



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

15th Sunday in Ordinary Time

Year A

July 11th/12th 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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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)

Happy are your eyes because they see, and your ears because they hear

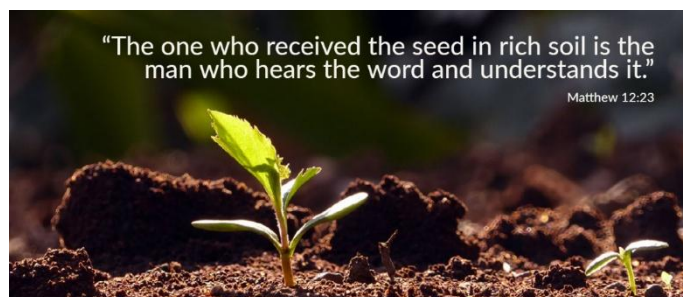
The ground around Lake Galilee slopes up from the lakeshore and forms a natural amphitheatre that amplifies sound so that Jesus' words would be heard easily by the crowd. Last week Jesus was revealed as Divine Wisdom; in today's Gospel we see Wisdom teaching her children in parables.

A parable works only if individuals in the crowd can identify with the images. The Galilean audience would readily picture the scene of a farmer scattering his seed on the ground. The challenge is, where do they / you stand in relation to receiving the seed / word of God. Are you hovering on the edge, lacking real commitment and prey to other concerns? Are you a disciple for the 'good times' only, lacking depth when tough times come you have no firm roots to sustain you?

Since using parables was a common method of teaching in Jesus' time, the crowd would be hearing the parable in terms of their own living. The story is like a mirror held up to them to see in it the reflection of their own response to God's word. It is likely that some found his teaching uncomfortable and needed to leave. The word they heard made too many demands. But there is also the hope that the parable can invite change as the individual confronts his / her own behaviour, realizes its inadequacy and experiences a change of heart.

The parable reflects Jesus' own experience of ministry. He speaks the word to crowds but only a few take his words to heart and become disciples. If this is true for Jesus it will also be true for his followers.

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SACRAMENTAL PROGRAM - SACRAMENT OF CONFIRMATION

For families already enrolled for the Sacrament of Confirmation, a **Parent Information Session** (children do not need to attend) will be held on the following dates:

****Monday, 13 July, 6.30pm at St Agnes' Church**

OR

****Thursday, 16th July, 6:30 pm at St Joachim's Church**

You need only attend **one** of these sessions.

If you have any enquiries, please email

sacpr.hpmg@bne.catholic.net.au or phone Mary 3349 2280.

Parish News

WE REJOICE with the Giannasca and Cavauiolo families as they celebrate the baptism of Massimo in the parish this week.

COUNTERS – Alison's team

ST VINCENT DE PAUL MEETING will be held on Tuesday, July 14th commencing 4:00pm in the Parish Centre.

CHILDREN'S LITURGY OF THE WORD will be held in conjunction with the 9:00am mass next Sunday, July 19th. All children are welcome to attend however children under the age of 5 years must be accompanied by an adult.

HISTORY GROUP

Over the next two weekends the History Committee will draw attention to some interesting connections between the past and the present. Please see the display board outside the church for the story of this photo.



ECUMENICAL MINISTRY GROUP NEWS The initial Ecumenical Planning Meeting involving representatives from the various churches in our local area took place earlier this year at St Matthew's Holland Park. The parish group will hold a meeting to hear a report from a follow-up local area meeting on Sunday, July 19th commencing 10:30am in the Parish Centre. Margaret Naylor, Executive officer of Council for Ecumenism and Inter-religious Relations will be our guest speaker. All interested parishioners are invited and encouraged to attend. If you would like further information about the group or any ecumenical matters please contact Trish O'Brien (0434 533 157) or speak to Linda Sumadi after the 9am mass.

HOW WILL YOUR STORY CONTINUE? GIFTS IN WILLS INFORMATION EVENT
Gifts in Wills Information Evening on Thursday 30th July from 5:30pm-6:30pm OR **Gifts in Wills Information Morning** on Sunday 2nd August from 10.15am-11.15am.

This is not a fundraising event and there will be no request for donations. We will hear from Ms Raushen Perera, Senior Donor Relations Manager, Archdiocese of Brisbane, who will talk about how a charitable gift in your Will can support the parish community and/or the Catholic ministries that matter most to you, helping them continue their mission for generations to come. All are welcome.

If you are interested in attending please let the Parish Office know by Friday, 17/07/2026 as the event will be cancelled if there is no response.

PARISH FAREWELL TO DOT LOMAX

After 23 years of dedicated service as our Parish Secretary, Dot Lomax will be retiring. We give thanks to God for her faithful commitment and the many ways she has served our parish community. You are warmly invited to join us for a Farewell Mass on Friday, 14 August 2026 at 6.00 pm St. Agnes Church, followed by drinks, light refreshments, and fellowship in the Parish Centre. Please mark this date in your calendar and come along as we thank God for Dot's years of service and wish her every blessing and happiness in her retirement. Fr. Thomas

Parish Secretary – Holland Park Mount Gravatt Parish

Looking for a meaningful way
to give back to your parish community?

Holland Park Mount Gravatt Parish is seeking a Parish Secretary to support the Parish Priest and help ensure the smooth day-to-day operation of their parish. The role is Permanent Part-Time – 20 hours per week (Monday, Tuesday, Thursday & Friday, 9:00am–2:00pm).

To apply, email hunterb@bne.catholic.net.au

Weekday Masses

Date	Day	Time	Location
Jul 13	Mon	8:00am	St Joachim's
Jul 15	Wed	6:00pm	St Agnes'
Jul 16	Thurs	9:00am	St Agnes'
Jul 17	Fri	9:00am	St Joachim's

Weekend Masses

Jul 18	Sat	5:00pm	St Joachim's
Jul 19	Sun	7:30am	St Joachim's
Jul 19	Sun	9:00am	St Agnes
Jul 19	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

Youth Mass

2nd Sunday of the month at 6:00pm St Agnes'

Family and Children's Mass on 4th Sunday of
the month at 9.00am at St. Agnes

EVENTS & MEETINGS AT PARISH CENTRE

Tues July 14 St Vincent de Paul Meeting

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



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