



Holland Park Mount Gravatt Parish

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Palm Sunday of the Passion of the Lord

Year A

March 28th/29th 2026

PARISH PRIEST

Fr Thomas Varkey

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Monday – Friday
8:30am – 4:00pm

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St Joachim's & St Agnes' parish

PARISH SCHOOLS

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1800 846 643

OUTSIDE HOURS SCHOOL CARE

St. Agnes & St. Joachim
07 3367 6300

SAFEGUARDING REPRESENTATIVE

Lyn Russo: 0474 297 201

(Safeguarding purposes only)

Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord

As we prepare to enter the sacred time of Holy Week, we look again at the significance of Christ in our lives. Though he was really in the form of God, Jesus came in the form of a slave. We have a saviour who was crushed for our iniquities, nailed to a cross as a convicted felon, and there endured the sense of abandonment. We have a saviour who was finally lifted up and exalted precisely because he emptied himself of his divine privileges. Unlike conquerors who triumph by putting down their opponents, Jesus was raised up because he himself was first willing to be put down. We have a saviour who first offered himself for us and then continues to offer himself to us as an example to follow. As he was willing to empty himself for our sake, so we must to be willing to empty ourselves for the sake of others.

The best way to enter Holy Week with Jesus is in the company of those with whom he has identified himself: the poor and the broken; the humiliated and the marginalised; those who suffer the abuse of others; those who never use rank to force their will. If we are to be saved, we must go where salvation takes place: in our streets and in our homes where violence rages; in the dark corners of life where despair holds sway; wherever the innocent are abused or the needy are neglected; wherever there is misunderstanding or fear or jealousy. We must go wherever Christ empties himself for our sake.

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Friday Holy Lands Collection

The annual collection for the support of the church in the Holy land will take place on Good Friday. This collect promotes the missionary work of the Church in the Holy Land by providing welfare assistance to local Christians in areas such as health, education, employment and housing. Parishes, schools, orphanages and medical centres throughout the Holy Land also rely on assistance from this collection. It is also used to maintain on 70 churches and shrines associated with the life of Jesus. Due to the Covid pandemic, the war in Gasa and now the war with Iran, recent years have been and continue to be extremely difficult for the Church and people of the Holy Land with reduced income due to fewer pilgrims and visitors. Last year, Australian Catholics donated \$1.7m through the Good Friday Collection, a wonderful effort that went a long way to assist the Church of the Holy Land. But this year, the Holy Land continues facing an income shortfall in funds due to the ongoing effects of the Pandemic, the war in Gasa and now the war with Iran, all of which discourage or totally prevent pilgrims coming the Holy Land. And so, we again urge Catholics around the world to be generous as possible. Please remember the Christians of the Holy Land on Good Friday and please keep them in your prayers.

Thank you

Parish News

HOLY WEEK TIMETABLE

Holy Thursday	Mass of the Lord's Supper	Thursday April 2	6:30pm	St Joachim's
Good Friday	Stations of the Cross	Friday April 3	10:00am	St Joachim's
	The Lord's Passion	Friday April 3	3:00pm	St Agnes'
Holy Saturday	Easter Vigil	Saturday April 4	6:30pm	St Joachim's
There will be no reconciliation available prior to the Vigil Mass				
Easter Sunday	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 Charlotte Quinn and Margaret Taylor. May they rest in the peace of Christ.

COUNTERS Robyn's team.

THURSDAY MORNING MASS There will be **NO** Thursday morning mass for the next 2 weeks, April 2nd and April 9th.

CLEANING OF BRASS On Wednesday, April 1st 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.

COFFEE AND CHAT will be held on Monday April 13th commencing 10:00am at Brizstar Café, Mt Gravatt Plaza. All parishioners are welcome to attend.

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.



EASTER HOLY WATER - would you like some to take home?

On Easter Sunday morning after Mass, you will be invited to take home some Holy Water, blessed at the Easter Vigil the night before. The Parish will have a limited number of bottles available, and you are welcome to take one. However, since the bottles are limited, you may wish to bring your own to ensure you have a bottle to take home. Share in the joy of the Easter blessings.

**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
Registration close Monday 10 April 2026.

THE "SPIRIT OF HOPE" MONTHLY CITY PRAYER MINISTRY scheduled for Wednesday 1st April has been cancelled.

INVITATION TO AN ANOINTING MASS The monthly Anointing Mass at St. Mary Magdalene's Church, Bardon will be held on Friday, 10th April at 7.30pm. The Sacrament of Anointing will be administered during the Mass and further prayer ministry will be available after Mass. For info email lenpatairey@gmail.com.

Weekday Masses

Date	Day	Time	Location
Mar 30	Mon	8:00am	St Joachim's
Apr 01	Wed	6:00pm	St Agnes'
Apr 02	Thurs	REFER TO HOLY WEEK TIMETABLE	
Apr 03	Fri		

Weekend Masses

Apr 04	Sat	6:30pm	St Joachim's
Apr 05	Sun	7:30am	St Joachim's
Apr 05	Sun	9:00am	St Agnes
Apr 05	Sun	NO 6PM MASS	St Agnes

SACRAMENTS AND SPECIAL LITURGIES

RECONCILIATION - Every Saturday

NO RECONCILIATION OF HOLY SATURDAY

HOLY ROSARY

Every Wednesday 5:30pm St Agnes Church

MASS OF ANOINTING - First Friday

NO MASS APRIL DUE TO GOOD FRIDAY

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

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



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