



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

21st Sunday in Ordinary Time

Year A

August 22nd/23rd 2026

PARISH PRIEST

Fr Thomas Varkey

PARISH SECRETARY

SACRAMENTAL COORDINATOR

Mary Ginty

MUSIC COORDINATOR

Yolanda Apelt

LITURGY COORDINATOR

Sr. Helen Dyson

PARISH FINANCE CHAIR

Ron Pugh

PARISH OFFICE HOURS

Monday, Tuesday, Thursday, Friday

9:00am – 2:00pm

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)

The gospel does not say that Jesus will gallantly step forward, take suffering upon himself, and thus demonstrate his power. Instead, his fate will be a demonstration of his vulnerability. He will be taken forcibly and will suffer at the hands of others. He will do this willingly, but not as a volunteer. Jesus will be a victim. This picture of Jesus carries implications for discipleship. Whoever follows him must follow him to the cross. If we participate in his success, we must also share in his shame. Disciples have a choice to follow or not to follow, but if they choose in his favour they must be ready for suffering and humiliation.

Paul exhorts us to reject the standards of the world. This is a very difficult path to follow, especially when it seems that those who conform to this age prosper. Following Christ can place barriers between ourselves and others. If we no longer share their values and their interests, we may feel alienated. Suffering is bound to invade our ministerial lives as well. We must remember that Jesus' message antagonised many people in his day. Those who proclaim the same message in their own contexts must be prepared for a similar reaction.

After witnessing the marvellous feats that Jesus accomplished, we discover that he is going to suffer and be put to death. How can this be? With Peter we protest. With Jeremiah we wonder: Have we been duped? The realisation that we too will have to suffer becomes a crucial test of our faith.

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22-23 August 2026

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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

NEW OFFICE HOURS – 9:00am – 2:00pm Monday, Tuesday, Thursday, Friday

COUNTERS – Lyn's team.

ST VINCENT DE PAUL MEETING will be held on Tuesday, August 25th commencing with a cuppa at 3:30pm followed by meeting at 4:00pm.

PARISH HISTORY - With the foundation of St Joachim's Parish in July 1936, the St Agnes' Church became a Mass Centre for the Holland Park Parish, rather than St James' Coorparoo. It remained as such until St Agnes' Parish was established in 1950. History turned full circle in November 2003 when the Mount Gravatt and Holland Park Catholic communities were reunited through the amalgamation of the two parishes. We look forward to celebrating 25 years of shared community in 2028.



ANNUAL MULTICULTURAL MASS

We warmly invite anyone interested in performing at our Multicultural Celebration on Sunday, 25 October at St. Joachim to contact parish office before September 30th, 2026.



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!****

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>**

A SEASON OF CREATION PRAYER EVENING This is an ecumenical event involving the various denominations in our local area. It will be held on Wednesday, Sept 9th at 6:30pm at St Bernard's Church, Upper Mt Gravatt. Members of our community are invited to attend to represent our Parish. In particular, a combined choir of all churches is being formed to sing (Taizé style) on the evening. We need to recruit parishioners to take part in this choir and to attend a practice on Wednesday, August 26th commencing 6:30pm in St Bernard's Church. Can any prospective singers please contact Trish O'Brien (0434 533 157) or speak to Linda Sumadi.

With Heartfelt Thanks

I would like to express my sincere thanks to Fr Thomas and everyone who played a part in my Farewell. To those I did not get to speak to personally I extend my sincere thanks to you for being with me on the night.

Thank you for the beautiful gifts, flowers, cards, phone calls and messages of well wishes.

I will remember my time as Parish Secretary fondly and that is, in no small part, thanks to this wonderful community we all belong to.

Weekday Masses

Date	Day	Time	Location
Aug 24	Mon	8:00am	St Joachim's
Aug 26	Wed	6:00pm	St Agnes'
Aug 27	Thurs	9:00am	St Agnes'
Aug 28	Fri	9:00am	St Joachim's

Weekend Masses

Aug 29	Sat	5:00pm	St Joachim's
Aug 30	Sun	7:30am	St Joachim's
Aug 30	Sun	9:00am	St Agnes
Aug 30	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 Aug 25 St Vincent de Paul Meeting

**New to the parish
Register via Flocknote
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code.**



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