



## 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 DEDICATION OF THE LATERAN BASILICA

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November 8<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)

### You are God's temple

The basilica of St John Lateran is the cathedral of Rome, the mother church of all Roman Catholic churches.

The temple was the place on earth where God dwelt amid the people. It was God's presence, not the worship performed there, that made it a sacred site. There is something incarnational about this presence of God. It is manifested in the concrete, in something with shape and character. Still, as important as the temple may be, it is only a building. Paul insists that we are the temple of God; we are the manifestation of God in the world today. The Spirit of God dwells in us, making the believing community the living temple of God.

Today's readings offer us two pictures of the temple of God, two characterisations of the community of believers. In one, the temple has become a marketplace, and the community is preoccupied with the business of the world. In Ezekiel, we see water from the temple transforming everything in its path. As water flowed from the temple in Ezekiel's vision, so grace flows from the temple that is the people of God. Which image more closely characterises the community of which we are a part? Are we able to transform the wilderness of our world into a place that is teeming with life? Is the community truly the presence of God in the world today? Or is the temple simply a place where ritual is performed but the concerns of God take second place to the affairs of the world?

Dianne Bergant CSA

### 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.

Looking forward to seeing you,

**Fr. Thomas**

## Readings for THIRTY-THIRD SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

Reading 1: Malachi 3:19-20

Psalm: 97

Reading 2: 2 Thessalonians 3:7-12

Gospel: Luke 21:5-19

### Parish News

**WE REMEMBER** Mary Dewar, Fr Van Huong Nguyen and for all those mentioned in our Books of Remembrance. May they rest in the peace of Christ.

**COUNTERS** Alison's team.

**CHILDREN'S LITURGY OF WORD** All children are invited to join us for CLOW at the 9:00am mass at St Agnes' next Sunday, November 16<sup>th</sup>. All parents are welcome. Children under the age of 5 must be accompanied by an adult.

### 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!

**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>.

# Historical Context

## The Lateran Basilica

Today we celebrate the feast of the Dedication of the Lateran Basilica. The Lateran Basilica is the cathedral church of the Pope, who also holds the position of Bishop of Rome. It is considered the most important Catholic church because it contains the Cathedra Romana, the symbol of the teaching authority of the Bishop of Rome. The basilica was first dedicated in 324 after the property was donated to the Church by Emperor Constantine, the first Roman emperor to accept Christianity. Whilst we celebrate the dedication of this most important church, at the same time we celebrate all churches throughout the world.

**MISSIONARIES OF HOPE**  
among all peoples



We would like to thank you for your generosity supporting the Church in Zambia and missionaries like Sr Jane and Kayula.

Thanks to your kindness, women like Sharon will have the skills to provide for their families, and mothers like Grace can give birth with dignity. Your gift will also support a variety of Church programs around the world.

To learn more about the impact your support is making, please visit [catholicmission.org.au/our-work](http://catholicmission.org.au/our-work). Here, you can also sign up to our regular newsletter to keep up to date with the latest news.

If you have not yet had the opportunity to give, please do so at [catholicmission.org.au/mission](http://catholicmission.org.au/mission). Your action will make a profound change on people's lives.

**catholic** MISSION

### Weekday Masses

Date	Day	Time	Location
Nov 10	Mon	8:00am	St Joachim's
Nov 12	Wed	6:00pm	St Agnes'
Nov 13	Thurs	9:00am	St Agnes'
Nov 14	Fri	9:00am	St Joachim's
Nov 15	Sat	10:00am	St Agnes

### Weekend Masses

Nov 15	Sat	5:00pm	St Joachim's
Nov 16	Sun	7:30am	St Joachim's
Nov 16	Sun	9:00am	St Agnes
Nov 16	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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#### Safeguarding Commitment

We have **zero tolerance** for all forms of abuse and are committed to safeguarding everyone involved in our activities, ministries and services.

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