



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

The Most Body and Blood of Christ

Year A

June 7th/8th 2026

PARISH PRIEST

Fr Thomas Varkey

PARISH SECRETARY

Dot Lomax

SACRAMENTAL COORDINATOR

Mary Ginty

MUSIC COORDINATOR

Yolanda Apelt

LITURGY COORDINATOR

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Ron Pugh

PARISH OFFICE HOURS

Monday – Friday

8:30am – 4:00pm

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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 am the living bread – anyone who eats of this bread will live forever.

There are two experiences that lie behind the images used in this Gospel. The first was the experience of the Israelites when they escaped from Egypt and were fed by the manna in the wilderness. The second is the experience of Eucharist in the early Christian communities. Remember that this gospel was written long after Jesus' death and Christians have been gathering for Eucharist for about sixty years. The evangelist affirms in very strong and vivid language the reality of Jesus' presence when Christians gather to eat and drink at the table of the Eucharist. Just as food nourishes ordinary human life, the bread and wine of the Eucharist nourishes the life of Christ in the believer.

Many in John's community were Jews who had come to faith in Jesus. As Jews they had a long tradition of celebrating Passover and recalling the gift of the manna. Now, as believers in Jesus, these Jews are no longer welcome in the Synagogue and so can no longer celebrate the Jewish Passover. The Gospel offers reassurance to them that they no longer need look to their past traditions, that they still have 'bread come down from heaven' in Jesus and this bread will offer life forever. The Gospel makes no attempt to explain how this happens, even though the Jews want to know this. The Gospel simply affirms that it happens, that this is what the Johannine community experience. In the coming together at Eucharist Jesus is present offering us life. Are we so used to this gift, that we take it for granted? Don't miss the miracle.

Sacramental Program for First Communion Congratulation Children

The program has now been completed and culminates with the children being welcomed to the Table of the Lord. Thanks is extended to children and their families for their commitment to the program. Congratulations to the following children who have received communion for the first time this weekend.

Raphael Alpuerto

Flynn Barkla

Liam Campbell

Bronte Collins

Isaac Donnelly

Patrick Galligan

Tom Harrison

Scott Hogg

Samuel Nucifora

Lennox Pugh

Isla Spires

Edward De Pellegrin

Sebastian Barber

Charlie Barber

Luke Blundell

Lachlan Carroll

Justice Deveney

Kei Fujita Dimas

Evie Goldsmith

George Hogg

Raff Nicoll

William O'Donnell

Darcy Slattery

Maeve Spires

Jacob Parra Matinez



Parish News

COUNTERS – Robyn's team



**Celebration of
First Holy Communion**

Saturday 6th June, 5pm, St Joachim's Church
Sunday 7th June, 9am, St Agnes' Church

Saturday 13th June, 5pm, St Joachim's Church
Sunday 14th June, 9am, St Agnes' Church

We look forward to celebrating the gift of the
Holy Eucharist with the families and children.

Thank you for supporting the Annual Catholic Campaign



Your gift provides 119 students in extreme hardship access to an education and the love and care of a Catholic community.



Because of you, more than 60 retired priests have a modest place to call home, and medical care when they need it.



Through your generosity, Centacare can walk alongside people in their darkest moments - offering a hand to help.



Nineteen men in formation at Holy Spirit Seminary are becoming the shepherd God calls them to be. You make that possible.

Your support of the Annual Catholic Campaign last year makes it possible for vital ministry to continue bringing God's love to His Church. Thank you for your generosity and compassion!



St Vincent de Paul Winter Appeal – Weekend June 20th/21st

Queenslanders like David need urgent assistance, he found out how easy it is to lose everything and be pushed into homelessness. When work dried up, he simply could not pay the rent and quickly he went from a well-paid job to sleeping in a park. All it took was one sudden setback - a change in his circumstances - and David was sleeping rough. "I never thought I'd be homeless. It just goes to show that homelessness can happen to anyone." – David

This winter, more and more Queenslanders are being pushed into homelessness. All it takes is one sudden crisis. Your donation can provide healthy meals, help with living expenses and accommodation assistance, for somebody at risk of or experiencing homelessness. And your gift can provide the lasting, long-term support that helps someone like David find a safe, secure and sustainable place to live. Your kindness this winter can help someone who has lost everything – through no fault of their own – get back on track and rebuild their life.

On the weekend of June 20/21st the local conference will be holding their annual Winter Appeal. Donations received from parishioners stays with the local conference and provides assistance to people like David who live in our local community.

ST AGNES PRIMARY SCHOOL

RAFFLE

Purchase
online
or scan
to Enter



Raffle drawn
Saturday 13th
June

With 21 Prizes in total worth over \$10,000 head to
<https://www.raffletix.com.au/stagnesbushdance2026>

Weekday Masses

Date	Day	Time	Location
Jun 8	Mon	8:00am	St Joachim's
Jun 10	Wed	6:00pm	St Agnes'
Jun 11	Thurs	9:00am	St Agnes'
Jun 12	Fri	9:00am	St Joachim's

Weekend Masses

Jun 13	Sat	5:00pm	St Joachim's
Jun 14	Sun	7:30am	St Joachim's
Jun 14	Sun	9:00am	St Agnes
Jun 14	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

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



STOpline is an independent service that receives information about suspected abuse, harm and other serious misconduct by workers (including priests, religious, employees, educators, practitioners, support workers and volunteers).

STOpline

Phone: 1300 304 550

Email: A0B@stopline.com.au

Online Report: bncatholic.stoplinereport.com

Archdiocese of Brisbane Safeguarding Commitment. The Archdiocese has zero tolerance for all forms of abuse and is committed to safeguarding everyone involved in its activities, ministries and services. The safety and wellbeing of children and adults-at-risk is paramount.

Office for Safeguarding Services - Telephone: 07 3324 3752; Email: safeguarding@bne.catholic.net.au