



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

23rd Sunday in Ordinary Time

Year A

September 5th /6th 2026

PARISH PRIEST

Fr Thomas Varkey

PARISH SECRETARY

Isa Tarr

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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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)

Dear Sisters and Brothers in Christ,

The Season of Creation is the annual Christian celebration to pray and respond together to the cry of Creation: the ecumenical family around the world unites to contemplate and care for our common home, the Oikos of God. The Season's "Celebration" begins on September 1, the day that several Christian denominations celebrate as the World Day of Prayer for the Care of Creation, and others celebrate as the Feast of Creation. It ends on October 4, the Feast of Saint Francis of Assisi, who is beloved by many Christian denominations. This year, we will unite around the theme "Living Water", with the symbol "Immersion in Living Water", inspired by Ezekiel 47:9-12.

Ecumenical faith leaders from across the world have prepared a special invitation for you and your community to take part in this season which you can watch here. As a powerful statement to the importance of this ecumenical season of prayer and action for Creation, here are words from faith leaders of our Christian family, summoning us to this special season:

"Season of Creation is an ecumenical initiative to celebrate from 1 September to 4 October 2026. Environmental justice – implicitly proclaimed by the prophets – can no longer be regarded as an abstract concept or a distant goal. It is an urgent need that involves much more than simply protecting the environment. For it is a matter of justice – social, economic and human. For believers it is also a duty born of faith, since the universe reflects the face of Jesus Christ, in whom all things were created and redeemed.

(Taken from his Message for the World Day of Prayer for the Care of Creation 2025) His Holiness Pope Leo XIV)

Congratulations to Our Newly Confirmed!

On Wednesday, 2nd September, 47 of our parish children received the Sacrament of Confirmation. It was a truly joyful and Spirit-filled celebration. We congratulate our young people and offer heartfelt thanks to their families for guiding and supporting them in faith.

I am especially grateful to our Sacramental Coordinator Mary Ginty, Lesly Van Trier our dedicated Sacramental Team, to St Agnes' and St Joachim's Schools for their support, and to our parishioners for their prayers. A sincere word of thanks also goes to our servers, photographers, musicians, decorators, parish staff, and all who helped make the liturgy so beautiful. - Fr Thomas

St Joachim school fete

The St Joachim's School Fete is a vibrant community event that brings together families and friends for a day filled with fun, games, rides, and a lively market. The event will take place on September 13, 2026, at St Joachim's Primary School in Holland Park West. We are running a Parish Café that will strengthen the Parish School relationship. It is a free event where everyone is welcome.

Parish News

NEW OFFICE HOURS

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

WE REMEMBER: Harry Leonard Hoerler, Filomena, Sr Cath Duxbury Osu, Fr John Chalmers and Anita Valentini. May they rest in the peace of Christ.

ST VINCENT DE PAUL meeting will be held on Tuesday, September 8th commencing 4:00pm in the Parish Centre.

Weekday Mass: There will be NO weekday mass from 11th September to October 9th until Fr Thomas' return from annual leave.

THE ROSARY will continue to be prayed each Wednesday afternoon at 5:30pm

COUNTERS – Robyn's team

Meals on Wheels St. Joachim Team on Tuesday 15th September 2026.

HAPPY FATHER'S DAY

This Father's Day we honour fathers past and present, near and far. We reflect on the ways their love, wisdom and presence have influenced us and shaped the people we are today. For those who step into the role of father – grandfathers, uncles, mentors and friends – we give thanks for their presence and care.

Dear Lord, we thank You for fathers everywhere, those with us and those we remember. May their love and example continue to guide, support and inspire us every day. Amen.

Fr. Thomas on **Annual Leave** from 13th September until 9th October 2026. We welcome our supply priests.



Child protection is everyone's business. The responsibility lies with adults in keeping children safe from harm. All members of society need to play a part in ensuring children are nurtured and safe.

Adults are essential in ensuring children's safety and well-being.

Listening to children and young people is the number 1 indicator in assisting their safety and well-being. Caring for children and keeping them safe is a shared responsibility

SEASON OF CREATION:

A "Season of Creation" Prayer Evening.

A reminder that this ecumenical event involving the various denominations in our local area will be held this coming week – Wednesday evening 9th September At: St. Bernard's Church, Klummp Rd, Upper Mt. Gravatt Time: 6.30pm (6.00pm for a practice run-through for singers) Refreshments will be served after the approx. 1-hour service. Parishioners are invited and encouraged to join with other local Christians in attending this special Prayer Evening. For any enquiries, contact Trish O'Brien (0434533157 or speak to Linda Sumadi.



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.



Weekday Masses

Date	Day	Time	Location
Sep 07	Mon	8:00am	St Joachim's
Sep 09	Wed	06.00pm	St. Agnes'
Sep 10	Thurs	9:00am	St Agnes'
Sep 11	Fri	9:00am	St Joachim's

Weekend Masses

Sep 12	Sat	5:00pm	St Joachim's
Sep 13	Sun	7:30am	St Joachim's
Sep 13	Sun	9:00am	St Agnes
Sep 13	Sun	6:00 pm	St Agnes'

SACRAMENTS AND SPECIAL LITURGIES

RECONCILIATION - Every Saturday

Saturday 4:45pm 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 07.00pm

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

Tuesday 04.00pm St. Vincent De Paul Meeting



Archdiocese of Brisbane Safeguarding Commitment. The Archdiocese has zero tolerance for all forms of abuse and is committed to safeguarding everyone involved in its activities, ministries and services. The safety and wellbeing of children and adults-at-risk is paramount.

Office for Safeguarding Services - Telephone: 07 3324 3752; Email: safeguarding@bne.catholic.net.au

Readings Twenty-second Sunday in Ordinary Time

Reading 1: Sirach 27:30-28:7 Psalm: 102 Reading 2: Romans 14:7-9 Gospel: Matthew 18:21-35