



## 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

2<sup>nd</sup> Sunday of Ordinary Time

Year A

January 17<sup>th</sup>/18<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.hollandparkmtgravatt](http://www.hollandparkmtgravatt)

[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)

### Important Note on the 7.30am Mass at St Joachim

Following last week's notice, I wish to reassure everyone that no decision has been made regarding the 7.30am Sunday Mass at St Joachim. The notice was shared to invite your feedback, not to announce a cancellation. Please be assured that your concerns and hopes for our parish community will be listened to with great care before any decision is made.

Thank you for sharing your thoughtful feedback.

Fr Thomas

### *Look! There is the Lamb of God.*

This Sunday, we turn from Matthew's portrait to the Gospel of John and see through John's 'lens', the testimony of John the Baptist regarding the strange incident of Jesus' baptism. According to the Fourth Gospel, Jesus' first disciples were at first disciples of John the Baptist, and scholars suggest that there may have even been confusion in the community about who was the important, Jesus or John. The Gospel very clearly point out the Jesus is the more important figure. John baptise with the Holy Spirit. Considering John and Jesus leads me to think about the importance our world places on competition and being the best. If we get trapped into this framework we end up measuring ourselves against others, as if they provide the standard. The Gospel presents a different way of measuring our worth, in terms of God's calling to us in the gifts we have received that lead us to take certain directions. John's integrity lies within, and in knowing his role in life, which was to bear witness to Jesus, not to take over Jesus' role. My ultimate peace and happiness lies in living my life, not the life of someone else; not 'keeping up with the Joneses', but keeping true to the life God has given me.

This can sound easy, but it takes a lifetime of seeking self and seeking God, rather than seeking the world. The 'sin of the world' can take many guises, most of them terribly attractive. The integrity of a person like John invites me yet again to see what I am truly seeking.

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### Hearing Aid Loop

Parishioners who use the Hearing Aid System in St Joachim's will notice that it is currently not working. I apologize for this and advise that it will be back up as soon as possible. I am in process of arranging a new data plan and it was not as straightforward as I had anticipated. I am hoping by next weekend I will have it finalized.

Dot

**Parish News**

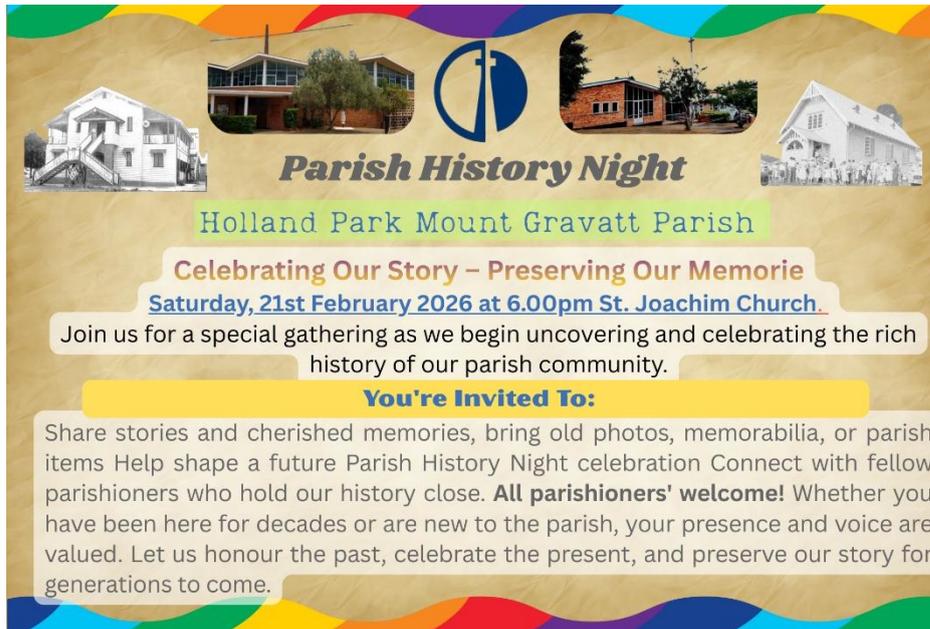
**WE REMEMBER** Peter Connolly and Dan Rynne. May they rest in the peace of Christ.

**WE REJOICE** with the Coughlan family as they celebrate the baptism of Adeline in the parish this week.

**COUNTERS** Maureen's team.

**ST JOACHIM'S MEALS ON WHEELS** team is rostered on this Tuesday, January 20<sup>th</sup>.

**CHILDREN'S LITURGY OF THE WORD** will recommence on Sunday, February 1<sup>st</sup> in conjunction with the 9:00am mass at St Agnes'. All parents are very welcome however children under 5 years must be accompanied by an adult.



**Parish History Night**

Holland Park Mount Gravatt Parish

**Celebrating Our Story – Preserving Our Memories**

**Saturday, 21<sup>st</sup> February 2026 at 6.00pm St. Joachim Church.**

Join us for a special gathering as we begin uncovering and celebrating the rich history of our parish community.

**You're Invited To:**

Share stories and cherished memories, bring old photos, memorabilia, or parish items Help shape a future Parish History Night celebration Connect with fellow parishioners who hold our history close. **All parishioners' welcome!** Whether you have been here for decades or are new to the parish, your presence and voice are valued. Let us honour the past, celebrate the present, and preserve our story for generations to come.

**SACRAMENTAL PROGRAM 2026**

**PENANCE** (Year 5 children and above)

**Preparation Sessions**

Saturday 14<sup>th</sup> March 2pm-3.30pm, St Agnes' Church

Saturday 21<sup>st</sup> March 2pm-3.30pm, St Agnes' Church

**Celebration of Penance** Saturday 28<sup>th</sup> March, 1.00pm-2.30pm, St Agnes' Church

**FIRST COMMUNION** (Year 4 children and above)

**Parent information sessions**

Tuesday 28<sup>th</sup> April, 6.30pm St Joachim's Church **OR**

Thursday 30<sup>th</sup> April, 6.30pm, St Agnes' Church

**Enrolment Masses** ALL Parish Weekend Masses 16<sup>th</sup> & 17<sup>th</sup> May

**Family sessions** Monday 25<sup>th</sup> May, 6pm St Joachim's Church **OR**

Thursday 28<sup>th</sup> May, 6pm St Joachim's Church

**Celebration of God's Mercy/Rehearsal** Thursday 4<sup>th</sup> June, 6.30pm, St Joachim's Church

**Celebration of First Holy Communion** Parish Weekend Masses on 6<sup>th</sup> & 7<sup>th</sup> June **AND** 13<sup>th</sup> & 14<sup>th</sup> June

**CONFIRMATION** (Year 3 children and above)

**Parent information sessions**

Monday 13<sup>th</sup> July, 6.30pm St Agnes' Church **OR**

Thursday 16<sup>th</sup> July, 6.30pm St Joachim's Church

**Enrolment Masses** ALL Parish Weekend Masses 25<sup>th</sup> & 26<sup>th</sup> July

**Family sessions** Thursday 6<sup>th</sup> August, 6pm St Joachim's Church **OR**

Saturday 8<sup>th</sup> August, 2pm St Joachim's Church

**Presentation of the Creed** ALL weekend Masses 15<sup>th</sup> & 16<sup>th</sup> August

**Practice Session** Wednesday 26<sup>th</sup> & Thursday 27<sup>th</sup> August, 6.30pm, St Joachim's Church

**Celebration of Confirmation** Wednesday 2<sup>nd</sup> September, 5pm **OR** 6.30pm St Joachim's Church

Please feel free to contact the Parish Office on 3349 2280 or email Mary at: [sacpr.hpmg@bne.catholic.net.au](mailto:sacpr.hpmg@bne.catholic.net.au) for more information.



**Weekday Masses**

Date	Day	Time	Location
Jan 19 <sup>th</sup>	Mon	8:00am	St Joachim's
Jan 21 <sup>st</sup>	Wed	6:00pm	St Agnes'
Jan 22	Thurs	9:00am	St Agnes'
Jan 23 <sup>rd</sup>	Fri	9:00am	St Joachim's

**Weekend Masses**

Jan 24 <sup>th</sup>	Sat	5:00pm	St Joachim's
Jan 25 <sup>th</sup>	Sun	7:30am	St Joachim's
Jan 25 <sup>th</sup>	Sun	9.00am	St Agnes
Jan 25 <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**

Jan 13<sup>th</sup> 4:00pm St Vincent de Paul Meeting

**New to the parish**  
**Register via Flocknote**  
**by scanning the QR**  
**code.**



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**STOpline**

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