



# ST. AGATHA'S PARISH

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Office Hours: Monday - Thursday: 8.30am-12.30pm and 1.30pm-3.30pm, Friday: 8.30am-12.00pm

## First Sunday of Advent (Year A) 27 November 2022

Hi all,

Welcome to Advent and the start of the Church Year. Remember Advent is all about reflecting on how we can prepare our hearts and homes for Christ's birth in the world as it is today. This is also our first weekend of new Mass times too. Please see the newsletter for times.

Here's some photos of parishioners from the 5pm Sat Vigil, Clayfield - Farewell Supper. Thank you to all those parishioners who have called this Church and Mass time their home. We appreciate your commitment, service and your involvement to create a loving community over the many years. We pray and support all those parishioners who will be transitioning to another mass time, venue or even parish. Over the next weeks at all the other Sunday Masses, please make these parishioners welcome!!



Don't forget to support the St Agatha's Volunteer Celebrations this Friday 6-8pm at APAC.

A reminder of the blessing of salt and water after each Mass at St. Agatha's and OLHC throughout Advent. So please bring any size container of salt and water along to be blessed.

Those who would like to avail themselves of Confession, I'll be available 30 mins before each Sunday Mass (includes Saturday Vigil). I'm available before and after Weekday Masses too.

Blessings Fr Nev

### Children's Liturgy - Prep to Year 4

Children's Liturgy this **Sunday 27 November at the new Mass time of 8am.**

We invite children to come along to learn more about Jesus and the gospel through child-friendly, engaging activities.



**Masks are no longer required but still recommended whenever you cannot socially distance.**



### Thank you!

We would like to say a very big "Thank you" to the following Priests who assisted with saying Mass in the Mother of Mercy Parish and St Agatha's over the past 12 months. Your assistance is greatly appreciated. Thank you to: Fr James O'Donoghue, Fr John Gillen, Fr Chris Hanlon, Fr Jim Smith, Fr Pan Jordan, Fr Leo Burke, Fr John Sullivan, Fr Tom Elich, Fr Luan Le, Fr Roger Burns, Fr Harry Chan, Bishop Brian Finnigan, Fr John Fowles, Fr Orm Rush, Fr Paul Chandler, Fr Neil Muir, Monsignor John Grace, Fr Bavin Clarke, Fr Stephen Byrnes, Fr Saldie Resolado, Fr Joe McKay, Fr Frank O'Dea, Fr Peter Weineke, Fr Emmanuel Ayankudy, Fr Philip Alesin, Fr Gary Walker

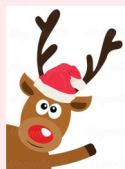
### Baptismal Joy!!



This weekend we welcome with great joy three new members of Christ's faithful people:

Kade Drochmann, son of Nicholas and Casey Drochmann; Henry Madden, son of Samuel Madden and Kate Hogden and Hugo De Lacy, son of Jaqueline De Lacy. May they always know God's love and the support of this Christian Community.

### Christmas Raffle



Be in the running to win our amazing Christmas raffle. Tickets are \$2.00 each or 3 for \$5.00. Many thanks to the parishioners who have donated items for the raffle.

**Raffle will be drawn on  
Sunday 18 December at the 8am Mass**

### New Mass Times

**Effective from 26/27 November 2022**

#### St Agatha's, Clayfield

**Sunday** 8.00am  
5.30pm

#### Our Lady Help of Christians, Hendra

**Saturday** 5.00pm  
**Sunday** 9.30am

**Reconciliation/Confession:** by appointment

**No change to the weekday Mass at St Agatha's**  
Thursday 9am

**No change to the weekday Mass at**  
**St John's, Northgate**  
Friday 9am

**No changes to the following Sunday Masses**  
**for the time being:**

**St Cecilia's, Hamilton: Saturday 4.30pm**

**St John's, Northgate: Sunday 7.30am**

### Congratulations!

Congratulations to Father Nev, who will celebrate his 9<sup>th</sup> anniversary of Ordination on the 29<sup>th</sup> November.

**encounter KIDS** Save the date! **HOLIDAY PROGRAM** January 19th, 2023  
Our Lady Help of Christians Parish Centre, Hendra  
Online registrations opening soon at [www.encountercatholickids.com.au](http://www.encountercatholickids.com.au)

### ST AGATHA'S CHRISTMAS VIGIL ROLE NOMINATIONS

Nativity performance during the  
Christmas Vigil Mass 6:00pm,  
Saturday 24th Dec  
St Agatha's Church, Clayfield

Open to Yr 3 and up! The performance  
is a movement to a song (no speaking  
roles). The Parish will supply  
costumes for Mary and Joseph.

#### Rehearsal

Key roles will need to attend the 'Advent  
Adventures' fun day held at Our Lady Help of  
Christians, Hendra on Monday 19th of  
December.



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*All Kids  
Participate!*

*All children are encouraged to come to the Christmas Vigil  
Mass in any nativity costume! Children of all ages (from  
toddlers to teenagers) may join in and be part of the chorus at  
the end of the song! No rehearsal required!*

Questions? Contact Sandy at  
[cantaruttis@bne.catholic.net.au](mailto:cantaruttis@bne.catholic.net.au)

### ADVENT ACTIVITIES FOR OUR PRIMARY-SCHOOL AGED CHILDREN

The teams of Mother of Mercy Parish (Hendra) and St Agatha's  
Parish are joining together to offer a FREE, fully supervised drop-  
off children's workshop. Limited spots available.

The day includes the St Agatha's Christmas Vigil performance  
rehearsal.

**ADVENT ADVENTURES**

All primary-school aged children are invited to join us  
for a fun day of craft, Bible stories, drama and games.

**Monday, 19th December**  
OLHC Parish Centre, 9 Bowman St, Hendra  
9.30am-2.30pm  
Registration from 9.15am  
Morning tea and lunch will be provided.  
There is no cost to attend.

To register, click on:  
<https://app.tickets.org.au/eb/AdventAdventures2022>

Enquiries: Please email  
Teresa at [pmc.hendra@bne.catholic.net.au](mailto:pmc.hendra@bne.catholic.net.au)  
or Sandra at [cantaruttis@bne.catholic.net.au](mailto:cantaruttis@bne.catholic.net.au)



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## School Mass Tuesday, 29 November

The end of School Mass will be celebrated on Tuesday 29 November 9am at the Church.

## Year 6 Graduation

The Year 6 Graduation Liturgy will be held on Wednesday 30 November 6pm at the Church. Congratulations to all the year 6 girls!! May the Lord be with you and guide and protect you towards the next chapter of your lives.

The school year ends at midday on Friday 2 December and will resume on Tuesday 24 January 2023.

To Anne-Marie, Jake, teachers, staff and students at St Agatha's School, wishing you all a holy Christmas and happy holidays.



## St Agatha's SVDP Christmas Appeal

The St Agatha's Clayfield Conference is conducting its Christmas Appeal, during Advent.

In 2022, \$30,071.00 assistance was provided to people, who called upon the Conference. 173 families with 195 children, and 650 single people, were helped with food vouchers, household goods, furniture and rent, gas/electricity bills were paid. Donation envelopes will be provided on the church pews.

The Conference has the facility to accept electronic deposits, into its bank account.

Account name:

St Agatha's Clayfield SVDP Conference

BSB: 064-786

Account: 100026667.

Use Surname as reference.

If receipt required please email Conference: [sa4011@svdpqld.org.au](mailto:sa4011@svdpqld.org.au)

All donations will be gratefully appreciated. Also, there will be a giving tree placed in the church, for donations of non-perishable food.

## St Agatha's Vincent De Paul Giving Tree - 2022

At Christmas time we may be overindulged with food and presents whilst many go without basic necessities. The Giving Tree is loaded with gift ideas which will help bring a smile to others on Christmas Day. You are encouraged to take a tag and return the gift and leave it at the base of the tree. Gifts to be in by **Sunday 18 December**, as members of St Vincent de Paul will be collecting the gifts and distributing them for Christmas. You may also leave the gift at the Parish Office.

## Christmas Masses



### Christmas Vigil Masses

OLHC Church, Hendra

Saturday 24 December 4.30pm Mass  
Carols from 4.00pm

St Cecilia's, Hamilton

Saturday 24 December 4.30pm Mass

St Agatha's Church, Clayfield

Saturday 24 December 6.00pm Mass  
Carols from 5.30pm

### Midnight Mass

St Agatha's Church, Clayfield

Saturday 24 December - Carols from 11.30pm

### Christmas Mass (Day)

7.30am St John's Northgate  
8.00am St Agatha's, Clayfield  
9.30am OLHC, Hendra



### Blessing of Salt and Water

As we start Advent, we are introducing the Blessing of Salt and Water. All through Advent after any of the Sunday Masses (includes Vigils) at OLHC and St Agatha's, Fr Nev will be blessing salt and water. Blessing salt, water and oil has been a long tradition in the Church. Its purpose is primarily for protection from evil and strengthening our faith and the gifts of the Holy Spirit in our lives, homes and even the wider community. You can sprinkle the blessed salt and water around your house, your street or even on people who may have ailments of any kind. See the following article

<http://s3.amazonaws.com/catholicbooks/wp-content/uploads/BLESSED-SALT.pdf>

So please bring any size container of salt and water along to be blessed. We'll do the blessing after each Mass and we'll have a trestle table where you can place your containers.

SATURDAY  
3RD OF  
DECEMBER  
2022

## Mens Dinner BBQ/Get together

**GUEST SPEAKER: BR DAMIEN PRICE**

WHEN Saturday 3rd December 2022, 6pm- 8pm  
WHERE OLHC Parish Centre 9 Bowman St Hendra.  
BYO Drinks and \$10 to cover meat and salads  
RSVP By Thursday 1/12/2022  
JOEL PERKINS Ph or text 0438 241 524  
BILL NOTT Ph or text 0418 183 400

**DADS- BRING YOUR SONS!**

**BBQ  
BONHOMIE  
BE INSPIRED**



### COMMUNITY CHRISTMAS SING ALONG

*A Journey to Joy*

Saturday 3rd December 3pm-5pm

St Luke's Uniting Church

(Corner Jackson and Oxford Streets Hamilton)

Featuring

- HNH singers
- Full Spectrum Brass
- Kenani Community Church Singers



**Activities Include:** story telling - 4pm, making decorations, trimming the tree, Christmas treats



## Roster for November/December

Date	8am	5.30pm
27 November	Erin Bledsoe	Amelia Marino-Cebulski
<i>First Sunday of Advent</i>	Luke Sutton	Matthew Crossley
Eucharistic Minister 27 November		
PowerPoint Clicker 27 November	Bell Family	Tom & Jess Luxford
Collectors 27 November		
4 December	<i>To be confirmed</i>	<i>To be confirmed</i>
<i>Second Sunday of Advent</i>		

We acknowledge the Turrbal and Jagera people, the traditional custodians of the Land on which St Agatha's is built. We pay our respects to Elders past, present and emerging.

Therefore, stay awake! For you do not know on which day your Lord will come... *Matthew 24:42*

## In our prayers we remember



### Those who have died recently:

Wallace Bishop, John Powell, Keith Strathdee, Patricia Akuji Njoku

### Those whose anniversaries occur about now:

Joseph Riba, Reginald Shun Wah, Rosalind Shun Wah, Vincent Halsall

### Those who are unwell:

Merlene Lisha, Pam Hayes, Ed Wright, Phil Greshan

### Mother of Mercy Parish Prayer Engine of the Parish

Mother of Mercy Parish Prayer Engine of the Parish. This prayer group prays for the intentions of the parish and the personal intentions of parishioners. Prayer intentions can be placed in the special baskets at each of the churches and Parish Office (Hendra). The Prayer Engine will meet at OLHC Church, Hendra every Tuesday, from 1:00-2:30pm. All are welcome to join in prayer!

**The Prayer Engine will be on recess for the holidays from Tuesday 6 December - Tuesday 7 February 2023.**

## Choir Practice for Christmas

Choir practice for our Christmas Masses (6pm Vigil and 8am Christmas Day) will begin on Thursday 1 December, 6-7pm. New members are always welcome. If you would like to be a part of the choir, please contact Robyn Cuming on 0414 861 988.

## Saturday Adoration

The Blessed Sacrament is exposed every Saturday, including holiday times, from 6am-4.30pm at OLHC Hendra for personal prayer. Entry to the Church is via the Bowman St side door. Please sign in and out. For enquiries, please contact Julie Anne on 0418 193 235 or Pat on 0411 597 781.

## A Vocation View:



In our materialistic society, someone must stand up to speak for our spiritual heritage. Could that be you?



## Parish Administration

**Parish Administrator:** Fr. Neville Yun  
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**Parish Secretary:** Mrs Rosemary Greer  
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### Children and Families

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**Phone:** 3262 2859

**Finance Council Chair:** Jodi Sutton

**Community and Mission Council**

**Chair:** Manus Maher

**Aggies Youth:** Ewan McPherson

**Local Safeguarding Representative:**  
Catriona McPherson (0456 441 717)

## St Agatha's Catholic Primary School

6 Hunter Lane Clayfield Qld 4011.  
Phone: 3326 9222

**School Principal:** Ms Anne-Marie Maw

**APRE:** Mr Jake Knowles

## Next week's readings

Second Sunday of Advent 4 December 2022 (Year A)  
Isaiah 11:1-10; Romans 15:4-9; Matthew 3:1-12

## Support St. Agatha's Parish

Your financial support of St Agatha's Church is always appreciated.

Ways to financially support your parish:

Direct debit. Place your offerings in the collection plates during the Mass or Planned Giving Envelopes or

the Parish Giving App.

Hover the camera on your smart phone over the QR code and tap on the link to the Parish Giving facility.

If you are not part of the Planned Giving Program and would like to contribute via online internet banking, details are as follows:

### BANK DETAILS

Account name: Clayfield Parish

BSB number: 064 786

Account number: 100006157



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