



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

Fourth Sunday of Advent (Year A) 18 December 2022

Hi all,

Remember if you want to frequent the **1st Rite of the Sacrament of Penance**, I'm available before or after Sunday masses, Weekday masses and by appointment. Remember there is no Second Rite of Reconciliation being offered in the Parish before Christmas.



For the **OLHC Mass attendees**, don't forget to bring back your **Just One Thing - survey sheets** and drop them at the Parish Office or the Collection plates. Grab a survey from the front of the Church.



How Can I Help?

Outreach:

Helping with Mass:

Hospitality after Sunday Mass:

Remember the Sunday after Christmas is New Year's Day and it's Mary Mother of God.



Have a blessed and peaceful week. Cheers Fr Nev

Children's Liturgy - Prep to Year 4

Children's Liturgy this **Sunday 18th December at the 8am Mass**.

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.

Parish Office Christmas/New Year Closure

The Parish Office will be closed from 12pm Thursday 22 December and will re-open 8.30am Wednesday 4 January 2023.

Baptismal Joy!!



This weekend we welcome with great joy two new members of Christ's faithful people: Freya Partridge, daughter of Travis Partridge and Lyndsey Rice and Luca Brayshaw, daughter of Cameron Brayshaw and Verity May. May they always know God's love and the support of this Christian Community.



Christmas Raffle

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

CAN YOU HELP?

Finance Committee

St Agatha's Parish Finance Committee is in need of additional members with accountancy skills. If you can help, please contact the Parish Office or see Fr Nev.

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

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
or Sandra at cantarrutis@bne.catholic.net.au



SCAN QR CODE TO REGISTER OR VISIT OUR FACEBOOK & CLICK THE LINK PROVIDED



New Mass Times

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

Christmas Mass Roster

If you can help with reading, Eucharistic Minister or PowerPoint clicker at any of the Christmas Masses, please contact the Parish Office.

Duties that still need filling:

Vigil 6pm: Eucharistic Ministers x 3

Midnight: Second reader

Eucharistic Ministers x 3

PowerPoint Clicker

8am: Eucharistic Ministers x 3

PowerPoint Clicker

A Festival of Readings and Carols

Sunday 18 December 2022
5:00pm

Presented by
The combined choirs of
the Cathedral of St Stephen

Free admission
Retiring collection

 249 Elizabeth St, Brisbane
The Cathedral carpark will be available

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

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

Confession

Fr Nev is available for confession half an hour before and after all weekday and weekend Masses in the lead up to Christmas. Fr Nev is also happy to meet by appointment at other times during the week as might be more suitable. Please call the Parish Office if you would like to make a time for Confession/ Reconciliation.

HEART OF THE DISCIPLE

A 28 DAY PRAYER AND REFLECTION
RESOURCE FOR ADVENT OR ANYTIME

** Last Weekend **

All are welcome to join the final group Advent Reflection session in the parish centre at Hendra
11 – 11.45am this Sunday (18/12).

Banyo Nundah Adoration during December/January

No adoration available at **both** churches

Monday 26th December 2022 - Wednesday 4th January 2023

CORPUS CHRISTI - 24 hour Adoration as usual

HOLY TRINITY - Limited adoration hours from this week.
Tuesdays only (8am - 12am Midnight) from 5th December - 17th January. This means there will be no Adoration on Wednesdays during this time.

For any enquiries contact: Colina 0422 111 321

Safeguarding Safeguarding is everyone's responsibility. All those who minister within the Archdiocese must adhere to the National Catholic Safeguarding Standards which serves to protect all children and vulnerable adults. For comprehensive information:

<http://www.brisbanecatholic.org.au/safeguarding/>

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

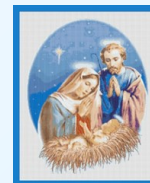
Saturday 24 December - Carols from 11.30pm

Christmas Mass (Day)

7.30am St John's Northgate

8.00am St Agatha's, Clayfield

9.30am OLHC, Hendra



Blessing of Salt and Water

During 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.



Carols by Candlelight Our Lady of Victories parish

Share a relaxed evening of Christmas music and carol singing together on the lawn in front of Bowen Hills church, overlooking the Brisbane River. Kids, come dressed up in your favourite Bethlehem costume!

7pm Tuesday 27 December
followed by light refreshments

All details on [Eventbrite](#) or on the [website](#)
Everybody is welcome!

Roster for December/January

	8am	5.30pm
18 December	Luke Sutton	Amelia Marino-Cebulski
<i>Fourth Sunday of Advent</i>	Phill Ryan	Jo Hayes
Eucharistic Minister 18 December	Annette Riba	
PowerPoint Clicker 18 December	Bell Family	Tom & Jess Luxford
1 January 2023	Terry Manso	
<i>Solemnity of Mary - The Holy Mother of God</i>	Annette Riba	Jo Hayes

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.

When Joseph awoke, he did as the angel of the Lord had commanded him and took his wife into his home. *Matthew 1:24*

In our prayers we remember



Those whose anniversaries occur about now:

Charlotte Stevenson, Alice Shun Wah, Stan McKenzie, Peter, Eve and Noel Turnbull

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) has begun on Thursday evenings, 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:



Vocations from God are not always clear. Not all of us are like Joseph, who had an angel appear to him saying: "Take Mary as your wife, and fear not."



Parish Administration

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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 25 December 2022 (Year A)

Vigil: Titus 3:4-8; Gospel Luke 2:15-20

Midnight: Isaiah 9:1-7; Titus 2:11-14; Luke 2:1-14

8am: Isaiah 52:7-10; Hebrews 1:1-6; Jn 1:1-5, 9-14



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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