



ST. AGATHA'S PARISH

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Second Sunday of Advent (Year A) 4 December 2022

Hi all,

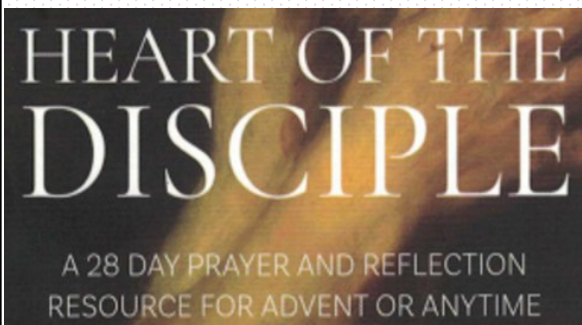


We welcomed two new Catholics at OLHC on Sunday - Stacey and Leanne. Congrats to them and their families. May the Holy Spirit continue to grow strong in their hearts and minds!!

Check out the following video regarding Advent and Christmas from our Franciscan friends at Little Flower - [Advent and Christmas \(Kedron, YrA 2022\) - YouTube](#)

Check out Fr Mike Schmitz - 29 mins for 29 days - <https://youtu.be/7lgmk6a3CrE>

Check out Bishop Rob Barron – An Advent Challenge - <https://youtu.be/1foJM9pzbmM>



All are welcome to join any or all group Advent Reflection sessions in the Parish Centre at Hendra

11 – 11.45am on each of the Sundays in Advent (27/11 – 18/12)

Congrats to all the students and teachers as they start to finish a busy school year.

Wishing all families a restful time in this Advent season and holy days leading up to Christmas.

Blessings Fr Nev.

Children's Liturgy - Prep to Year 4

Children's Liturgy this **Sunday 4th 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.



On behalf of the entire community of St Agatha's Primary School, we wish you a happy, holy and joyful Christmas. May the time you spend with family and friends be a reminder of the importance of love, compassion and hope.

See you for more 'Growth, Friendship, Faith' in 2023!

Anne-Marie Maw, Principal
St Agatha's Primary School, Clayfield

Term 1 resumes Tuesday 24 January 2023

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

Columban Calendars

Limited copies of the 2023 Columban Calendars are available for \$10.00 each.



Heart of the Disciple

The Evangelisation Brisbane Resource for Advent (can be used anytime) - *Heart of the Disciple* is available for all parishioners for free. Please collect a copy.



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

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

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 cantaruttis@bne.catholic.net.au



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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.

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.

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**



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

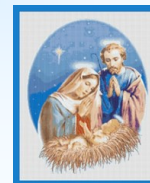
Saturday 24 December - Carols from 11.30pm

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.

Cathedral of St Stephen, Advent Concert Series

5:00pm Sunday 4 December 2022

Dominic Perissinotto, St Stephen's Cathedral Organist, will perform French composer Olivier Messiaen's *La Nativité du Seigneur* (The Nativity of the Lord), a work of nine "meditations" each depicting an image or concept from the birth of Jesus.

La Nativité is a testament to Messiaen's Christian faith, as well as one of his earliest works to show the style of composition that would later imbue much of his music. His works were inspired by both the mountains and the nativity scenes in stain glass windows in medieval cathedrals.

In addition to Dominic's performance, Archbishop Mark Coleridge will present reflections on each movement, delving into the joy of Christ's birth, and relating the music to the artwork of Sophie Hacker, which will be displayed on monitors during the performance. Sophie worked with 'found objects' - discarded pieces of wood, string, metal and skip finds, and created nine stunning images depicting aspects of the Incarnation, which are full of spiritual and theological symbolism.

Tickets available at the door or www.trybooking.com/CDVWH
Adult \$35; Concession \$30; Child \$15

The Cathedral car park will be available.

Roster for December

	8am	5.30pm
4 December	Dianne Eden	Karen Birtles
<i>Second Sunday of Advent</i>	Nick Eden	Max Van Balen
Eucharistic Minister 4 December		
PowerPoint Clicker 4 December	Bell Family	Tom & Jess Luxford
11 December	Andrew Douglas	Alison Hall
<i>Third Sunday of Advent</i>	Paul Bartels	Catie Kelly

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, every tree that does not bear good fruit will be cut down and thrown into the fire.
Matthew 3:10

In our prayers we remember



Those who have died recently:

Gerard Gillen, John Barry, Carol Wilson, Brian Davissen, Bill Cox, 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

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:



Isaiah says: "The earth shall be filled with knowledge of the Lord." Who taught you knowledge of the Lord, and whom are you teaching today?



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.

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Community and Mission Council

Chair: Manus Maher

Aggies Youth: Ewan McPherson

Local Safeguarding Representative:
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St Agatha's Catholic Primary School

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Phone: 3326 9222

School Principal: Ms Anne-Marie Maw

APRE: Mr Jake Knowles

Next week's readings

Third Sunday of Advent 11 December 2022 (Year A)
Isaiah 35:1-6, 10; James 5:7-10; Matthew 11:2-11

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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