



## 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

4<sup>th</sup> Sunday in Lent

Year A

March 14<sup>th</sup>/15<sup>th</sup> 2026

### 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)

### 4<sup>th</sup> Sunday of Lent Commentary

Fourth Week of Lent: Where is Jesus now? Having followed him out of that empty desert and through foreign towns, where he began to speak, we now find him at last among his own people, and fully engaged in mission. He is encouraging everyone to trust their God's promises and he is opening their eyes to what is happening now to bring those promises about. Stories are coming to light of astounding healings and powerful teaching!

The authorities, however, are not accepting that. There is always this pressure against belief. We see it in our own times too. The logic of the world asks: How can anyone believe these things?

Yet Jesus is relentless, and apparently rather clever as he pursues his own agenda, evading the authorities—for the moment—and calling on people to follow, to think, to look for God's Kingdom in their real experience. When they ask him if God will really be there when they take that step into dangerous belief, he replies that they are already looking at him!

Roen Robinson

## Lenten Adoration

Sharing the Mercy of Jesus

Friday March 20, 2026

From 9:00 am to 4:00 pm

At St. Joachim's Church,  
41 Yuletide Street

Holland Park West - 4121

### CONTACT US

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Please bring along a plate  
to share for refreshments

9.00am Mass

10.00am Stations of the Cross

11.00am Lenten Reflections

12.00pm Angelus &

Intercessory Prayers

2.00pm Silent Adoration

3.00pm Divine Mercy Chaplet &  
Rosary

3.30pm Common Adoration &  
Benediction of the Blessed  
Sacrament

4:00pm Refreshments

### A Day of Prayer in Lent 2026

A spiritual event hosted by Holland Park Mount Gravatt Catholic Parish as an Lenten preparation. All are 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**

**HOLY WEEK TIMETABLE**

<b>Holy Thursday</b>	Mass of the Lord's Supper	Thursday April 2	6:30pm	St Joachim's
<b>Good Friday</b>	Stations of the Cross	Friday April 3	10:00am	St Joachim's
	The Lord's Passion	Friday April 3	3:00pm	St Agnes'
<b>Holy Saturday</b>	Easter Vigil	Saturday April 4	6:30pm	St Joachim's
There will be no reconciliation available prior to the Vigil Mass				
<b>Easter Sunday</b>	Mass	Sunday April 5	7:30am	St Joachim's
	Mass	Sunday April 5	9:00am	St Agnes'

(Please note there will not be a 6pm Mass on Easter Sunday)

**CHILDREN'S LITURGY OF THE WORD** will be held today at the 9:00am mass.

**COUNTERS** Maureen's team.

**LENTEN PROGRAM** will continue Monday evening at 6:00pm in the Parish Centre.

**MEALS ON WHEELS** The Holland Park team is rostered for this Tuesday, March 17<sup>th</sup>.

**PREPARATION FOR SACRAMENT OF PENANCE**



For children already enrolled in the Sacrament of Penance, please note the 2nd session in preparation will be held this coming Saturday 21 March, 2pm-3.30pm, St Agnes' Church. The Celebration of the Sacrament will be held on Saturday 28th March, 1pm-2.30pm, St Agnes' Church.

Please keep the children and families in your prayers during this time.

**2<sup>ND</sup> RITE OF RECONCILIATION** will be held at St Agnes' Church on Monday, March 23<sup>rd</sup> commencing 6:00pm.

**CLEANING OF BRASS** On Wednesday, April 1<sup>st</sup> there will be a working bee at St Joachim's Church commencing 9:00am to clean the brass for the Easter celebrations. Any time that can be spared would be appreciated. We will finish off with morning tea.



**ANNUAL HOLY THURSDAY COLLECTION**

in support of

**Emmanuel City Mission, South Brisbane**



A lay-led Catholic mission community in the Archdiocese of Brisbane

Emmanuel operates every day providing hot meals, showers and washing facilities, clothing and toiletry packs. They need underwear, socks, t-shirts, pants, trackpants, sweaters in all sizes for men and women.

Donations can be brought to the weekend masses, Holy Thursday mass or be dropped into the Parish Office.

**Collection baskets are in the churches from this weekend**

**SACRAMENTAL PROGRAM 2026  
SACRAMENT OF FIRST HOLY COMMUNION  
INVITATION TO REGISTRATION AND PREPARATION**



Registration **NOW OPEN**

The Sacrament of First Holy Communion is open to all children in year four (4) and above who have received the Sacrament of Confirmation.

Preparation for the Sacrament of First Communion **begins the end of April.**

To secure your place or for more information contact:

Mary at [sacpr.hpmg@bne.catholic.net.au](mailto:sacpr.hpmg@bne.catholic.net.au)

**Registration close Monday 10 April 2026.**

**ANNUAL ST PATRICK'S DAY MASS** will be held at the Cathedral of St Stephen, Elizabeth Street commencing 10.00am on Tuesday 17 March 2026. You are also invited to join your fellow attendees for morning tea afterwards in the Hanly Room.

**Weekday Masses**

Date	Day	Time	Location
Mar 16	Mon	8:00am	St Joachim's
Mar 18	Wed	6:00pm	St Agnes'
Mar 19	Thurs	9:00am	St Agnes'
Mar 20	Fri	9:00am	St Joachim's

**Weekend Masses**

Mar 21	Sat	5:00pm	St Joachim's
Mar 22	Sun	7:30am	St Joachim's
Mar 22	Sun	9:00am	St Agnes
Mar 22	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> 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

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



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**STOpline**

Phone: 1300 304 550

Email: [AOB@stopline.com.au](mailto:AOB@stopline.com.au)

Online Report: [bne.catholic.stoplinereport.com](http://bne.catholic.stoplinereport.com)

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