



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

20th Sunday in Ordinary Time

Year A

August 15th/16th 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)

The overarching theme derived from today's readings is the question of insider-outsider. We see here that the divisions and barriers that emerge out of human experience have been shattered by the graciousness of God. Jesus' openness to 'the other' finds a precedent in the prophetic tradition. Isaiah spoke of a time when outsiders would join insiders in worshipping God, thus dissolving the categories of insider and outsider. He was, of course, referring to the age of eschatological fulfilment. This age dawned with the coming of Jesus. Jesus himself moved out of the constraints of his own cultural worldview, and he directs us to do the same. People are either excluded because of gender, culture or religious perspective, or included only because they are able and willing to conform to discriminatory standards. In the reign of God, this should not be the case. People are accepted along with their own cultural profiles.

God's embrace first enclosed even those who rejected Jesus, and then God's plan of salvation unfolded in a new way. An invitation to enter the kingdom was issued to the Gentiles, those who had been considered outsiders. If outsiders are now insiders, what has happened to the former insiders? Paul insists that they are still insiders. God has not simply shifted the identifying boundaries; God has dissolved them. In the interim between the dawning of the eschatological age and the end of time, the invitation to be included remains open to all.

Dianne Bergant CSA

SEASON OF CREATION *Calling for your photo's /artwork...* The Season of Creation is an annual Christian celebration beginning on, September 1, through to the October 4. The theme this year is **"living water, raising awareness to care for creation so people and nature can flourish together.** The Season of Creation is a special time dedicated to deepening our relationships with Creation and our Creator. *We also invite you to email photographs, artwork, or any creative works to sacpr.hpmg@bne.catholic.net.au. We would like to use your photo's/artwork in the celebration of mass. Like to find out more about the Season? Visit <https://seasonofcreation.org>*

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Your gift to The Priests Foundation ensures that priests who have spent their lives in service to God and our community are themselves supported with care and dignity when they retire or become unwell.



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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 REJOICE with the Crunkhorn family and the Wilkin and Turnbull families as they celebrate the baptism of Miller and Walter in the parish this weekend.

COUNTERS – Maureen's team.

MEALS ON WHEELS The St Joachim's team is rostered Tuesday, August 18th.

CHILDREN'S AND FAMILY MASS will be held next Sunday, August 23rd at the 9:00am mass.



LITURGICAL MINISTRY – CHURCH ENVIRONMENT A person is required to take on the washing of the Altar Linen for the month of July (commencing 2027). There is a twelve month roster in place and you are only required to do the one month. Please advise the Parish Office if you are able to assist.

SACRAMENTAL PROGRAM – SACRAMENT OF CONFIRMATION For families already enrolled in the Sacrament of Confirmation, a Practice Session will be held on **Wednesday 26th August, 6.30pm at St Joachim's Church** **OR Thursday 27th August, 6.30pm at St Joachim's Church.**

The Celebration of Confirmation will be held on Wednesday 2nd September. There will be two celebrations at 5.00pm and 6.30pm. Families have been emailed with details of which Mass they are attending. ****Thank you to all our families, and especially to the children. We very much look forward to celebrating this special occasion with you!****

A SEASON OF CREATION PRAYER EVENING will be held on Wednesday, September 9th commencing 6:30pm in St Bernard's Church, Upper Mt Gravatt. Anyone who would like to join a combined choir for the evening are invited to attend a practice evening on Wednesday August 26th at 6:30pm in St Bernard's Church, 4 Klumpp Rd, Upper Mt Gravatt.

A ROOM TO RENT HOLLAND PARK WEST – 1 bedroom with own kitchen facilities and bathroom and with separate entry available to rent in Holland Park West. For details please ring 0433 814 284.

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>.

LONG TERM VOLUNTEER OPPORTUNITIES IN THE AUSTRALIA-PACIFIC REGION - THE CAGLIERO PROJECT, SALESIANS OF DON BOSCO We are seeking long term (6-12 month) volunteers for departure in January 2027 to work with young people in our Salesian communities in Samoa, Cambodia, Timor Leste, Solomon Islands and Mongolia. **Applications close October 31st, 2026.** Send us an enquiry - www.cagliero.org.au or lhichaaba@salesians.org.au.

Weekday Masses

Date	Day	Time	Location
Aug 17	Mon	8:00am	St Joachim's
Aug 19	Wed	6:00pm	St Agnes'
Aug 20	Thurs	9:00am	St Agnes'
Aug 21	Fri	9:00am	St Agnes'

Weekend Masses

Aug 22	Sat	5:00pm	St Joachim's
Aug 23	Sun	7:30am	St Joachim's
Aug 24	Sun	9:00am	St Agnes
Aug 24	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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