



# 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

## Third Sunday in Ordinary Time (Year A) 22 January 2023

Hi all,

Evangelisation Brisbane ran Encounter Catholic Kids Program on Thurs at OLHC. Loads of fun and faith with clay and slime with kids. Thanks to EB, Sandy, parents and kids for coming together.



On the weekend of the **12<sup>th</sup> Feb is World Marriage Day** (setup up by World Wide Marriage Encounter). Last year I asked couples to send in photos of their wedding day and also what they look like today. So please send in your photos to each parish office. We will put these in a Powerpoint and play them during thanksgiving time.



Also this week, we invited a group of interested St Agatha's parishioners to reform the **CMC (Community and Mission Council – Parish Council)**. We will be embarking on a 6 week process to build that team. It's important for all St Agatha parishioners to be part of this process from young families, singles, young people and to the elders. In the next couple of weeks we will be putting out nomination forms out to everyone. Please start thinking about not only nominees but finding good leaders in our community to grow St Agatha's as well as Mother of Mercy Parish.

Blessings Fr Nev



**Children's Liturgy (Prep to Year 4) will resume Sunday 29th January 2023 at the 8am Mass.**

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



The St Agatha's SVDP Conference would like to sincerely thank, the parishioners for their generous support to the Vinnies Christmas Appeal.

The donations of money, food, including food and gift vouchers and children's toys were greatly appreciated by the families and persons, assisted at Christmas time.

Special thanks to the St Agatha's School for the beautiful and large hampers, donated to needy families. "

### Confession

Fr Nev is available for confession half an hour before the 5pm Vigil Mass at Hendra and 5.30pm Mass on Sunday at St Agatha's. 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.

In his appointment announcements in November 2022, the Archbishop made the following announcement:

**Sr Kari Hatherell osu** has been appointed Provincial of the Australian Ursulines, effective March 2023. I thank Kari for her contribution as Pastoral Advisor to me and the Episcopal Offices as well as her liturgical leadership at the Cathedral and her extensive ministry across the Archdiocese for many years.

You are invited to attend a  
Farewell from the Archdiocese of Brisbane  
for

**Sr Kari Hatherell osu**

**Cathedral of St Stephen**

**Tuesday 14 February 2023**

**6:00pm Evening Prayer**

*followed by refreshments  
in the Hanly Room*

rsvp: Wednesday 8 February 2023  
email: [rsvp@cathedral@bne.catholic.net.au](mailto:rsvp@cathedral@bne.catholic.net.au)  
telephone: 07 3324 3030

Cathedral car park will be available

### Australia Day Mass Thursday 26<sup>th</sup>

Mass will be celebrated at 9.00am.

Please join us for morning tea after Mass. All welcome!!



### Mass Times

**Saturday** 5.00pm Our Lady Help of Christians, Hendra

**Sunday** 8.00am St Agatha's Clayfield

**Sunday** 9.30am Our Lady Help of Christians, Hendra

**Sunday** 5.30pm St Agatha's Clayfield

**Reconciliation/Confession:** by appointment

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

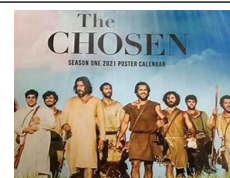
**No change to the weekday Mass at**  
**St John's, Northgate**  
Friday 9am

Fr James O'Donoghue has been asked to say the following Masses for the time being at:

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

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

**The Chosen** is a faith-enriching crowd-funded series which portrays, mostly authentically, many New Testament stories, from the perspectives of the main characters. "No matter where you are at in your journey with Jesus Christ, this TV series is for you! Imagine you could see the life of Jesus through the eyes of the people that walked on Earth with Him." <https://catholic-link.org/the-chosen-catholic-study-guide/>.



Please register your interest via The Chosen availability survey <https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/CYFDTCP> or hard copy (available at church doors), or email parish office by 29/1/23. The first 45 minute session will occur between 3rd -12th Feb.

**Alpha** is a series of interactive sessions that explore life faith and meaning.

Alpha is for those who are ready to ask questions and explore life, faith and meaning.



It is a short, free interactive course which is usually run via 11 weekly 2hr sessions based on the excellent film series episodes and one retreat day/weekend after the 6<sup>th</sup>/7<sup>th</sup> session.

Survey results are in, and our next Alpha will be run on Thursday nights from late April.

Please start praying about who you might invite.

School resumes Tuesday 24th January



## Reflection by Richard Leonard

Recently I was shocked by a Catholic woman who told me she didn't care very much for her local Bishop. She enumerated the many faults and failings of her diocese and its leader and then highly praised Pope John Paul II.

It's hard to argue with her admiration of the Pope, but unknowingly, she was falling into the same trap to which the community at Corinth was prey. Unfortunately, my acquaintance thought that her Catholic identity primarily came from her communion with the Bishop of Rome. She felt she could bypass her local bishop, 'because he's too trendy', and 'deal direct' with the Pope. She told me she saw the Pope as her bishop. The problem with her position is that it is not Catholic!

All of us in the Church are called to pray for, support and follow the lead of the Holy Father. But our Catholic identity comes from our communion with our local church, in and through its bishop, who is in turn, in communion with the Bishop of Rome. This is what the five-yearly ad limina visits are all about: a brother bishop sharing with the Pope the graces and challenges in his local Church and reaffirming the Catholic faith that unites all of us as members of the same universal Church.

Soon after Jesus called the apostles, disputes broke out among them. We know from the whole of the New Testament that there were serious disagreements between the earliest leaders in the Church. Their different temperaments and missions led to several misunderstandings. What St Paul found in Corinth, however, was a fractured Church, pleading allegiances to different leaders over and against Jesus. He teaches the Corinthians a critical lesson in being Church: we are all one under Jesus' leadership. Christ is the head of the Church.

Within ancient and clear limits the Church has a wonderful diversity, a plurality of expression, emphasis and culture. It's always been like this. It means the Church is taking seriously its role of finding Christ in every place and every community in the world. The moment we pit one local Church against the other ('I prefer the Pope to my bishop') we lose the Catholic communion in Christ Jesus which holds us together.

Paul tells us preaching the Cross of Jesus is the mission of the Church. Jesus shows us in today's Gospel that teaching, preaching and healing are the hallmarks of his ministry. And the same should hold for us. No matter how differently any local church might develop, the Bishop of Rome confirms in the faith Bishops who continue to preach Christ crucified, teach in Christ's name, heal the sick and reconcile the estranged.

That's what makes us Catholic and why today we need to listen again and very carefully, to Paul's admonition, 'I beg you, brothers and sisters, in the name of our Lord Jesus Christ, that all of you be in agreement and that there be no divisions among you, but that you be united in the same mind and purpose.'

To the degree to which we live this out in our communion with our local successor to the Apostles, the more chance all members of the Church have to use the energy and gifts given at baptism to do what Christ wants of the Church: to change the world for good and be a beacon of the saving Christ's gifts – faith, hope and charity.

## Reflection For Young People

by Lisa-Marie Calderone-Stewart

Simon, Andrew, James and John drop their nets the second that Jesus shows up. They leave their fish and boats in the water and start a whole new life. Imagine Zebedee's thoughts as he watches his two sons walk off with someone he knows little about.

What would your parents say if you tried to do something like that?

How could you explain the importance of following Jesus to your parents if they had never heard of him or knew little about him?

These four fishermen did not miss the chance to answer Jesus' invitation.

'Strike while the iron is hot' and 'Opportunity knocks but once' are old sayings. Have you heard these sayings before? What do they really mean?

Have you ever chosen to take advantage of an opportunity right away, and it turned out to be a good decision? If so, when? What happened?

Have you ever chosen to take advantage of what you thought was a good opportunity, and it turned out to be a bad decision? If so, when? What happened?

How can you begin to tell the good opportunities from the bad ones?

## Catholic Formation

The **Archdiocesan Centre for Catholic Formation** has been

launched in response to Plenary Council feedback in order to engage the baptised in a deeper experience of God as understood and experienced in the Catholic tradition.

The first module, "Catholic Theology in Context" will commence on **February 20th, 2023 from 7-9pm on Monday evenings** (20 Feb, 27 Feb, 6 Mar, 13 Mar, 20 Mar, 27 Mar, 17 Apr, 24 Apr, 8 May, 15 May) at Banyo and other hub/s.. More information is available @ [Archdiocesan Centre for Catholic Formation - Evangelisation Brisbane](#) & [www.catholicformation.au](http://www.catholicformation.au)



## Roster for January 2023

	8am	5.30pm
22 January	Amanda Bell	Liz O'Connor
Third Sunday in Ordinary Time	Tomos Walters	Catie Kelly
Eucharistic Minister 22 January		
PowerPoint Clicker 22 January	Bell Family	Tom & Jess Luxford
29 January	Annette Riba	Max Van Balen
Fourth Sunday in Ordinary Time	Erin Bledsoe	Amelia Marino-Cebulski

## In our prayers we remember

### Those who have died recently:

Geraldine Hall, Cardinal George Pell, Diane Harvey, Lynette Barnett (nee Mulcahy), Xantipa & Felipe Pereira Pimenta

### Those whose anniversaries occur about now:

Max, Alan & Jennifer Leutenegger, Eric O'Hagan, Craig Andrews

### Those who are unwell:

Merlene Lisha, Pam Hayes



## 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 till Tuesday 7 February 2023.**

### Parish Administration

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**Community and Mission Council Chair:**

**Aggies Youth:** Ewan McPherson

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

**APRE:** Mr Jake Knowles

## Next week's reading 29 January 2023

Fourth Sunday in Ordinary Time (Year A)

Zephaniah 2:3; 3:12-13; 1 Corinthians 1:26-31; Matthew 5:1-12



## 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



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.

We invite you to share your thoughts on how you access Catholic content in our survey.



The Archdiocese would appreciate your feedback by completing this short survey about how you access Catholic content. Your answers to the survey will help the Archdiocese do a better job of connecting you with the content you would like to see more of.

<http://bit.ly/3VHEkcl>

Thank you for any support you can give which is greatly appreciated.

## Saturday Adoration

The Blessed Sacrament is exposed every Saturday, including holiday times, from 6am-5pm 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:

Jesus said: "Come after me, and I will make you fishers of men." Today he could say: "I will make you mechanics of souls; doctors of wounded hearts, counsellors of broken families; clowns in a joyless society." But regardless, Come.



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