



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

Sixth Sunday of Easter

Year A

May 9th/10th 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

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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)

The Father will give another Paraclete

The Gospel continues from last Sunday as Jesus offers consolation to his disciples on the eve of his departure. Today we hear of the Spirit who will come to the disciples when Jesus returns to his Father. Because the Spirit will come and remain with them the disciples will not be left orphaned; they will not be left alone and desolate. The Spirit dwelling in the community will continue to mediate the presence of God with us.

The word 'Paraclete/Advocate' comes from the world of legal dealings. It can seem a strange word but it is the image Jesus offers to emphasise we have God on our side. The Greek work is based on the word 'to call' and so it means 'one who answers the call' or one called on for support – thus advocate. John's community was engaged in a struggle with both the Roman world and the Jewish world where Christianity had its origins. This is the context in which Jesus speaks of the Spirit as the Advocate in these struggles, the one who will answer their call, we will help and offer support.

Today, our context is different, but we still have much to struggle with in a society that no longer lives out and publicly espouses Gospel values. We still need the Spirit to be on our side as we struggle to live as Jesus lived; we still need the Spirit of truth to offer guidance and counsel as we struggle with the complex moral issues raised in our times. The Gospel still needs to be given a voice through the example and words of Christian men and women supported by our Advocate, the Spirit of truth.

Mary Coloe PBVM

Mother's Day Reflection



On Sunday we celebrate Mother's Day.

Families traditionally get together for lunch or dinner, either at home, in restaurants or at the local park.

Here is a reflection honouring our wonderful mothers.

For our mothers, who have given us life and love, that we may show them reverence and love, and others who show us a mother's love, we pray to the Lord.

For adoptive mothers and for the women who wish to give birth but experience challenges, that they know your care, we pray to the Lord.

For mothers who have lost a child through death, that their faith may give them hope, and their family and friends support and console them, we pray to the Lord.

For those who wish to serve as mothers, but are not able to do so, that they know your comfort, we pray to the Lord.

For mothers who have died, that God may bring them into the joy of his kingdom, we pray to the Lord.

Sourced from www.majellan.media

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 Alison's team.

PARISH HISTORY GROUP will be meeting this Thursday, May 14th commencing 3:15pm in the Parish Centre. The Committee is seeking more members, specifically those with a connection to the St Agnes' community. Since the formation of the committee at the Parish History night in February, Maureen Ward has joined the group, but there is a need for additional representation of parishioners from the former St Agnes' Parish. Please contact the Parish Office if you are interested in being involved - your participation would be most welcome and appreciated.

CHILDREN'S LITURGY OF THE WORD will be held in conjunction with the 9:00am mass at St Agnes' next Sunday. All children are invited to attend. Children under the age of 5 must be accompanied by an adult.

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.

**SACRAMENTAL PROGRAM
ENROLMENT MASSES**

For children already enrolled in the Sacrament of Eucharist, enrolment masses are being held on the 16th & 17th May, you only need to attend ONE of the following masses:

- Saturday 16th May, 5pm at St Joachim's Church
- Sunday 17th May, 7.30am at St Joachim's Church
- Sunday 17th May, 9am at St Agnes' Church
- Sunday 17th May, 6pm at St Agnes' Church

You do not need to book in for this mass, just turn up.

At the Enrolment Mass Children will be formally welcomed into the Sacramental Program and welcomed by the parish.

For more information contact Mary at sacpr.hpmg@bne.catholic.net.au or phone the parish office on 3349 2280



Together We Can

domestic & family
VIOLENCE
Prevention Month



On **Sunday, May 24th** we will be holding a short Prayer Liturgy after the 9:00am mass to remember those who have lost their lives to DFV, to pray for healing of victim-survivors and for those who continue to live in fear.

This annual initiative aims to raise awareness of domestic and family violence. No matter our role within the parish/community, there are simple things each of us can do to prevent DFV and to ensure that our community is one that listens to, believes and supports those who have been impacted by domestic and family violence.

The **menALIVE Men's Weekend** will be held on **13 + 14 June 2026**. The weekend is organised by men in your local community and conducted by an experienced team of menALIVE leaders. It is suitable for all men from 18 years of age. For more information contact Darren or David osastjames@bne.catholic.net.au; 33971671 OR adultfaithformation.stjames@gmail.com

Weekday Masses

Date	Day	Time	Location
May 11	Mon	8:00am	St Joachim's
May 13	Wed	6:00pm	St Agnes'
May 14	Thurs	9:00am	St Agnes'
May 15	Fri	9:00am	St Joachim's

Weekend Masses

May 16	Sat	5:00pm	St Joachim's
May 17	Sun	7:30am	St Joachim's
May 17	Sun	9:00am	St Agnes
May 17	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

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

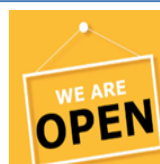
month at 9.00am at St. Agnes

EVENTS & MEETINGS AT PARISH CENTRE

May 14 Thursday Parish History Group

May 16 Saturday Parish Ecumenical Group

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



Parish Office Time change
over the next few weeks...

From Mon. 12th to Fri. 22nd May
Open 9am-2.30pm.

Usual office hours will resume

from Monday 25th May, Mon-Fri, 9am-4pm.

Thank you for your patience during this time.