



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

27th Sunday in Ordinary Time

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October 4th/5th, 2025

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Dot Lomax

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(Safeguarding purposes only)

Increase our faith

As a child, I thought that had I lived 2000 years ago and had the chance to see and hear Jesus then faith would have been so much easier. I'd have certainly believed! That 's not what the Gospels say.

Many people who witnessed the deeds and heard the words of Jesus did not come to faith in him. Faith isn't a matter of seeing, or hearing. Faith is about loving. It's risking one's whole life for another. This is the normal sort of faith on which we base our human friendships and commitments, and religious faith is similar. The disciples ask that their faith might be increased but notice that Jesus puts the responsibility back onto them. Faith and love increase by daily living them, by daily putting them into action.

The parable shows faith in action by taking a common image from Jesus' time when a household would have servants. The parable suggests that faith is not what we want God to do for us; faith is about our being and doing for God. It is enough for us to live within the bounty of God's goodness and to respond to that goodness by generous service. Isn't that what it is like when people are I love? They are not asking "What will the other do for me?" but rather, "How can I respond to this experience of love?" As a lover loves and a believer believes, so servants express their identity in serving. At the end of the day the disciple simply says, "I have done no more than my duty, I have lived my faith."

Season of Creation

The Closing of the Season of Creation occurs this weekend on the Feast Day of St Francis of Assisi. This day marks the end of the ecumenical celebration, which begins on September 1st, during which Christians worldwide engage in prayer and action for the Earth. While the Season of Creation concludes the call to care for the planet continues. Christians are encouraged to embody respect for creation in their daily lives and continue to act for climate justice.

You may consider attending the SYNOD 24 Implementation Workshop Decree 8 being held at Francis Rush Centre, Cathedral precinct on Monday, November 10th from 9am – 12noon. Please advise Parish Office if you wish to register.

Sunday, October 5th – World Day for Refugees and Migrants



The theme for this year's World Day of Migrants and Refugees, which coincides with the Jubilees of Migrants and of the Missions, is "MIGRANTS, MISSIONARIES OF HOPE." The Australian Catholic Migrant and Refugee Office (ACMRO), an agency of the Australian Catholic Bishops Conference, has created

online resources — including liturgies for primary and secondary schools, homily notes, prayers of intercession, stories, and interviews—to help celebrate this special day. Resources available at: <https://acmro.catholic.org.au/wdmr/2025>

