



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

2nd Sunday in Lent

Year A

February 28th/March 1st 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

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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

1800 846 643

OUTSIDE HOURS SCHOOL CARE

St. Agnes & St. Joachim

07 3367 6300

SAFEGUARDING REPRESENTATIVE

Lyn Russo: 0474 297 201

(Safeguarding purposes only)

Parish History Night – A Heartfelt Thank You

Our Parish History Night that held last Saturday evening was a wonderful success, with around 50 parishioners in attendance. It was a beautiful evening of remembering, sharing, and celebrating our parish journey together.

Sincere thanks to our facilitator, Malcolm Cole, whose leadership and engaging style guided the evening so thoughtfully. We are also very grateful to our parish staff, Dot Lomax and Mary Ginty and preparation team, Paul Gallagher, Richard Tiainen, and Laurence Philipson for their generous work behind the scenes. Thank you to Paula Flynn, Alison Tiainen and Zsoka Gallagher for organising the refreshments.

We deeply appreciate our panel members Pat Flynn, Laurence Philipson, and Laurice Green for sharing their stories and memories. Special thanks to D'Arcy O'Meara and Margaret Tiainen for sharing their experiences through video interviews, and to Gerard Ward for capturing and preparing those videos so beautifully.

Thank you to everyone who attended and actively participated, bringing photos, memories, and heartfelt stories. Your contributions created a warm and inspiring atmosphere, especially for our long-term parishioners. I thank Ron Pugh, our Parish Finance Council Chair and Financial council members for supporting this event.

We are pleased to share that a Parish History Committee has now been formed with the intention of studying our parish history more deeply, organising future events, and possibly producing a documentary in the future. I sincerely thank Richard Tiainen, Laurence Philipson, Margaret Tiainen, Laurice Green, and Jan Law for generously volunteering to serve on this committee.

May this renewed appreciation of our past continue to strengthen our community as we move forward together.

Fr Thomas

2nd Sunday of Lent Commentary

In terms of everyday life in this world, the report of the "Transfiguration" of Jesus, that we will hear about today, brings with it the almost shocking awareness that Jesus represents completely different ideas from what we normally encounter, especially about what is real, what matters, and what is possible.

The overwhelming vision given to Jesus' leading disciples—now coming to each of us—marks this Second Sunday of Lent as a more intense preparation for dealing with that teaching that every disciple has to face, that Jesus will stand above his own death and bring all the ancient promises of God's Kingdom back to life in the light of a living day to come!

Roen Robinson

World Day of Prayer - Friday 6th March

St. Bartholomew's Anglican Church - - 10:00am

1357 Logan Rd. Mt Gravatt

Prepared by the women of Nigeria

All welcome!



The Holland Park Mt Gravatt Catholic Parish acknowledge the Jagera people, the traditional Owners who have walked upon and cared for this land for thousands of years. We acknowledge the continued deep spiritual attachment and relationship of Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander peoples to this country and commit ourselves to the ongoing journey of reconciliation.

Parish News

WE REMEMBER David Morel. May he rest in the peace of Christ
CLOW will be held in conjunction with the 9:00am mass TODAY.
COUNTERS Robyn's team.
LENTEN PROGRAM will continue Monday evening commencing 6:00pm in the Parish Centre.
BAPTISM PREPARATION will be held this Wednesday, March 4th commencing 7:00pm in the Parish Centre.
ADORATION OF THE BLESSED SACRAMENT will be offered after the 6:00pm mass on Wednesday.
THURSDAY MORNING MASS There will be **NO** mass this coming Thursday morning.
1st FRIDAY MASS WITH ANOINTING OF THE SICK will be held next Friday, March 6th. Due to World Day of Prayer (see notice front page) there will be **NO** hospitality or Stations of the Cross following this mass.

INVITATION TO SACRAMENT OF PENANCE

The parish warmly invites all children in **Year 5 and above** who have received **their First Holy Communion** to prepare for the **Sacrament of Penance**.

Registration is now OPEN and closes on **Monday 2 March**.

Preparation Sessions:

- Saturday 14 March, 2:00–3:30pm – 1st Session*
- Saturday 21 March, 2:00–3:30pm – 2nd Session*

Celebration of the Sacrament:

- Saturday 28 March, 1:00–2:30pm
- Children must attend both sessions

This program is for children/candidates only. Parents are not required to attend the preparation sessions; however, you are most welcome to join your child if you wish.

Parents and carers are asked to be present at the **Celebration of the Sacrament** on **Saturday 28 March**. Further details will follow. Please **RSVP** as soon as you can to secure your place - sacpr.hpmg@bne.catholic.net.au or ph:3349 2280

Weekday Masses

Date	Day	Time	Location
Mar 02	Mon	8:00am	St Joachim's
Mar 04	Wed	6:00pm	St Agnes'
Mar 05	Thurs	NO MASS	
Mar 06	Fri	9:00am	St Joachim's

Weekend Masses

Mar 07	Sat	5:00pm	St Joachim's
Mar 08	Sun	7:30am	St Joachim's
Mar 08	Sun	9.00am	St Agnes
Mar 08	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
 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

Family and Children's Mass on 4th Sunday of
 the month at 9.00am at St. Agnes

EVENTS & MEETINGS AT PARISH CENTRE

6:00pm	Monday	Lenten Program
7:00pm	Wednesday	Baptism Preparation

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



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Second Sunday of Lent
 28 February – 1 March 2026

Sisilia is a 13-year-old girl living in remote Tanzania, who had to walk long distances to collect water every day. Thanks to Project Compassion, Sisilia's school and village now have safe clean water close by and she can spend more time studying so she can fulfil her dream of one day becoming a pilot.



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You can support Project Compassion 2026 through the donation boxes, envelopes or by scanning the QR code.

Or online at: www.projectcompassion.org.au/donate

Or by calling: 1800 024 413

Thank you for standing with us, as we *Unite Against Poverty this Lent.*

POWERHOUSE OF PRAYER – LEARNING THE ART OF LECTIO DIVINA led by Fr Paul Changler O.Carm will be held at Santa Teresa Spirituality from 9:00am – 3:00pm on Saturday, March 21st. Cost: \$55 pp. RSVP Friday March 13th. Limited spaces