

ST. AGATHA'S PARISH

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First Sunday of Lent (Year A) 26 February 2023

Hi all,

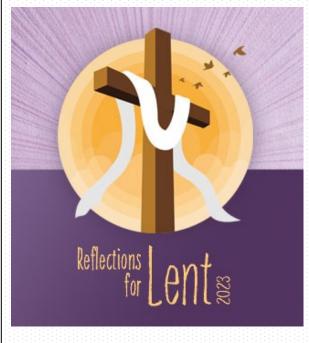
Welcome to Lent!! May the Lord assist each of you with your Lenten promises in the areas of Fasting, Prayer and Almsgiving.











1st Sunday in Lent - Seeds...

The Gospel for the first Sunday of Lent, Matthew 4:1-11, tells us that Jesus was led into the desert to be tempted. We know how Jesus endured and rejected these temptations and what they symbolized. But why the desert? What does it symbolize? The desert looks barren but there is life — seeds awaiting water to grow and blossom.

In my life there are barren places, deserts. These deserts are waiting for me to open to the waters of God's amazing love to grow and blossom. Like Jesus, I must be open to the grace of God, my creator, guide, friend.

There are seeds in me that need tending to in order to grow. There are seeds that need to be unburied or find a new direction or need to die.

-Sister Mary Virginia Herr, CSC

Reflection Questions:

Can I accept God's help in recognizing the seeds in me?

How can I unbury the seeds in me?

How can I tend these seeds?



Blessings Fr Nev

Children's Liturgy - Prep to Year 4

NO Children's Liturgy this Sunday 26 February.

Stations of the Cross St Agatha's Church



Every Thursday 8.30am during Lent.

Baptismal Joy!!

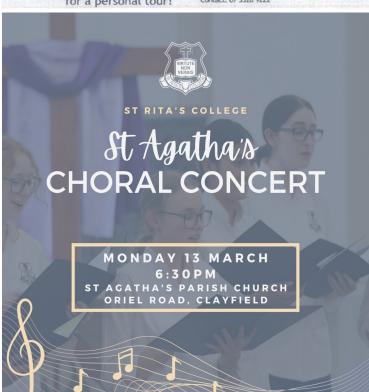
This weekend we welcome with great joy two new members of Christ's faithful people:
Justine Villanueva, daughter of Justin and Karla Villanueva; and Matilda Tindall, daughter of Mitchell and Dimity Tindall. May they always know God's love and the support of this Christian Community.



6 Hunter Lane, Clayfield Q 4011 | www.stagathasclayfield.qld.edu.au

Visit us on our Open Day for a personal tour!

Applications Close 17th March, 2023 Contact: 07 3326 9222



Mass Times

Saturday 5.00pm Our Lady Help of Christians, Hendra **Sunday** 8.00am St Agatha's Clayfield

 ${\bf Sunday}$ 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

Project Compassion Sunday 26 February



After losing her father when she was just 10years-old, Laxmi was at

risk of falling further into extreme poverty. But with the support of our partner Caritas Nepal, Laxmi joined a child's club, became a leader in her school and is now a mentor to other children in her village.



Please donate to Project Compassion 2023.

Together, we can help vulnerable communities face their challenges today and build a better tomorrow *For All Future Generations*.

You can donate through Project Compassion donation boxes and envelopes available on the pews, or by visiting caritas.org.au/project-compassion, or by calling 1800 024 413. The envelopes can be placed in the collection baskets, or dropped off at the Parish Office.



Alpha at Mother of Mercy Parish, Hendra

For anyone interested in the Alpha Program, Alpha is an opportunity for anyone, anywhere, to freely explore their unique questions about life, faith and God. The next Alpha program will be run on Thursday evenings from late April in the Mother of Mercy Parish Centre.



We are currently recruiting extra volunteer team members for roles during the sessions, and others who may be willing to help provide some of the food for the meal/s. Please contact the Alpha Team via the Parish Office or via <a href="mailto:nottleto:nott

Please continue to pray about whether you might be a helper or participant and who you might invite.



MAY 18-20, 2023 RIVERLIFE CENTRE Seventeen Mile Rocks

Join us for the principal gathering of the Archdiocese of Brisbane in 2023.

First Holy Communion - St Agatha's Parish

First Weekend of Term 2- Sunday 23rd April 8:00am or 5:30pm or Second Weekend of Term 2- Sunday 30th April 8:00am **or** 5:30pm

PREPARATION SESSIONS:

Session 1: Wednesday 1st March, Welcome to the Lord's Table/Enrolling your child in Eucharist

Child+ Parents to attend. 1 hr. 3:15pm (3:30 start) or 6:00pm

Please view information video before this day. https://fb.watch/ifaXVG9Xp4/

\$75 enrolment fee

Will receive workbook and enrolment form.

Registration is required by clicking links below. You will be added to the mailing list for future communication.

3:15pm https://app.tickets.org.au/eb/315HolyCommunionEnrolment2023

6:00pm https://app.tickets.org.au/eb/600HolyCommunionEnrolment2023

Session 2: Sunday 5th March

Rite of Enrolment Mass+ 20 minute debrief from Sandy after Mass Child + Parent/s

Bring workbook and completed enrolment form (important)

Choose 8:00am or 5:30pm No registration required

Session 3: Sunday 12th March

Compulsory Mass + 20 minute debrief from Sandy after Mass Bring workbook

Choose 8:00am (Family Mass) or 5:30pm

No registration required

*Morning Mass on Sunday 19th March 8.00am

(optional- in case of absenteeism at previous Masses)

20 minute debrief from Sandy after Mass

Bring workbook

No registration required

Session 4: 'Being a Living Tabernacle (2nd Rite Reconciliation)'

Choose: Wed 15th March 3:15pm or 5:30pm or

Thurs 16th March 3:15pm or 6:00pm

Wednesday 22nd March may open in case of any absenteeism

Child + Parent/s (Godparent/sponsor attendance optional)

Bring Workbook. 1 hr.

Registration required (20 students cap per session)



Check your emails regularly for any emails or videos Sandy may send you to help you complete your workbook activities at home with your child.

For more info contact Sandy Cantarutti, Children and Families Pastoral Associate, Clayfield cantaruttis@bne.catholic.net.au or call parish office 3262 2859

You are warmly encouraged to come along to Mass every Sunday (Mass times are 8:00am and 5:30pm). You may also like to attend Mass at Our Lady Help of Christians at Hendra (Saturday 5:00pm and Sunday 9:30am Mass).

FIRST HOLY COMMUNION MASS (Registration is required)

First Weekend of Term 2- Sunday 23rd April 8:00am or 5:30pm or Second Weekend of Term 2- Sunday 30th April 8:00am or 5:30pm It is traditional to wear white, however this is not a requirement.



World Day of Prayer 2023

Friday 3 March 10am Taiwan 'I have heard about your faith'

This year, St Colombs Anglican Church (Victoria Street Clayfield), will be hosting the World Day of Prayer. For more information contact: Margaret 0438 193 460



Lenten Concert Series

Each Thursday in March at 12noon, in St Stephen's Cathedral. Come explore the 40-day journey of Lent through music – featuring compositions inspired by the key themes and scripture readings of Lent. A time of inspiration and reflection before the 12:30pm Mass. All welcome, free admission.

MEN'S BBQ/

GET TOGET

When: Saturday 25/2/23 6pm Where: OLHC Parish Centre, 9 Bowman St Hendra.

Cost: \$10 to cover food RSVP: Wednesday 22/2/23

Bill Nott 0418 183 400 Joel Perkins 0438 241 524



Guest Speaker: Deacon Peter Pellicaan Topic:

Experiencing God: Becoming alive to God's presence and discerning God's voice.

Roster for February/March 2023

	8am	5.30pm
26 February	Luke Sutton	Amelia Marino-Cebulski
First Sunday of Lent	Joseph O'Brien	Max Van Balen
Eucharistic Minister 26 February		
PowerPoint Clicker 26 February	Bell Family	Tom & Jess Luxford
5 March	To be confirmed	To be confirmed
Second Sunday of Lent	To be confirmed	To be confirmed

In our prayers we remember

Those who have died recently:

Margaret Treston, Camillo Verna

Those we remember at this time:

Jose Gomez, Maria Gomez, Tom McVeigh, Joseph Williamson, Jane Williamson

Those who are unwell:

Merlene Lisha, Pam 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.

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

Choir Practice for Easter

Choir practice for Easter will begin on Thursday 2 March, 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.

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!

Fr Richard Leonard will be a guest speaker at Mother of Mercy Parish on Monday 27 February at 7.00pm. Fr Richard is a wonderful speaker, author and YouTuber and has written many books (e.g. Where the Hell is God) that are relevant and engaging. The event will be held in Xavier Place, OLHC Primary School, next to OLHC Church. Transport can be provided for those requiring assistance to attend. Open to all, family and friends most welcome!

Received into Full Communion

Sam Willetts will be received into Full Communion on Sunday 12th March at the 5.30pm Mass at St Agatha's. Sam works at St Agatha's Outside Hours School Care. Please join Sam and his family and friends on this wonderful occasion.



From Ashes to Hope Pick up a copy of the Lenten Reflection book. They are available for free at the front of the Church.

Parish Administration

Parish Administrator: Fr. Neville Yun Email: <u>clayfield@bne.catholic.net.au</u> Parish Deacon: Rev. Dr. Peter Pellicaan Email: <u>pellicaanp@bne.catholic.net.au</u>

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Children and Families

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Phone: 3262 2859

Finance Council Chair:

Community and Mission Council

Chair:

Aggies Youth: Ewan McPherson Local Safeguarding Representative: Catriona McPherson (0456 441 717)

St Agatha's Catholic Primary School

6 Hunter Lane Clayfield Old 4011.

Phone: 3326 9222

School Principal: Ms Anne-Marie Maw

APRE: Mr Jake Knowles

Next week's reading 5 March 2023

Second Sunday of Lent (Year A) Genesis 12:1-4; 2 Timothy 1:8-10; Matthew 17:1-9

Support St. Agatha's Parish

Your financial support of St Agatha's | St Agatha's, Clayfield 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

Mass Times

Sunday 8.00am 5.30pm

Our Lady Help of Christians, Hendra Saturday 5.00pm Sunday 9.30am

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