



Holland Park Mount Gravatt Parish

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† St Joachim Primary School, 41 Yuletide Street, Holland Park West † St Agnes' Primary School, 29 Tudor St, Mt Gravatt

13th Sunday in Ordinary Time

Year A

June 27th/28th 2026

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Fr Thomas Varkey

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ST. VINCENT DE PAUL WELFARE

1800 846 643

OUTSIDE HOURS SCHOOL CARE

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07 3367 6300

SAFEGUARDING REPRESENTATIVE

Lyn Russo: 0474 297 201

(Safeguarding purposes only)

Gospel Reflection

The gospel for today can be a difficult one to hear. It calls us to place our discipleship before our loyalty to family and even before our own life. It is important to place this passage in the broader context of not only the chapter in which it sits, but also within the gospel as a whole.

Today's passage appears at the conclusion of Chapter 10 in the Gospel of Matthew. The entire chapter deals with the commissioning and sending out of the disciples to 'proclaim the gospel, heal the sick, raise the dead, cleanse those who have leprosy and drive out demons.' (Mt 10:8) The previous chapter concludes with the words, 'The harvest is plentiful but the workers are few. Ask the Lord of the harvest, therefore, to send out workers into his harvest field.' (Mt 9:37-38) Chapter 10 is a response to this call. Jesus sends the disciples to 'work the harvest' through proclamation, healing and exorcism.

At the end of the chapter, having spelt out all the difficulties a disciple must face, Jesus assures them that even the smallest act of welcoming the disciple will be rewarded.

It's also important to understand that the Jewish audience of the Gospel of Matthew found themselves under increasing persecution and there was often division within families between those holding to orthodox Jewish beliefs and those following the new Christian way. For some early Christians, there was the very real choice to be made between following their faith and remaining loyal to family. The Gospel of Matthew repeatedly affirms Jesus as the promised Jewish messiah; as the fulfilment of Jewish prophecy. For early followers of the Christian way, this difficult message about being a follower was in the context of an affirmation that the message of Jesus was deeply grounded in their Jewish faith.

From the perspective of ...

What must it have been like to be one of those disciples of Jesus? Having followed their Rabbi, or teacher, for some time, he sends them out to 'have a go' at doing what he has been doing: preaching; proclaiming the good news; healing; curing lepers and casting out demons. The focus of a disciple is to be like their Rabbi. This is their first real test of being a disciple ... seeking to go out into the world without Jesus and do the things that they've seen their Rabbi do; to be like their Rabbi!

Historical Context – A cup of cold water

Jesus says, 'If anyone gives so much as a cup of cold water' to a disciple spreading the gospel, then their ultimate reward is assured. To give 'a cup of cold water' or 'a cold drink' to another person was the most basic act of hospitality or service. It is a metaphor for doing the absolute least service to another. Jesus is saying that even the most trivial act of service that recognises the work of the disciple will be welcomed and acknowledged. It suggests that 'practical loving kindness' is both the test and the result of discipleship.

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Parish News

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

COUNTERS –Maureen’s team

ST VINCENT DE PAUL MEETING will be held on Tuesday, June 30th in the Parish Centre commencing with a cuppa at 3:30pm.

WEEKDAY MASSES There will be no weekday masses from **Wednesday July 1st to Monday, July 6** due to Fr Thomas being on leave. Regular masses will recommence on Wednesday, July 8th.

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



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.

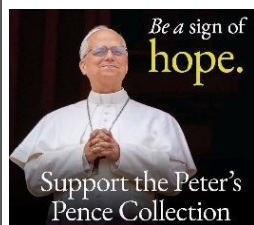
During this relaxed and informative session, you will learn about:

- The many ministries and works of the Church that can be supported through a gift in Will
- How to create a lasting family legacy through a named endowment fund
- Simple steps to include a charitable gift in your Will
- How gifts in Wills from parishioners are helping to sustain Catholic ministry and mission into the future.

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



PETER'S PENCE COLLECTION - TODAY

Each year parishes in the Archdiocese of Brisbane take up the global Peter's Pence collection as a retiring collection. The collection is to be taken around the Feast of Sts Peter and Paul. Therefore, this year's collection will be taken up this weekend. The Peter's Pence Collection gives Catholics in Australia an

opportunity to join in communion with the Catholic faithful throughout the world in support of the charitable works of the Holy See. The collection allows the Holy Father to respond to the most needy throughout the world, to offer timely, effective emergency assistance to our suffering brothers and sisters.

Weekday Masses

Date	Day	Time	Location
Jun 29	Mon	8:00am	St Joachim's
Jul 1	Wed	NO MASS	St Agnes'
Jul 2	Thurs	NO MASS	St Agnes'
Jul 3	Fri	NO MASS	St Joachim's

Weekend Masses

Jul 4	Sat	5:00pm	St Joachim's
Jul 5	Sun	7:30am	St Joachim's
Jul 5	Sun	9:00am	St Agnes
Jul 5	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

Monday, June 29th

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

Mon June 29 Baptism Preparation

Tues June 30 St Vincent de Paul Meeting

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



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