



## 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

Pentecost Sunday

Year A

May 23<sup>rd</sup> /24<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)

[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)

### *Receive the Holy Spirit*

Dear Friends,

During the Easter season, the Risen Jesus appeared to many, especially to his weary, fearful, and discouraged disciples, strengthening and encouraging them to continue his mission. At the Ascension, Jesus assured his disciples that he would remain with them "until the end of the world," and he commissioned them to be his witnesses to all nations. He instructed them to remain in Jerusalem until they received the promised Helper and Advocate, the Holy Spirit.

At Pentecost, the disciples, together with Mother Mary, received the gift of the Holy Spirit, and from that moment they began their mission with renewed courage and conviction. That mission continues today through us in the world. Pentecost reminds us once again of our calling and responsibility as disciples of Christ.

Every baptised person is entrusted with this mission. As a parish family, each time we celebrate the Holy Eucharist, we are commissioned at the end of Mass with the words: "*Go and glorify the Lord by your life.*" We are sent forth to live and share the Gospel in our daily lives.

As a community conscious of this mission, I am grateful that despite our limitations and challenges, our parish continues to grow in service and ministry. We are blessed to have numerous ministries that have recently been strengthened and renewed. More than a dozen ministry coordinators now lead various ministries covering sacramental life, liturgy, youth, social outreach, children and families, and many other areas of parish life. In addition to our existing ministries, three new groups are currently being formed: the Parish History Committee, the Ecumenical Group, and the Multicultural Group. I sincerely thank each ministry coordinator and all who generously offer their time and commitment in service to our parish community. May the Holy Spirit continue to guide, strengthen, and inspire them in their mission.

This Sunday after the 9:00am Mass, we will hold a Prayer Service for the Prevention of Domestic and Family Violence. We recognise all victim-survivors of domestic and family violence and stand in solidarity with them, offering our prayers, compassion, and support. We pray that our homes, families, and communities may become places of safety, dignity, healing, and peace. As followers of Christ, we are called to be communities "full of the Spirit", places where love, gentleness, kindness, compassion, and hope are experienced by all.

May the Holy Spirit fill our hearts anew this Pentecost and send us forth as joyful witnesses of Christ's love and peace.

Fr. Thomas

**Parish News**

**COUNTERS** Elisabeth's team.

**PRAYER VIGIL FOR DOMESTIC AND FAMILY VIOLENCE** will be held at Cathedral of St Stephen on Tuesday, June 2<sup>nd</sup> from 5:30pm - 6:30pm. Followed by a light supper.

**FEAST OF CORPUS CHRISTI WALK WITH JESUS** The annual Corpus Christi Procession will take place on Sunday, June 7<sup>th</sup> beginning and ending at the Cathedral of St Stephan commencing at 2:00pm. It will feature prayers, rosary, hymns, benediction and the Migrant Jubilee Cross. Led by Archbishop Shane Mackinlay.

**PENTECOST SERVICE MULTICROSS CULTURAL EVENT** invites you to a Pentecost Service, Sunday, May 24<sup>th</sup> 2pm-3.30pm.

Living Water Uniting Church, 481 Broadwater Rd, Mansfield.

**SACRAMENTAL PROGRAM 2026**

**FIRST COMMUNION FAMILY SESSIONS**

For Children already enrolled in the Sacrament, Family Sessions will be held as follows:

**Monday 25<sup>th</sup> May** 6pm-7.30pm, St Joachim's Church  
**OR**

**Thursday 28<sup>th</sup> May**, 6pm-7.30pm, St Joachim's Church

For more information. please contact the Parish Office (3349 2280)

**PARISH HISTORY COMMITTEE – INVITATION TO SHARE OUR STORY**

The Parish History Committee is currently gathering stories, memories, photographs, documents, and historical materials connected to the life and journey of the Holland Park Mt Gravatt Catholic Parish.

Parishioners are warmly invited to contribute any items that may help preserve our rich parish heritage. These materials may later assist in preparing historical publications, archives, and presentations as the parish celebrates the Silver Jubilee of the formal amalgamation of HPMG Parish in 2028.

Please send your contributions to: [hpmgparishhistory@gmail.com](mailto:hpmgparishhistory@gmail.com)

Together, let us preserve the story of our parish for future generations.

**A PRAYER TO END DOMESTIC AND FAMILY VIOLENCE**

Loving and Just God,

As we cry out for an end to the suffering of the innocent, You cry with us.

As we cry out in righteous anger against violence of all kinds, You cry with us.

As we cry out in frustration that cultural change is happening far too slowly, You cry with us.

While it may feel like it at times, we are not crying out alone, we are not crying out in vain ... Our cries are Your cries too.

As You blend Your voice with ours, lend us Your strength too, so that we may continue to do what it takes to put an end to domestic & family violence.

Lend us Your strength, so we can continue to challenge harmful behaviours, misuses of power and authority, misconceptions and misinformation.

Lend us Your courage, so we can continue to bring to light the reality of who is impacted, and how widespread domestic and family violence is.

Our hands are Yours, so let us not shy away from reaching out to those in need of practical support.

Our feet are Yours, so let us not walk away from those in need of community and belonging as they bravely step out of violent relationships.

Our eyes are Yours, so let us not be blind to those that try to cover up the abuse of out fear or shame.

Our ears are Yours, so let us not be deaf to the roaring cry that enough is enough ... it is time to end domestic and family violence once and for all.

We ask this in the name of Christ our Lord. AMEN..

**Weekday Masses**

Date	Day	Time	Location
May 25	Mon	8:00am	St Joachim's
May 27	Wed	6:00pm	St Agnes'
May 28	Thurs	9:00am	St Agnes'
May 29	Fri	9:00am	St Joachim's

**Weekend Masses**

May 30	Sat	5:00pm	St Joachim's
May 31	Sun	7:30am	St Joachim's
May 31	Sun	9:00am	St Agnes
May 31	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.**



**UPPER MT GRAVATT WISHART**

**COMMUNITY** extend an invitation for all to attend **National Reconciliation Week Service.**

**Date: Thursday 28<sup>th</sup> May, 6.30pm**

**Place: St Bernard's Catholic Church,**  
**4 Klumpp Rd, Upper Mt Gravatt**

**Tea & Coffee afterward**

**Celebrating National Reconciliation Week –**  
**May 27- June 3**