

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

Thirty -Third Sunday Year A November 14th/ 15th 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

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FACEBOOK

St Joachim's & St Agnes' parish

PARISH SCHOOLS

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St Joachim's: 07 3397 9087

ST. VINCENT DE PAUL WELFARE

1800 846 643

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07 3367 6300

SAFEGUARDING REPRESNTATIVE

Lyn Russo: 0474 297 201

(Safeguarding purposes only)

Thanksgiving Mass 2026

Dear Parishioners,

With hearts filled with gratitude, I warmly invite you and your families to join us for our Parish Thanksgiving Mass on Friday, **20th November 2026 at 6:00 p.m.** at St Agnes' Church, 1227 Logan Road, as we come together to give thanks to God for His abundant blessings throughout the year.

This joyful celebration will also honour and give thanks for parishioners celebrating significant marriage anniversaries, those marking milestone birthdays, and all our wonderful volunteers whose generous service continues to strengthen and inspire our parish community. Let us unite in prayer and thanksgiving, rejoicing in the many ways God's grace has touched our lives and our parish family.

Following Mass, all are invited to stay for drinks and BBQ— a time to share joy, friendship, and gratitude together. May this celebration renew in us a spirit of thankfulness and deepen our unity as one parish family in Christ.

Looking forward to seeing you,

Fr. Thomas

With grateful hearts, we gather to thank God for the gift of life, the blessing of one another, and the countless graces bestowed upon our parish family. "We all have received so many gifts: the gift of life, the gift of faith, and the gift of unity."

— Pope Leo XIV.

Advent and Christmas Invitation

Advent Meditative Reflection

30th of November – 18th of December 2026

Join us at St Agnes' Church to escape the busyness of life.....

Enjoy 5 minutes or more of quiet reflection music and imagery during Advent.

Every Monday, Tuesday and Friday between 9:00am – 10:00am

Advent Scripture Reflection Group

St. Agnes' Parish Center Every Wednesday during Advent Commencing 2nd of December at 6:30pm

Come along for a time of reflection, connection and preparation as we journey toward Christmas.

Advent Adoration

St. Agnes' Church Thursday , 10th December Comencing 09:00am –04:00pm

Spend a few peaceful minutes with the Eucharistic Jesus as we prepare for Christmas.

Advent Prayer & Reconciliation

St Agnes' Church, Monday 14th December 2026 at 6:00pm

Take this opportunity to pause, pray, and celebrate God's mercy through the Sacrament of Reconciliation.

Advent Prayer and Reconciliation help us refocus our hearts on the true meaning of Christmas and prepare to welcome Christ with renewed faith. All are welcome.

We look forward to sharing this holy season with you.

"Come, Lord Jesus." (Revelation 22:20)

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.

Readings for Our Lord Jesus Christ, King of the Universe

Reading 1: Ezekial: 34:11-12 Psalm: 22:1-3 Reading 2: Corin: 15:20-26 Gospel: Matthew: 25:31-46

Parish News

WE REMEMBER Ronald Michael Woolfe, Michael Philip Williamson who died recently, Mary Dewar, Bernie Hollett, Bernadette Bartholomew, Mary McMahon and for all those mentioned in our Books of Remembrance. May they rest in the peace of Christ.

WE REJOICE with the Cronin and Yoong family as they celebrate the baptism of Collins and Henry in the parish this weekend.

COUNTERS – Robyn's Team

PLEASE NOTE there is no morning mass on Friday 20th at St. Joachim's.

NO WEEKDAY MASS from 23rd to 27th November, Fr. Thomas in retreat.

HOSPITALITY: a small, white rectangular tablecloth with a simple pattern has been misplaced. It was a special gift from overseas for our parish, so if anyone working in hospitality or helping to clean up happens to know where it is, could you please let the Parish Office know.

A CUPPA & A CHAT: On the 2nd and 4th Sunday of each month, tea and coffee will be available after the 7:30am Mass at St Joachim's. It's a lovely opportunity to catch up with familiar faces, meet other parishioners and enjoy a little friendship and fellowship. Everyone is welcome – we'd love to see you there!



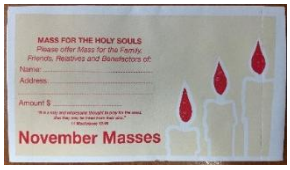
How did we get here?
For a lot of families, the rising cost of living means the same pay packet doesn't go as far as it once did. Grocery bills are getting higher and eating into budgets or in some cases families just go without. In the past 12 months Vinnies have seen one in four callers are first timers and a third of callers are renting in the private rental market.
Conference members strive to understand each companion's individual circumstances and provide assistance that is tailored to their needs. It can look like providing food and supermarket vouchers to create space in their budgets to pay a bill or their rent.
During the Christmas period more families and individuals reach out for help as financial pressure continues to grow. You can make a difference this Christmas season to families in our community by supporting our **Annual Christmas Appeal next weekend, November 21st and 22nd.** You can also visit www.qld.vinnies.org.au/QLDX26 or phone 07 3010 1000 to make a donation.

Have Your Say

The Archdiocese is inviting parishioners to complete a short Safeguarding Survey. It takes only 2-3 minutes and will help us strengthen safety, respect and wellbeing across our parish communities

. Scan the QR code to participate.

NOVEMBER – MONTH OF THE HOLY SOULS: It is our Christian tradition to make a special effort to offer masses and pray for our deceased family members and friends during the month of November. We should also pray for those who have died and have nobody to pray for them. If you would like to have those who have gone before us remembered in all Masses in November, could you please write their names in the Book of Remembrance in either of the churches. Mass envelopes are also available in both churches.



CHRISTMAS MASS TIMES 2026

24 Dec | St Joachim's: Carols 4:45pm • Vigil Mass 5:00pm
24 Dec | St Agnes': Carols 6:45pm • Vigil Mass 7:00pm
25 Dec | St Agnes': Carols 7:45am • Christmas Mass 8:00am
✦ All are warmly welcome to celebrate the Birth of Christ ✦

Weekday Masses			
Date	**Day**	**Time**	**Location**
Nov 16	Mon	8:00am	St Joachim's
Nov 18	Wed	6:00pm	St Agnes'
Nov 19	Thurs	9:00am	St Agnes'
Nov 20	Fri	06:00pm	St Agnes's
Weekend Masses			
Nov 21	Sat	5:00pm	St Joachim's
Nov 22	Sun	7:30am	St Joachim's
Nov 22	Sun	9:00am	St. Agnes'
Nov 22	Sun	6:00pm	St. Agnes'

SACRAMENTS AND SPECIAL LITURGIES

RECONCILIATION - Every Saturday
at 4:30pm at St. Joachim's Church.

MASS OF ANOINTING - First Friday
9:00am at St. Joachim's

ADORATION - First Wednesday
6:30pm at St Agnes'

BAPTISM, WEDDINGS, AND FUNERALS
by appointment

BAPTISM PREPARATION SESSION
1st Wednesday of the month at 7:00pm

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

Vinnies Meeting on the 17th of Nov at 4:00pm

Ecumenical Group on the 21st of Nov at 2:30pm



ro tolerance for all forms of abuse and is committed to lbeing of children and adults-at-risk is paramount.

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