



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

30th Sunday in Ordinary Time

Year C

October 25th/26th, 2025

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Fr Thomas Varkey

PARISH SECRETARY

Dot Lomax

SACRAMENTAL COORDINATOR

Mary Ginty

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Yolanda Apelt

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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

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(Safeguarding purposes only)

Those who humble themselves will be exalted

A well-known multi-millionaire once had a near fatal heart attack. After he recovered he was invited to appear on a national television chat show to reflect on the experience. At one stage the interviewer asked him, 'Did you have a near-death experience after your heart attack?' The multi-millionaire pulled himself up to his full height and exclaimed, 'I was clinically dead. I went to the other side, and I am here to tell you there's nothing there!' In his case, of course, there might not be anything there, but his response reminds me of the Pharisee in today's Gospel.

One of the pitfalls of personal success is the arrogance that sometimes comes with it. The Pharisee was, no doubt, a very good-living, devout man, but he made himself feel important by putting others down. He even did this in his prayer, reminding God of just how good he was in comparison to others. It's a wonder he went to the Temple at all because he does not seem to need God. Like the multi-millionaire, he trusts too much in his own righteousness.

On the other hand, it is a wonder that the tax collector turned up at the Temple too, but for very different reasons. Tax collectors were despised in Palestine. They were Jewish functionaries used by the Roman occupying army to extort the ferocious Imperial taxes from the local community. No wonder he stays close to the back door of the Temple. He might have to beat a hasty retreat. But here he is in prayer recognising the brokenness of his life and his need for God. This tax collector becomes the model of right behaviour for Luke's community.

There is nothing wrong with being devout and successful. Conversely, there are plenty of dangers in doing a job that demands constant moral compromises, like being a tax collector for the Romans. What Jesus notices is what the life situations of both these men do to them. Hence the social outcast's humility shows up the haughty Pharisee.

For far too long we have thought humility meant putting ourselves down, pretending we were nobodies, worthy of nothing. This is not Christian humility. Being humble does not mean we hide or minimise our God-given gifts, talents or resources. It means we honour others by sharing them, enabling them to benefit from the goodness of God. Humility comes from the Latin word, humus, meaning 'close to the earth'. The tax collector lived close to the earth and so he was open to conversion, to being lifted up by God. The Pharisee was so successful at being religious he was closed to it. He had altitude sickness from taking the high moral ground.

Most of us find ourselves in between these extremes.

May this weekly Eucharist ground us enough that we open ourselves to being converted again to put all our gifts and talents at the service of Christ's Kingdom. In doing so, we can go home justified that we are truly humble and that after we die we can see the abundant life that awaits us on the other side.

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Parish News

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

COUNTERS Elisabeth's team.

MEALS ON WHEELS – St Agnes' next rostered day is Thursday, October 30th. Please advise the kitchen of your availability on 3397 9150.

CHILDREN'S LITURGY OF THE WORD will be held in conjunction with the 9:00am mass at St Agnes' next Sunday, November 2nd.

ANNUAL MASS OF REMEMBRANCE will be offered on Saturday, November 8th 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. Everyone is welcome to attend. There will be morning tea afterwards.

INVITATION TO JOIN THE IRISH COMMUNITY as we come together to honour and remember our loved ones at the Annual Remembrance Mass, Sunday 2 Nov., 12pm, Our Lady of Mt Carmel Parish, 312 Cavendish Road, Coorparoo. Refreshments after in the Hall. If you'd like to mention a name during the Mass, please find a booklet at the door. Names will be read during the service.

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

As part of our **Thanksgiving Day Celebrations 2025**, 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 or contact the parish office: 07 3349 2280. Let's give thanks together for the many ways God has blessed our parish family!

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, where primary school-aged children are invited to hear and reflect on the Gospel in a way that's engaging and meaningful for them. 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 needed** – just bring your friendly smile and willingness to help
- ♥ **Only 2-3 Sundays in a year** – it's a small time commitment with a big impact
- ♥ **You won't be alone** – you'll be paired with another team member
- ♥ **Curious?** – come sit in one Sunday and see what it's all about!

This is a wonderful opportunity to make a meaningful impact in the lives of our young ones and share the joy of faith with the next generation. Please consider offering your support!

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 or phone 3349 2280 and speak to Dot or Mary.

Together, let us continue, to share and pass on our faith to our children, for they are the future of our Church.

Weekday Masses

Date	Day	Time	Location
Oct 27	Mon	8:00am	St Joachim's
Oct 29	Wed	6:00pm	St Agnes'
Oct 30	Thurs	9:00am	St Agnes'
Oct 31	Fri	9:00am	St Joachim's

Weekend Masses

Nov 1	Sat	5:00pm	St Joachim's
Nov 2	Sun	7:30am	St Joachim's
Nov 2	Sun	9:00am	St Agnes
Nov 2	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
6:0pm 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

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



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.