize the wonder of what has occurred is the foreigner, the one least like to expect it. The God of Israel, the God of Jesus the Jew, has reached out beyond the boundaries of Judaism and the Samaritan realizes this. Jesus then offers this Samaritan something more than the other nine. All ten were cured, but this foreigner is offered Salvation.

Where are you in this story: Are you with the nine, doing all the correct things but without perceiving the wonder of God's goodness to you? Or like the outsider, the Samaritan leper, can you see the miracles of God unfolding around you?

Mary Coloe PBVM

### *Sincere thanks*

On behalf of the parish staff and parishioners I would like to extend our sincere thanks and appreciation to Fr John Lai, Fr John Gillen, Fr Tom Elich and Fr Joson Antony for your support over the last few weeks while Fr Thomas has been on his annual holidays.

May God's blessing be upon you for your spiritual leadership and service to our community.

### **WORLD MISSION SUNDAY APPEAL - 18<sup>TH</sup> AND 19<sup>TH</sup> OCTOBER 2025**

October is World Mission Month and we are thankful for your partnership to hold Catholic Mission annual church appeal in the month of October. We invite you to support the work of *the Church in Zambia bringing hope to those who need it* – for mothers struggling to provide for their families, women risking their lives to give birth and entire communities yearning for a brighter future.



For women like Sharon, who must choose between feeding their children or selling their crops to survive, and Grace, who risked her life traveling 160km for safe childbirth, hope comes through Sr Jane and Kayula. Through sustainable farming, Sr Jane helps women provide for their families. At the Chilonga Mission Hospital, Kayula ensures mothers and babies receive the dignity and care they deserve.

**This World Mission Month, we invite you to extend your generosity to help enhance the vital work of the Church. Your support can make a significant difference to the lives of many, offering hope to the people of Zambia.**



Freecall: 1800 257 296  
catholicmission.org.au/mission



The Holland Park Mt Gravatt Catholic Parish acknowledge the Jagera people, the traditional Owners who have walked upon and cared for this land for thousands of years. We acknowledge the continued deep spiritual attachment and relationship of Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander peoples to this country and commit ourselves to the ongoing journey of reconciliation.

**Parish News**

**WE REMEMBER** Mary Dewar. May she rest in the peace of Christ.

**WE REJOICE** with the Wright and Seery family as they celebrate the baptism of Luca in the parish this weekend.

**COUNTERS** Alison's team.

**THE ROSARY** – St Agnes' Church each Wednesday commencing 5:00pm.

**COFFEE AND CHAT** will be held this Monday, October 13<sup>th</sup> commencing 10:30am. This month it will be held at Chatterbox Café, Mt Gravatt Plaza while Brizstar Café undergoes renovations.



## MULTICULTURAL MASS

followed by Cultural Activities and Lunch

Sunday, October 26<sup>th</sup>  
St Agnes' Church and Parish Hall  
Commencing 9:00am with mass

Let us celebrate the cultural diversity within our parish and schools.  
All are welcome to participate.

Would you like to present a cultural song, dance, poem  
or provide food from your cultural region.

Please contact the office- 3349 2280; [hpmg@bne.catholic.net.au](mailto:hpmg@bne.catholic.net.au)

**INVITATION TO CELEBRATE** The Carmelite Sisters invite you to celebrate the Solemnity of St. Teresa of Jesus (Avila) Sunday 19 October commencing 10.30 am with Mass. Stay for a picnic lunch - tea, coffee, sandwiches on sale; browse the stalls for cards, books, and medals of St Teresa and other Carmelite Saints, and the sisters' handcrafts. Carmelite Monastery, 287 Wellington St, Ormiston.

### NEW QUEENSLAND LEGISLATION - POSITION OF AUTHORITY OFFENCES

*We have been asked by the Office of Safeguarding to share the following info:*

What the new laws do:

1. New "Position of Authority" offence - From 20 September 2025, it became a crime for an adult in a position of authority to engage in sexual acts with 16 or 17 year old person under their care, supervision or authority. This applies even if the young person consents. Consent is not a defence in these cases.
2. Who is considered a person in a position of authority - Adults who have influence/trust/power over young people aged 16-17 in those roles including (but not limited to) teachers, health practitioners, carers, sports coaches, religious and faith leaders, bosses, etc.
3. Exceptions / defences - There are some limited exceptions, including:
  - ☐ lawful marriage
  - ☐ close-in-age defences (i.e. if the age difference is small)
  - ☐ reasonable belief by the accused that the person was 18
4. Penalties - For the Position of Authority offence: up to 14 years' imprisonment. For repeated unlawful sexual behaviour under the care/supervision/authority: up to life imprisonment in more serious cases.

Why these changes were made

- To fill a gap in the law and make certain relationships unlawful due to the power imbalance.
- To bring Queensland into alignment with other Australian states and territories on protecting adolescents from sexual exploitation by adults in positions of trust.
- To respond to recommendations from the Women's Safety and Justice Taskforce and the Royal Commission into Institutional Responses to Child Sexual Abuse.

Date	Day	Time	Location

**Weekend Masses**

Oct 18	Sat	5:00pm	St Joachim's
Oct 19	Sun	7:30am	St Joachim's
Oct 19	Sun	9:00am	St Agnes
Oct 19	Sun	6:00pm	St Agnes

**SACRAMENTS AND SPECIAL LITURGIES**

**RECONCILIATION** - Every Saturday  
at 4.45pm at St. Joachim's Church.

**MASS OF ANOINTING** - First Friday

**ADORATION** - First Wednesday

**BAPTISM, WEDDINGS, AND FUNERALS**  
by appointment

**BAPTISM PREPARATION SESSION**

**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**

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



**STOpline** is an independent service that receives information about suspected abuse, harm and other serious misconduct by workers (including priests, religious, employees, educators, practitioners, support workers and volunteers).

**STOpline**

Phone: 1300 304 550

Email: [A0B@stopline.com.au](mailto:A0B@stopline.com.au)

Online Report: [bne.catholic.stoplinereport.com](https://bne.catholic.stoplinereport.com)

**Archdiocese of Brisbane Safeguarding Commitment.** The Archdiocese has zero tolerance for all forms of abuse and is committed to safeguarding everyone involved in its activities, ministries and services. The safety and wellbeing of children and adults-at-risk is paramount.

Office for Safeguarding Services - Telephone: 07 3324 3752; Email: [safeguarding@bne.catholic.net.au](mailto:safeguarding@bne.catholic.net.au)