



## 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

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

Year A

March 21<sup>st</sup>/22<sup>nd</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

### PTA

### PARISH DETAILS

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[www.hollandparkmtgravatt.catholicparish.com.au](http://www.hollandparkmtgravatt.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)

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

The idea of Lent as a season to focus on our beliefs as we lead up to Easter is about one thousand seven hundred years old. What we have been reading of Jesus in our scriptures was written just under two thousand years ago. Jesus himself was referring to his own people's scriptures from the centuries before that as he endorsed God's bright promises of abundant life to come.

As in our time, many rejected him, but a community had also formed around him and from them our Gospel reports have come. They were convinced, but must have been puzzled that his teachings were such a strange mixture of light and dark. He spoke of embracing unavoidable suffering as the only way through to the kingdom!

It might have been a good strategy to demonstrate some power over death at that point, just before he approached Jerusalem, rather than risk his followers being scattered by the dark days of his execution. Today we will read again the account of Lazarus. We all have to make up our own minds about such things, but his disciples were clearly keen to have this report passed on to generations to come. What will we make of these scriptures as we track through the last dark weeks of Lent?

Roen Robinson

### PRESENTATION OF THE CREED

Every Sunday at mass the gathered community stands and recites either the Apostles Creed or the Nicene Creed. Each of these creeds are a summary of our belief as Christians and we use the word 'profess' when we speak of what we do. We are making very explicit what our belief is. Before water is poured at baptism, the adult person, or God parents for children, are asked if they have this belief. Today Cristine who is preparing for baptism on Holy Saturday night is presented with the Creed so she may be sure of her commitment. In this presentation the Celebrant tells Cristine 'the words (of the Creed) are few but the mysteries they contain are great.' Perhaps this presentation of the Creed encourages us all to be attentive to what we profess and helps us renew our wonder and delight in the mysteries of our belief.



Archbishop Shane Mackinlay  
invites you to the annual

**CHRISM MASS**

Cathedral of St Stephen

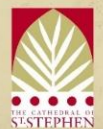
Thursday 26th March 2026

7:00pm

A celebration for the entire Archdiocese

All Welcome

The undercover carpark will be available  
from 6:00pm



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)			

**WE REMEMBER** Margaret Taylor. May she rest in the peace of Christ

**WE REJOICE** with the Summers and Dutton families as they celebrate the baptism of Jasper, Xavier and Hayden in the parish this week.


**COUNTERS** Elisabeth's team.

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

**ST VINCENT DE PAUL MEETING** will be held on Tuesday, March 24<sup>th</sup> commencing 4:00pm in the Parish Centre.

**THURSDAY MORNING MASS** There will be **NO** Thursday morning mass for the next 3 weeks, March, 26<sup>th</sup>, April 2<sup>nd</sup> and April 9<sup>th</sup>.

**CELEBRATION OF THE SACRAMENT OF PENANCE**



The children enrolled for the Sacrament of Penance have now completed the preparation for the sacrament. They will celebrate the Sacrament next **Saturday 28th March, 1pm-2.30pm at St Agnes' Church. Please keep them children and their families in your prayers.**

**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.

**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.**

**Weekday Masses**

Date	Day	Time	Location
Mar 23	Mon	8:00am	St Joachim's
Mar 25	Wed	6:00pm	St Agnes'
Mar 26	Thurs	NO MASS	St Agnes'
Mar 27	Fri	9:00am	St Joachim's

**Weekend Masses**

Mar 28	Sat	5:00pm	St Joachim's
Mar 29	Sun	7:30am	St Joachim's
Mar 29	Sun	9:00am	St Agnes
Mar 29	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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