



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

17th Sunday in Ordinary Time

Year A

July 25th/26th 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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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)

God's reign is like

There is a story of an Indian monk who found the world's largest diamond. In a nearby village a man had a dream that if he went to a certain monastery, he could gain enormous wealth beyond all his hopes. The village arrived at the monastery and told the monk his dream. The monk explained, 'The dream probably refers to this,' and handed over the diamond to him. The villager returned home with great joy, but that night tossed and turned. The next week he returned to the monastery, utterly exhausted and begged, 'Give me the wealth that enables you to give away this diamond so easily.'

Two parables today remind me of this Indian tale. Jesus says that the reign of God is so great a treasure that it is worth giving up all you have. People who have had profound experiences often struggle to find the words to describe this for others. They find themselves resorting to images – 'It was like ...', 'it was as if...', 'In the parables Jesus tries to find ways of explaining why the reign of God has so captivated his own ima

gination. Of course, Jesus speaks of a treasure and a pearl he has already found, while the disciples and later Christians only glimpse the God's reign in moments of insight. And yet even these brief and veiled glimpses have been enough to sustain disciples for two thousand years and even today there are many prepared to give all they have in following Christ. These men and women have found the wealth that enabled the monk to give away the diamond.

HISTORY GROUP



90 years ago, on Sunday, July 26th 1936 Archbishop Duhig blessed the foundation stone inaugurating the Parish of St Joachim at Holland Park. This original timber building was to serve as a church and school. Fr Thomas Dowling was the Parish Priest.

The display board outside the churches this weekend will have photos and more information.

Parish News

WE REMEMBER Ana Mendoza. May she rest in the peace of Christ

WE REJOICE with the Dede's family as they celebrate the baptism of Amya in the parish this week.

COUNTERS – Elisabeth's team

ST VINCENT DE PAUL MEETING will be held on Tuesday, July 28th commencing with a cuppa at 3:30pm followed by the meeting at 4:00pm in the Parish Centre.

ST AGNES' MEALS ON WHEELS is rostered for this Thursday, July 30th. Please let the kitchen know on 3397 9150 if you are unable to make it.

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.

COFFEE AND CHAT Everyone is welcome to join with other parishioners for Coffee and Chat on Monday August 3rd at Brizstar Café, Mt Gravatt Plaza commencing 10:00am. Everyone is welcome. Are you new to the Parish, this is a way of getting to know people. If you have been around for a long time it is a way of connecting with parishioners you may not know.

SACRAMENTAL PROGRAM – SACRAMENT OF CONFIRMATION For families already enrolled for the Sacrament of Confirmation, Family Sessions will be held on Thursday 6th August, 6pm OR Saturday 8th, August 2pm. Both sessions will be held at St Joachim's Church – you need only attend ONE session. Both parents and children to attend.



LOST AND FOUND These glasses were found in the Parish Centre recently. They can be collected from the Parish Office if they belong to you.

PARISH FAREWELL TO DOT LOMAX

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. Fr. Thomas

THE ARCHDIOCESAN CENTRE FOR CATHOLIC FORMATION exists to facilitate a deeper experience of God in the Catholic tradition. It offers 4 core modules in Catholic Foundations and as well as supplementary guest lectures, short courses, retreats and one-off events. For more information go to: <https://bit.ly/4gFtuRV> There are brochures Module 4 commences August 17th.

QLD FAITH COMMUNITIES COUNCIL VISITS TO PLACES OF WORKSHOP

Parishioners are invited to join The Brisbane Progressive Jewish Community for their Sabbath/Shabbat Service on Saturday, August 8th from 10:00am – 12:30pm. Registration is essential. Venue address will be provided after registration. Photo ID will be required. Bag checks will be in place. See noticeboard for full details.

ANNUAL CATHOLIC CAMPAIGN

22-23 August 2026

Be blessed and bless others with your gift

When we unite as one Archdiocesan family through our gifts, we support ministries and people within our own neighbourhoods, reaching those in need, nurturing vocations, and participating in God's own work.

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Weekday Masses

Date	Day	Time	Location
Jul 27	Mon	8:00am	St Joachim's
Jul 29	Wed	6:00pm	St Agnes'
Jul 30	Thurs	9:00am	St Agnes'
Jul 31	Fri	9:00am	St Joachim's

Weekend Masses

Aug 01	Sat	5:00pm	St Joachim's
Aug 02	Sun	7:30am	St Joachim's
Aug 02	Sun	9:00am	St Agnes
Aug 02	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

Aug 4	3:30pm	St Vinnies Meeting
Aug 5 th	7:00pm	Baptism Preparation

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



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