



## 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

Thirty-Third Sunday in Ordinary Time

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November 15<sup>th</sup>/16<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.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)

### What sign will there be?

What do we do when things go wrong? How do we find faith in God when life collapses around us? These are questions all Christians face. The Gospel today gives us a brief insight into the pain and struggle of Luke's small community who had such faith and hope in Jesus, but life did not appear to be blessed. God wasn't intervening to save them from conflict with families and persecution from governments. Luke tries to reassure his community that such discord and trouble is part of a living Christianity and can be expected. Faith in Jesus doesn't take us out of the world or permit us to live as some sort of aliens in the world. We are part of a struggling humanity.

Jesus lived at a time when the Jerusalem temple existed and had recently been greatly renovated and made even grander by King Herod the Great. By the time the Gospel is written, the magnificent Temple has been utterly destroyed by the Romans in 70.

Many Jews saw this as the 'end of the world' and took this destruction as a sign that God was coming soon. Luke cautions against such false ideas. The end has not yet come, and Luke's community must learn to live in an extended time of waiting. Through Jesus' words, Luke teaches his community that in this time of waiting there will be hardship and struggle; these are not incompatible with Christian faith and are not to be taken as signs that God is absent. Endurance is required.

Mary Coloe PBVM

### Invitation to Our Parish Thanksgiving Mass 2025

Dear Parishioners,

With hearts filled with gratitude, I warmly invite you and your families to join us for our Parish Thanksgiving Mass on **Friday, 21st November 2025 at 6:00 p.m.** at **St Agnes' Church, 1227 Logan Road**, as we come together to give thanks to God for His abundant blessings throughout the year.

This joyful celebration will also honour and give thanks for parishioners celebrating significant marriage anniversaries, those marking milestone birthdays, and all our wonderful volunteers whose generous service continues to strengthen and inspire our parish community. Let us unite in prayer and thanksgiving, rejoicing in the many ways God's grace has touched our lives and our parish family.

Following Mass, all are invited to stay for drinks and a light supper – a time to share joy, friendship, and gratitude together. May this celebration renew in us a spirit of thankfulness and deepen our unity as one parish family in Christ.

**Please RSVP by Monday, 18<sup>th</sup> November so catering may be finalized.**

Looking forward to seeing you,

**Fr. Thomas**

**Parish News**

**WE REMEMBER** Mary Dewar, Bernie Hollett, Bernadette Bartholomew, Mary McMahon and for all those mentioned in our Books of Remembrance. May they rest in the peace of Christ.

**CHILDREN'S LITURGY OF THE WORD** will be held this Sunday morning at the 9:00am mass.

**COUNTERS** Maureen's team.

**MEALS ON WHEELS** – St Joachim's MOW team is rostered for Tues, Nov 18<sup>th</sup>.

**REGULAR FRIDAY MASS** 9:00am mass is cancelled next Friday, November 21<sup>st</sup>.

**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!

## Advent and Christmas Invitation

As Advent and Christmas draw near, we warmly invite all families to join our parish community in preparing for the season and celebrating together at our Christmas Masses.

Advent is a preparation time for Christmas, a time to reflect on the true gift of Christmas – GOD WITH US!

Please join us whenever you can as we rejoice in this special Christmas season.

### ADVENT Join us...

\*\*Reflective/mediative time at St Agnes' Church, from 9am-10am, every Monday, Tuesday, Wednesday & Friday during Advent (Nov 30-Dec 19)

Drop by the Church when you can, if even for just 5 minutes, to enjoy reflective music & imagery, helping to slow down and make some room in our hearts for this Christmas time.

\*\*Advent Prayer and Reconciliation, St Agnes' Church, 6pm, Monday 15 December.

Advent Prayer is another way to help us focus on the presence of God in our lives and the meaning of Christmas. Reconciliation helps us to prepare our hearts for Christmas.

**GOD'S WORD 2026** is now available in the churches. God's Word is a book of Daily Reflections and prayers. Cost is \$15 each.

"Praying with God's Word opens our eyes to things we never thought possible, to things that are at the heart of God's design for us." Bishop Ken Howell.

**ANSWER THE CALL TO MERCY AND COMPASSION** We are seeking one or two kind, empathic women of deep faith to serve as Pastoral Visitors to join Centacare's teams of chaplains at a women's correctional centre. Pastoral Visitors offer friendship, hope, and spiritual support to incarcerated women through weekly visits – being a living sign of God's love and mercy. Training, mentoring, and ongoing support are provided. If you feel called to accompany women in their journey of faith, healing, and transformation, we would love to hear from you. For more information or to express interest, please contact: Centacare Pastoral Ministries: Email: judy.norris@bne.centacare.net.au; phone 3324 3193

**AUSTRALIAN CATHOLIC MAGAZINE** The Summer Edition of the magazine is now available in the churches.

**GETTING TO KNOW YOU** An invitation is extended to all Christians in the Holland Park/Mt Gravatt area to learn about local church communities on Sunday, November 23<sup>rd</sup> from 2:30 – 4:30pm in the Aspinall Centre, St Bernard's Church, Upper Mt Gravatt. Visit [www.tinyurl.com/Getting2KU](http://www.tinyurl.com/Getting2KU) to rsvp before November 19<sup>th</sup>.

**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)

### Weekday Masses

Date	Day	Time	Location
Nov 17	Mon	8:00am	St Joachim's
Nov 19	Wed	6:00pm	St Agnes'
Nov 20	Thurs	9:00am	St Agnes'
Nov 21	Fri	6:00pm	St Agnes'

### Weekend Masses

Nov 22	Sat	5:00pm	St Joachim's
Nov 23	Sun	7:30am	St Joachim's
Nov 23	Sun	9:00am	St Agnes
Nov 23	Sun	6:00pm	St Agnes

### SACRAMENTS AND SPECIAL LITURGIES

#### RECONCILIATION - Every Saturday

4.30pm at St. Joachim's Church.

#### HOLY ROSARY

Every Wednesday 5:00pm St Agnes 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> Wednesday 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.**



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