



## 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

Third Sunday of Easter

Year A

April 18<sup>th</sup>/19<sup>th</sup> 2026

### PARISH PRIEST

Fr Thomas Varkey

### PARISH SECRETARY

Dot Lomax

### SACRAMENTAL COORDINATOR

Mary Ginty

### MUSIC COORDINATOR

Yolanda Apelt

### LITURGY COORDINATOR

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### PARISH OFFICE HOURS

Monday – Friday

8:30am – 4:00pm

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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

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(Safeguarding purposes only)

Dear Brothers and Sisters in Christ,

Thank you for your patience and understanding following the announcement regarding the possible cancellation of the 7:30am Sunday Mass at St Joachim's Church. I am grateful for the thoughtful feedback and reflections shared by many of you.

After prayerful consideration and careful reflection on both the reasons in favour and the concerns expressed, I have decided that, for the time being, the 7:30am Sunday Mass will continue.

At the same time, this Mass will be celebrated in a simpler form without music. This will also allow for a little more space between the morning Masses, helping us to prepare for and celebrate each liturgy with greater care and reverence.

The earlier consideration to cancel this Mass arose primarily due to smaller attendance and other practical factors. However, having weighed all aspects, I believe that continuing the Mass in this simpler form is the most appropriate decision at this time.

Thank you for your understanding, your support, and your continued commitment to our parish community.

Fr Thomas

### **Gospel Reflection**

The Easter mystagogical instruction continues. Today we reflect on life as a journey. This theme expresses well the fact that life is not static but is a movement from one point to another. Actually, we do not so much make the journey as we join one that is already in progress. Nor are we alone on it. We have companions who share their encouragement and support, their talents and insight. Like the two disciples travelling to Emmaus, we have certain expectations which Jesus does not seem to fulfil. They did not realise that through his death he had accomplished everything. They did not realise that the Risen Lord himself was their travelling companion.

As with them, so with us. We may not see the extraordinary in the ordinary. We may not see the hand of God in our lives. Perhaps we need someone to interpret for us both the tradition and the events of life. Despite appearances, something is happening beneath what we are able to observe. God is at work beneath and within our lives. Once we realise who this unique travelling companion really is, our hearts too will burn within us, our eyes too will be opened, and we too will look at life with the assurance of faith. Easter faith will transform our disillusionment into missionary zeal. Some of us may be called upon to give public witness, as did Peter. Most will preach with the example of our lives. All can enter this mystery as we recognise him in the breaking of the bread.

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**Parish News**

**WE REJOICE** with the Kowalik and Foreman families as they celebrate the baptism of Julius and Isabel in the parish this weekend.

**COUNTERS** Maureen’s team.

**ST VINCENT DE PAUL MEETING** will be held on Tuesday, April 28<sup>th</sup> commencing 4:00pm in the Parish Centre.

**ST JOACHIM’S MEAL ON WHEELS** team is rostered on this Tuesday, April 21<sup>st</sup>.

**ANZAC DAY** - A mass to commemorate ANZAC Day will be celebrated at St Joachim’ Church commencing 9:00am.

**FAMILY AND CHILDREN’S MASS** Our monthly Family and Children’s Mass will be held on Sunday, April 26<sup>th</sup> at the 9:00am Mass.

**SUGAR TO GIVE AWAY** The parish office received a very large bag of sugar for our use. Though gratefully received it would take the office years to use it up so we decided to rebag into smaller lots and give them away to parishioners. These will be available at the masses this weekend. If you are interested please take a bag after mass.

World **Mission** Rosary

 **Dates:** Monday to Friday, 1 May – 31 May

 **Time:** 2:00 PM – 3:00 PM

 **Location:** Online via Teams – [Join here](#)

*RSVP by 24<sup>th</sup> April if you can attend online via [Brisbane.admin@catholicmission.org.au](mailto:Brisbane.admin@catholicmission.org.au)*

**MIDDLE EAST EMERGENCY APPEAL – AID TO THE CHURCH IN NEED**

Aid to the Church in Need is calling for urgent prayer and support for Christian communities affected by war in the Middle East. Your help will provide emergency food packages, support parishes sheltering displaced families, keep schools running, and supply vital medical and pastoral care. To learn more or give today, please scan the QR code or visit [www.rebrand.ly/EmergencyAppeal](http://www.rebrand.ly/EmergencyAppeal)



**INVITATION TO AN ANOINTING MASS** An invitation is extended all parishioners to attend the monthly Anointing Mass at St. Mary Magdalene’s Church, Bardon, Friday, 1st May 2026 at 7.30pm. The Sacrament of Anointing will be administered during the Mass and further prayer ministry will be available after Mass. For more information, contact Len Airey on 0421 977 849 or by email to [lenpatairey@gmail.com](mailto:lenpatairey@gmail.com) Sponsored by CCR Bardon.



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**Weekday Masses**

Date	Day	Time	Location
Apr 20	Mon	8:00am	St Joachim’s
Apr 22	Wed	6:00pm	St Agnes’
Apr 23	Thurs	9:00am	St Agnes’
Apr 24	Fri	9:00am	St Joachim’s
Apr 25	Sat	9:00am	St Joachim’s

**Weekend Masses**

Apr 25	Sat	5:00pm	St Joachim’s
Apr 26	Sun	7:30am	St Joachim’s
Apr 26	Sun	9:00am	St Agnes
Apr 26	Sun	6:00 pm	St Agnes

**SACRAMENTS AND SPECIAL LITURGIES**

**RECONCILIATION - Every Saturday**

Every Saturday 4:30pm St Joachim’s Church

**HOLY ROSARY**

Every Wednesday 5:30pm St Agnes Church

**MASS OF ANOINTING - First Friday**

9:00am St Joachim’s Church

**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**

Tues Apr 22<sup>nd</sup> St Vincent de Paul Meeting

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



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