



Holland Park Mount Gravatt Parish

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4th Sunday of Advent

Year A

December 20th/21st 2025

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Fr Thomas Varkey

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St Joachim's & St Agnes' parish

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07 3367 6300

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(Safeguarding purposes only)

Dear Friends,

After several weeks of prayerful preparation, we now stand at the threshold of Christmas. The season of Advent has been a time of opening our hearts, homes, and families to welcome Jesus anew. These weeks have reminded us that our preparations are not only external, keeping our churches and homes beautiful and ready but also deeply internal, as we seek to make room for Christ in our hearts. In a world often troubled by conflict, division, and uncertainty, Advent calls us to long for peace: peace in our families, peace in our communities, and peace across nations. Through our daily Advent reflections, moments of prayer and reconciliation, and the grace-filled hours of full-day adorations, we have been gently led closer to the mystery of Christ's coming, who is Himself the Prince of Peace.

I extend my heartfelt thanks to our dedicated parish staff, volunteers and those who helped at our working bees, who have ensured that both inside and outside our churches are clean, welcoming, and ready for the celebration. Your quiet service has been a true witness of love. My special appreciation goes to our St Vincent de Paul Conference team, who have reached out to those in need with generosity and compassion, bringing hope through the distribution of Christmas hampers.

May this Christmas be a time for renewed faith, deep joy, and peace in our families and community. Let us come together to celebrate the birth of Christ, whose coming into the world has brought light where there was darkness, and love where there was despair.

I wish you all a Merry Christmas and a blessed New Year.

May the Lord's presence guide and strengthen you in the year ahead.

Fr. Thomas

SPIRITUALY SPOT - Advent Reflection Week 4

During the last week of Advent, the liturgical hours concentrate on titles for the one to come as we lead towards Emmanuel – God with us. These titles are often referred to as the O Antiphons. The following song may help your reflection as we journey closer to this wonderful feast.

Christ Circle Round Us

Come, O Radiant Dawn, splendor of the morning light.

Come, Sun of Justice, turn away the power of night.

Christ, circle round us, Christ may your light surround us.
Shine in our living, fill our hearts with great thanksgiving.

Come, O Flower of Love, holy branch of Jesse's tree.
Come, Bough of Blessing, bloom for all the world to see.

Come, O Gate of Hope, holy door to heaven's throne.
Come, Key of David, open wide the pathway home.

Come, Emmanuel, cherished hope of Israel.
Come, live among us, ever in our hearts to dwell.



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Readings for Feast of the Holy Family of Jesus, Mary and Joseph

Reading 1: Ecclesiasticus 3:2-6, 12-14 Reading 2: Colossians 3:12-21 Gospel: Matthew 2:13-15, 19-23

Readings for The Epiphany of the Lord

Reading 1: Isaiah 60:1-6 Psalm 71 Reading 2: Ephesians 3:2-3, 5-6 Gospel: Matthew 2:1-12

Parish News

WE REMEMBER all who lost their lives in the Bondi tragedy. May they rest in the peace of Christ.

COUNTERS – December 22nd - Elizabeth's team.

December 29th – Elisabeth's team.

January 5th – Robyn's team

PARISH OFFICE CLOSURE The Parish Office will close on Wednesday, December 24th at 4:30pm and will reopen on Friday, January 2nd. In the case of an emergency please use the pager. Someone will return your call asap.

WEEKDAY MASSES There will be no weekday masses after Monday, December 22nd until Thursday evening, January 1st. The mass on Friday, January 2nd will include an Anointing of the Sick.

NEW YEARS DAY – SOLEMNITY OF MARY, THE HOLY MOTHER OF GOD On New Years Day there will be Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament at St Agnes' Church commencing 6:00pm which will then be followed by mass 6:30pm.

ST JOACHIM'S CARPARK The car park on Yuletide Street will be closed from Boxing Day until the end of January. The car park behind the church will be available and is accessible via Crown Street. If you arrive and the gate is not open please feel free to open it. It will not be locked.



Thank You

The members of the Holland Park Mt Gravatt Conference would like to extend the sincere thanks and gratitude to parishioners for the generous support you showed during the recent Christmas Appeal. These funds will go a long way in helping the disadvantaged living in our local community. We have received donations totaling \$4379.

It is also an opportunity to thank all who support Vinnies through the Vinnies Donation boxes at our weekend masses. Through your continued support we have received a further \$1407 dollars to support the works of our conference.

We wish you and your loved ones a happy and holy Christmas.

Christmas Mass Times

Christmas Eve - Wednesday, December 24th

4.45pm	Christmas Carols	St Joachim's Church
5.00pm	Vigil Mass	St Joachim's Church
6.45pm	Christmas Carols	St Agnes' Church
7.00pm	Vigil Mass	St Agnes' Church

Christmas Day—Thursday, December 25th

7.45pm	Christmas Carols	St Agnes' Church
8.00am	Mass	St Agnes' Church

May the peace of Christ fill your heart and home this holiday season.

Merry Christmas and Happy New Year

Weekday Masses

Date	Day	Time	Location
Dec 22	Mon	8:00am	St Joachim's
Jan 01	Thurs	6:30pm	St Agnes'
Jan 02	Fri	9:00am	St Joachim's

Weekend Masses

Dec 27	Sat	5:00pm	St Joachim's
Dec 28	Sun	7:30am	St Joachim's
Dec 28	Sun	9:00am	St Agnes
Dec 28	Sun	6:00pm	St Agnes

SACRAMENTS AND SPECIAL LITURGIES

RECONCILIATION - Every Saturday
4.30pm at St. Joachim's Church.

HOLY ROSARY
Every Wednesday 5:30pm 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
1st 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



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