



## 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

Fourth Sunday of Easter

Year A

April 25<sup>th</sup>/26<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)

*I have come that you may have life to the full.*

The emphasis in John's use of the shepherd image is that of safety. The shepherd will protect his flock from harm. At the time of John's community, they must have felt themselves under threat from outside forces. This reading assures them that Jesus will protect them and give them fullness of life. In the first century the threats were real. The community was experiencing a great struggle with Judaism and the Romans. From time to time, that struggle even became persecution. In Australia we have rarely experienced open conflict, let alone persecution for religious reasons, but there are many places in the world today where this is a reality – Indonesia, Israel, Iraq.

The dangers that threaten us are more subtle. We don't need thieves and brigands to steal us from the flock; our own hearts can readily leave the community lured by values that are not Christian. In the desire for greater affluence, we can allow policies to limit refugee intake at a time when this is a humanitarian crisis. To have greater profit margins, companies may reduce the workforce making many jobless without the prospect of future employment. These are Gospel issues, not just economic or political ones. This year we will hear Matthew's criteria for entry into the reign of God: those who help the sick, offer shelter to the homeless, care for prisoners. These are very practical ways of evaluating Christian behaviour.

Listening to today's word let us each reflect on what the real things are that threaten our personal Christian living. Thieves and brigands would be much easier to fight than the subtle dangers we Christians face today.

Mary Coloe PBVM



## World Day of Prayer for Vocations

26 APRIL GOOD SHEPHERD SUNDAY



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**

**COUNTERS** Elisabeth's team.

**MEALS ON WHEELS** – St Agnes' next rostered day is Thursday, April 30th. Please advise the kitchen of your availability on 3397 9150.

**1st FRIDAY MASS WITH ANOINTING OF THE SICK** will be held next Friday, May 1st. Hospitality will follow.

**CHILDREN'S LITURGY OF THE WORD** will be held in conjunction with the 9:00am mass at St Agnes' next Sunday, May 3rd.

**New Parish Phone System**



The parish has introduced a new phone and communication system to make our communication more efficient. When you call, you will hear a welcome message with options for reception and Mass times. After hours, you can leave a message or follow prompts for urgent priest assistance.

Thank you for your understanding.

**SACRAMENT OF FIRST HOLY COMMUNION**

(Children in Grade 4 and above who have made their Confirmation)

**Enrolments have now closed for First Holy Communion.**

For those already enrolled the **Parent Preparation Sessions (Parents only)** commence as follows:

Tuesday 28th April, 6.30pm -7.30pm St Joachim's Church **OR**

Thursday 30th April, 6.30pm - 7.30pm St Agnes' Church



**Parish Ecumenical Ministry Group**

The parish is looking forward to forming an Ecumenical Ministry Group. Those who are interested are warmly invited to get involved. Please contact Trish (0434533157 or pobby1948@gmail.com) or Linda Sumadi (0468596438) for more information.

An initial meeting will be held on Saturday, 16 May 2026 at 10:00am in the Parish Centre.

**2026**

**Theology of the Body**

One Day Immersion

Join us for an introductory TOB program exploring the fullness of love, life and purpose through a day of fun and formation.

St Francis Hall  
West End  
Good Shepherd Parish

Saturday, May 2<sup>nd</sup>  
\$30 includes meals  
14 – 19 year olds  
To register or any queries  
[hannah@realtalkaustralia.com](mailto:hannah@realtalkaustralia.com)



**MENALIVE MEN'S WEEKEND**

13/14<sup>th</sup> June 2026  
St James Coorparoo

The menALIVE Men's weekend is an opportunity to explore what makes them feel fully alive. The weekend is organized by men in your local community and conducted by experienced team of menALIVE leaders. It is suitable for all men from 18 years of age, all ages and faith are invited.

The purpose of the weekend is to bring men together, to renew their faith in God and to encourage them to become an active force within the church.

**For information contact:**

St James Parish Office: 3397 1671  
[adultfaithformation.stjames@gmail.com](mailto:adultfaithformation.stjames@gmail.com)  
[osastjames@ne.catholic.net.au](mailto:osastjames@ne.catholic.net.au)  
[www.menalive.org.au](http://www.menalive.org.au)

**Weekday Masses**

Date	Day	Time	Location
Apr 27	Mon	8:00am	St Joachim's
Apr 29	Wed	6:00pm	St Agnes'
Apr 30	Thurs	9:00am	St Agnes'
May 01	Fri	9:00am	St Joachim's

**Weekend Masses**

May 02	Sat	5:00pm	St Joachim's
May 03	Sun	7:30am	St Joachim's
May 03	Sun	9:00am	St Agnes
May 03	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**

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



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