



## 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

4th Sunday of Ordinary Time

Year A

January 31<sup>st</sup>/February 1<sup>st</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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[catholicparish.com.au](http://catholicparish.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)

### *The Beatitudes ... A Call to Action*

To follow Jesus does not mean merely that one travels with him from place to place. It means that one learns from him, that one follows his manner of life and his way of thinking. To follow Jesus means to follow his example in the way he respects himself and other people, in his use of the things of the natural world. It means that one listens to what he says, and asks for an explanation when what he says is not understood. All of this requires that the disciple be a learner, one who can learn from the life of Jesus as well as from his teaching.

The first lessons that the disciples must learn are found in the beatitudes. The same lessons are placed before us, the modern-day disciples. The setting of Jesus' teaching is so serene; a mountain apart, a teacher with his disciples gathered around him, simple statements that are coupled with glorious rewards. However, the reality of the lessons is in stark contrast with this tranquil scene. These beatitudes, these blessings call for profound inner transformation.

The gospel outlines the kind of person the disciple is to become; the psalm sketches the program to which the learner is called. The disciples of Jesus are not merely his followers; they also continue the work that he began. In whatever circumstance of life we find ourselves, as disciples of Jesus we work to sustain the good that is in the world and to transform whatever needs transformation.

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### BURNING OF PALMS TO ASHES



### Palm Sunday palms !

How long do you keep your palm?

Last year we asked that you keep your palm. On Sunday 15th February after the 9am Mass we will have a ritual of burning your palms to use for ashes on Ash Wednesday. If you are unable to be there on the 15th, there will be collection boxes in the churches next weekend.



**Parish News**

**WE REMEMBER** Peter Connolly and Dan Rynne. May they rest in the peace of Christ.  
**CHILDREN'S LITURGY OF THE WORD** is being held TODAY at the 9:00am mass. All parents are very welcome however children under 5 years must be accompanied by an adult.

**COUNTERS** Robyn's team.

**COFFEE AND CHAT** The first gathering for the year will be held on Monday, February 2<sup>nd</sup> at Brizstar Café, Mt Gravatt Plaza commencing 10:00am. Everyone is welcome. Are you new to the Parish, this is a way of getting to know people. If you have been around for a long time it is a way of connecting with parishioners you may not know.

**ADORATION AND EXPOSITION OF THE BLESSED SACRAMENT** will be held after mass on Wednesday, February 4<sup>th</sup> for approx. 15 minutes.

**ANOINTING OF THE SICK** will be offered at the 9:00am mass on Friday, February 6<sup>th</sup>. Hospitality will follow.

**ASH WEDNESDAY MASS TIMES**

9:00am St Joachim's Church  
 11:00am St Agnes' Church

**SPIRIT OF HOPE PRAYER MINISTRY** meet on the first Wednesday of the month at St Stephen's Chapel (Cathedral Grounds, Elizabeth Street, City) after the 10:00am mass from 10:45am - 12:15pm. The first meeting for 2026 is Wednesday, February 3<sup>rd</sup>. Join us as we pray, praise and worship. Prayer ministry will be available. Everyone is welcome. Contact Maureen 0403 002 199 or Helena 0405 321 901.

**STRETTON GARDENS AGED CARE, DREWVALE** are looking for volunteers to come to our facility to play some quiet relaxing music on our old piano for our residents after lunch on any day. This would not be a concert, but rather a time of relaxing and being together (sacred and secular music). It could be once a month or once a fortnight with the hope in time it could be weekly. If you would be interest please contact Petra Milaudi, Pastoral Carer by email at Petra.Milaudi@sccqld.com.au or by phoning 3373 9000.

**LIVING PRAYER - A LENTEN RETREAT** - The Adult Formation team of Archdiocesan Ministries invites you to come away for a weekend and to listen more deeply to God's transforming presence. Live in and live out options available. The retreat will be held from Friday, February 27<sup>th</sup> to Sunday, March 1<sup>st</sup> at Santa Teresa Sirituality Centre, Ormiston. To find out more and to register your attendance visit: [tinyurl.com/LentRetreat26](http://tinyurl.com/LentRetreat26).

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Date	Day	Time	Location
Feb 2 <sup>nd</sup>	Mon	8:00am	St Joachim's
Feb 4 <sup>th</sup>	Wed	6:00pm	St Agnes'
Feb 5 <sup>th</sup>	Thurs	9:00am	St Agnes'
Feb 6 <sup>th</sup>	Fri	9:00am	St Joachim's
Weekend Masses			
Feb 7 <sup>th</sup>	Sat	5:00pm	St Joachim's
Feb 8 <sup>th</sup>	Sun	7:30am	St Joachim's
Feb 8 <sup>th</sup>	Sun	9.00am	St Agnes
Feb 8 <sup>th</sup>	Sun	6:00pm	St Agnes

**SACRAMENTS AND SPECIAL LITURGIES**

**RECONCILIATION - Every Saturday**  
 at 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**  
 6:30pm at St Agnes'

**BAPTISM, WEDDINGS, AND FUNERALS**  
 by appointment

**BAPTISM PREPARATION SESSION**  
 1<sup>st</sup> 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.**



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