



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

14th Sunday in Ordinary Time

Year A

July 4th/5th 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

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)



NAIDOC WEEK 2026 - What is NAIDOC Week?

NAIDOC Week is an annual celebration of the history, culture, and achievements of Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander peoples. It is observed across Australia with activities that promote understanding, respect, and awareness of Indigenous cultures. NAIDOC Week also

acknowledges the connection of First Nations peoples to land, sea, and community, while highlighting the contributions of past and present generations.

Let us pray for our First Nations Peoples and continue to work towards peace and reconciliation.

Reflection

(Taken from Homily Notes by Bishop Michael Morrissey, Bishop of Geraldton)

A little child is always open to the other person they encounter, especially their parents who have loved them into life. For parents their lives are filled with joy and hope with their little child. These encounters happen across every culture and tradition, and Jesus reminds us in the Gospel today. Little children reveal this deep wisdom coming from God who loves us since the beginning of time.

The danger of focusing only on the importance of knowledge and study can miss human gifts that can make a difference to another person's life and circumstance, being present to each other without judgement, listening, compassion, kindness and respectfulness to another human being. In this passage, we are given a glimpse into the human heart of Jesus, the faithful servant of the Father's action in the world. Little Children remind us through their actions without judgement of the Sacred Heart of Christ. AI does not recognize the human dimensions of our lives or fully understand our disappointments and aspirations for a better life for our Children. Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Peoples with their intimate connection to country, the bush as we call it, remind us as the Prophet Elijah was reminded after his struggles with the priests of Baal, God was present ... "in the light sound of silence". (1 Kings 19:13). To much activity can diminish our connection to the God we love and to each other. People can become commodities to each other when the Spirit is absent from our lives.

In his address to First Nations People in Alice Springs in 1986, St Pope John Paul II suggests Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Peoples, even if they did not know Jesus, would understand these words from Mathew's Gospel revealing an intimacy and relationship to culture and land: a gift they can share with all Australians especially for children. If we can live with an open heart and mind in relationships with all peoples, we will know God who is love has always loved this beautiful world revealed to us in Jesus himself.

The second part of today's Gospel connects us with the reality of life for many people living on the margins, peripheries of society and often excluded unintentionally because of culture and background.

The journey through life does not follow straight lines with sealed footpaths. On the journey, Matthew reminds all people we are not alone. Jesus does walk beside us through life sharing his yoke to guide us with hope. In our history, First Australians did feel very alone, with few people walking with them through a history with little hope or light for a better way where they were separated from what gave meaning to their very existence.

What if Christians can emulate the vision from the Prophet Zechariah in the first reading walking beside, not ahead or behind, First Nations Peoples with humility and openness to their lives as they are to ours, Australia will be a beacon of hope and light for all the world to see. If our vision as Australian Christians can be realized, then our country will be a place of hope, joy and peace.

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

WE REMEMBER Maria De Guzman, Andrew Joseph and Bridget David. May they rest in the peace of Christ.

COUNTERS – Robyn's team

WEEKDAY MASSES There will be no mass this Monday regular masses will recommence on Wednesday, July 8th.

RELAUNCH OF PARISH YOUTH MASSES will take place on Sunday, July 12th at the 6:00pm mass. This will be followed by Pizza and activities. All youth are invited and encouraged to come along.

CAN YOU HELP? A parishioner would like to attend mass but requires assistance to get there. If anyone would have the capacity to help, please give Dot a call at the Parish Office.

HISTORY GROUP

On Sunday July 3, 1921, 105 years ago, the first St Agnes' Church, Mt Gravatt, was opened. It was a small wood and iron structure that was built at a cost of £1000 (\$2000) as a Mass centre within the parish of St James', Coorparoo. The display board outside the churches has photos and more information.

SACRAMENT OF CONFIRMATION

Preparation for the Sacrament of Confirmation will begin in July this year.

Enrolments now OPEN and close Monday 6th July.

This program is open to all baptised children in year three (3) and above.

If you would like to receive a copy of the invitation and details on how to enrol, please email Mary at:

sacpr.hpmg@bne.catholic.net.au



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. There has been a follow meeting this weekend at which we had two parish representatives. The parish group will hold a meeting to hear a report from this follow-up local area meeting on Sunday, July 19th commencing 10:30am in the Parish Centre. 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

Join us for an evening or morning of conversation and reflection as we explore what it means to leave a legacy of faith, hope and generosity.

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.

This is not a fundraising event and there will be no request for donations. Rather, it's an opportunity to learn, ask questions and reflect on the values and causes that have shaped your life and the impact you can have on them.

All are welcome. Light refreshments will be served. Please RSVP by 20/07/2026 to the parish office on 07 3349 2280 or email hpmg@bne.catholic.net.au and select which event you'd like to attend.

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.

Weekday Masses

Date	Day	Time	Location
Jul 6	Mon	NO MASS	St Joachim's
Jul 8	Wed	6:00pm	St Agnes'
Jul 9	Thurs	9:00am	St Agnes'
Jul 10	Fri	9:00am	St Joachim's

Weekend Masses

Jul 11	Sat	5:00pm	St Joachim's
Jul 12	Sun	7:30am	St Joachim's
Jul 12	Sun	9:00am	St Agnes
Jul 12	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

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



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