



## 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

3<sup>rd</sup> Sunday of Ordinary Time

Year A

January 24<sup>th</sup>/25<sup>th</sup> 2025

### PARISH PRIEST

Fr Thomas Varkey

### PARISH SECRETARY

Dot Lomax

### SACRAMENTAL COORDINATOR

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### 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

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07 3367 6300

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(Safeguarding purposes only)

### *Come, follow me*

Discipleship is not something that we take upon ourselves. We are called to it. Some people are very conscious of this call. They are aware of it in their aspirations and dreams; they recognise it in the events of their lives. They hear the call as clearly as Simon, Andrew, James and John heard the voice of Jesus. For others, the call to discipleship is not so clear. They may experience an undefined restlessness, a dissatisfaction with their lives. People can respond to the call in one of two ways. They can consider the mere suggestion of discipleship an intrusion into their plans, or they can drop what they are doing, leave their former concerns behind and follow Jesus.

There is a misunderstanding about being called and leaving everything behind. Although the gospel says that the four men left their occupation of fishing in order to follow Jesus, this kind of 'leaving behind' was not, and still is not, required of all, for it is in the ordinary events of life that our salvation unfolds. For most people, this is precisely where they are to function as disciples. Still, disciples of Jesus are called to leave behind certain ways of living as they follow him. They are called away from lives of pettiness and division. They are called away from the kind of factionalism that seems to have threatened the unity of the Corinthian community. They are called away from narrow-mindedness and mean-spirited competition. It is much easier to leave nets than to leave the web of one's prejudices.

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### Prayer of the Faithful

Since the beginning of Advent, you have probably noticed a slightly different structure for the Prayers of the Faithful. A simpler form, but with more space for us to pray. The reader calls us in the Assembly to pray for something specific and then pauses for us to do so. The reader then gathers all our prayer together with the familiar, 'We Pray to the Lord' and we reinforce our petition with 'Lord Hear our Prayer.'

In his Apostolic Exhortation, *Evangelii Gaudium*, Pope Francis made an extraordinary statement, 'Intercessory prayer is like "leaven" in the heart of the Trinity' (283) meaning that our prayer 'penetrates the Father's heart' and change in our world happens. Of course, we also know that Jesus encouraged us to 'ask, seek, and knock and we would be answered.'

Each Sunday we intercede for our world and ourselves. There is much bad news in our world and around us. But never let us underestimate the power we have as a faithful praying community to bring about change.

Sr Mel Williams osu

**Parish News**

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

**COUNTERS** Elisabeth's team.

**ST AGNES' MEALS ON WHEELS** team is rostered on this Thursday, January 29<sup>th</sup>. Please let the kitchen know if you are unable to make it, 3397 9150.

**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.

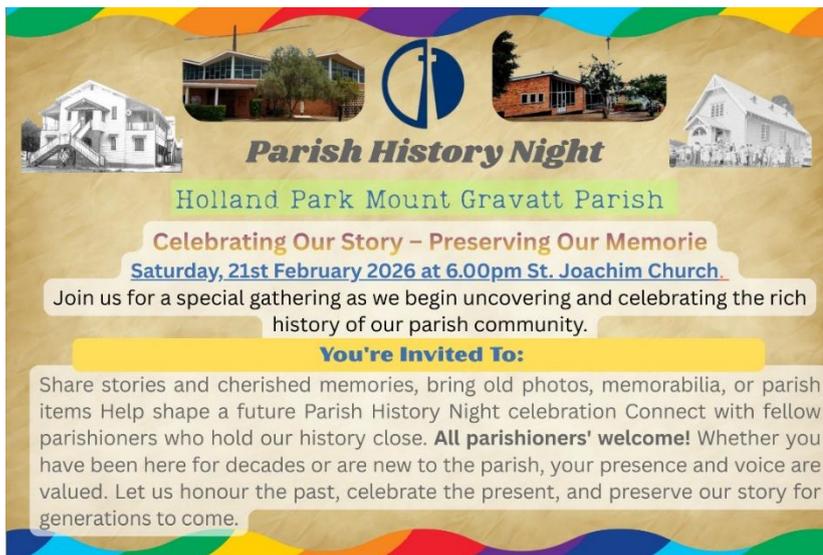
**COFFEE AND CHAT** The first gathering for the year will be held on Monday, February 2<sup>nd</sup> at Brizstar Café, Mt Gravatt Plaza commencing 10:00am. Everyone is welcome. Are you new to the Parish, this is a way of getting to know people. If you have been around for a long time it is a way of connecting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

**ARE YOU INTERESTED IN SOCIAL JUSTICE**

**Social Justice Statement Launch: The Cost of Our Living: Economic and Social Justice for the Common Good**

The first Social Justice Statement for 2026 will be launched on Tuesday, February 10<sup>th</sup> commencing 7:00pm at St James' Hall, Coorparoo. It is being Launched by Archbishop Shane Mackinlay and the reflection will be from Trish McMahon, State President for St Vincent de Paul. Gold coin donation for Vinnies. If you would like to secure a seat please contact the parish office, we will arrange a booking from the parish.

'The Idea of Australia' is a four part series on SBS which is a valuable watch and highly recommended.



**FEAST OF ST AGNES – JANUARY 21<sup>ST</sup>**



**PRAYER TO ST AGNES**

St. Agnes, although you were only a child, you believed that Jesus was always with you; help us to remember that he is also with us, and to remain true to his presence.

St. Agnes, you refused to give up your faith; help us to be proud of our faith, to love it, to be strong in it, and to give witness to it daily.

St. Agnes, patron saint of children, watch over the children of the world; keep them safe from harm; be with them in their hour of need; and always pray for them. Amen.

Weekday Masses			
Date	Day	Time	Location
Jan 26 <sup>th</sup>	Mon	8:00am	St Joachim's
Jan 28 <sup>st</sup>	Wed	6:00pm	St Agnes'
Jan 29 <sup>th</sup>	Thurs	9:00am	St Agnes'
Jan 30 <sup>th</sup>	Fri	9:00am	St Joachim's
Weekend Masses			
Jan 31 <sup>st</sup>	Sat	5:00pm	St Joachim's
Feb 1 <sup>st</sup>	Sun	7:30am	St Joachim's
Feb 1 <sup>st</sup>	Sun	9:00am	St Agnes
Feb 1 <sup>st</sup>	Sun	6:00pm	St Agnes
SACRAMENTS AND SPECIAL LITURGIES			
<b>RECONCILIATION - Every Saturday</b> at 4.30pm at St. Joachim's Church.			
<b>HOLY ROSARY</b> Every Wednesday 5:30pm St Agnes Church			
<b>MASS OF ANOINTING - First Friday</b> 9. 00am at St. Joachim's			
<b>ADORATION - First Wednesday</b> 6:30pm at St Agnes'			
<b>BAPTISM, WEDDINGS, AND FUNERALS</b> by appointment			
<b>BAPTISM PREPARATION SESSION</b> 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	
<p><b>New to the parish</b> <b>Register via Flocknote</b> <b>by scanning the QR</b> <b>code.</b></p>			
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