



# 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

## Easter Sunday (Year A) 9 April 2023

Hi all,

As we approach Easter, let's take the time to reflect about Jesus' journey to the Cross.



As we enter the Paschal Triduum (Holy Thursday, Good Friday and Holy Saturday) let's become acutely present to Jesus' passion and death. On Holy Thursday, we will ponder the Gift of the Most Holy Eucharist. On Good Friday, we will hear Jesus' passion proclaimed from the Gospel of John. Thus, this week begins with the proclamation of the Passion and ends with the Passion as a way of drawing us more deeply into the mystery of Christ's saving Sacrifice.

At the heart of the story of the Passion of Jesus is the manifestation of a love like no other. The love we witness this week is a love that is so pure, so selfless, so sacrificial and so transforming that it is beyond comprehension. The love that we witness is one in which God permits Himself to enter the deepest humiliation ever seen. He does this so that He can meet us in our lowliness, sin, and fallenness, and raise us up to the highest heights imaginable.

I pray everyone has a holy, peace-filled and safe Easter. Many people at that first Easter were full of fear, anxiety and uncertainty. The Jesus we believe in is the Jesus who suffered, died and rose again. Through our baptism we become incarnational people. We become part of Jesus' journey to the cross, to the tomb, back to life and into everlasting life!! Lord help us to embrace the cycle of life through faith in your Son: suffering, death and resurrection.

Blessings and may the Crucified and Risen Christ help us onto a new road of possibilities!!

Cheers Fr Nev

**Children's Liturgy will resume Sunday 7th May 8am Mass.**

## St Agatha's Church Easter 2023 Holy Week Liturgies

### Holy Thursday 6 April

Thursday of the Lord's Supper 6.30pm  
Please note there will be **no** 9am Mass

### Good Friday 7 April

Stations of the Cross 10.00am  
Passion of Our Lord 3.00pm

### Holy Saturday 8 April

Easter Vigil 6.00pm

### Easter Sunday 9 April

Easter Sunday Mass 8.00am



Enrolments open for Year 3  
and up!

## The Sacrament of CONFIRMATION

### 1. Parent & Caregiver Interviews begin in June (Term 2)

Numerous time slots available. Parents, please register online ASAP.  
Submit your **enrolment form** and \$75 enrolment fee at your interview.

### 2. Blessing Masses (and rehearsal after Mass)

For child and parents, 8:00am and 5:30pm  
Sundays 16th July and 23rd July  
(Date of registrations TBA)

### 3. Family Sessions for child and parents

Wednesday 26th July and Friday 28th July 3:15pm or 4:30pm  
(Date of registrations TBA)

Confirmations shall be Tuesday evening  
August 22nd, 2023 (5pm and 7pm)

(Date of registrations TBA)



To receive an enrolment form and to register for interviews online, please email Sandy  
cantaruttis@bne.catholic.net.au

## 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



**Happy Easter from all  
at Caritas Australia!**



Thank you for your continued support for Project Compassion – past, present and future. Together, we can help vulnerable communities face their challenges today and build a better tomorrow **For All Future Generations.**

Thank you for supporting Caritas Australia's Project Compassion 2023 Lenten appeal.

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](https://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** 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 and one retreat day/ weekend after the 6th/7th session. Alpha is an opportunity for anyone, anywhere, to freely explore their unique questions about life, faith and God through quality video and discussions of them. Our next Alpha program will be run on Thursday evenings from 27 April from 6.30-8.30pm in the Mother of Mercy Parish Centre and cater to current parishioners as well as those who wish to know more about Christianity. [Who will you invite to try Alpha?](#) | [Alpha Invitation 2017/18 - Bing video](#)

For more information please go to: [www.alpha.org.au/try](https://www.alpha.org.au/try)

**Registrations are open now.**

Please register interest by emailing the parish office via  
[hendra@bne.catholic.net.au](mailto:hendra@bne.catholic.net.au) or  
[nottlot@bigpond.net.au](mailto:nottlot@bigpond.net.au).





## First Holy Communion - St Agatha's Parish

Sunday 23<sup>rd</sup> April 8:00am and 5:30pm

Sunday 30<sup>th</sup> April 8:00am and 5:30pm



### First Holy Communion Masses

First Holy Communion Masses this year will be held on **Sunday 23 April** at the 8am and 5.30pm Masses and **Sunday 30 April** at the 8am and 5.30pm Masses. Let us offer our prayers and blessings to all the children who are preparing to receive this sacrament.

**Please note that the front section of the Church will be reserved for the children and their families.**

**2023 Planned Giving Envelopes:** Planned Giving Envelopes are ready for collection at the entrance of the Church. **These envelopes began on Sunday 2 April.** Please collect your packet today. If you are giving to the Parish by other means (direct debit, credit card or Parish Giving App) and no longer wish to receive these envelopes, please contact the Parish Office.

**Please discard of any 2022 planned giving envelopes.**



Holy Week is just around the corner, marking the most important season of the Christian calendar when we remember

Jesus' death on the cross and celebrate his resurrection. This is an incredibly special week, no matter how old you are.

The Children and Families Team at Evangelisation Brisbane have created a video resource with some ideas to engage the kids in our families, parishes and communities, so that they can make a new beginning with Jesus this Holy Week also.

You can access the video, and the other Holy Week and Easter resources here: <https://tinyurl.com/kidshwvideo>

[brisbanesummit.com](http://brisbanesummit.com)

**Summit<sup>23</sup>**

**MAY 18-20, 2023**

RIVERLIFE CENTRE  
Seventeen Mile Rocks

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

More information can be found at  
[www.brisbanesummit.com](http://www.brisbanesummit.com).



### Holy Land (Good Friday) Collection 7th April 2023

The annual collection for the support of the church in the Holy Land will take place on Good Friday, April 7th. This collection promotes the missionary work of the Church in the Holy Land by providing welfare assistance to local Christians in areas such as health, education, employment, housing, parishes, and orphanages. It is also used to maintain over 70 churches and shrines associated with the life of Jesus. Whilst life in the Holy Land is returning to some new sense of normality (as is the rest of the world) the Church and people of the Holy Land are still struggling with reduced income due to fewer pilgrims and lower church attendance around the world.

Please remember the Christians of the Holy Land on Good Friday. Thank you.

Envelopes **will be available on Good Friday 7th April** and can be found on the pews and at the back of the Church. Please give generously to the Pope's worldwide Good Friday Collection to support those who are custodians of the Holy Lands.

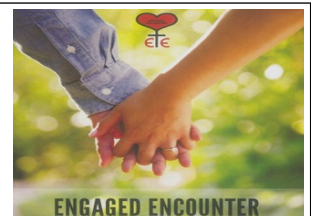
### Engaged Encounter - Marriage Preparation Course coming in July 2023

Engaged Encounter will have a live out weekend July 15 & 16, 2023 for couples at  
Mother of Mercy Parish, Hendra.

Engaged Encounter is a marriage preparation weekend that facilitates honest and constructive dialogue for engaged couples.

Active in over 200 dioceses around the world, CEE is an internationally recognized Marriage Preparation Course within the Catholic Church.

For more information kindly go to [www.engagedencounter.org.au](http://www.engagedencounter.org.au) or email [cee.brisbane@gmail.com](mailto:cee.brisbane@gmail.com) or call 0481 307 821.



### Holy Spirit Seminary - Prayer Calendar

2023 Prayer Calendar for seminarians and priests are available at the entrance of the Church.

Please take a calendar and pray for our priests, deacons, seminarians and Church leaders.

### 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/>

## Roster for April 2023

	8am	5.30pm
16 April		Alison Hall
Second Sunday of Easter	Tomos Walters	Max Van Balen
Eucharistic Minister 16 April		
PowerPoint Clicker 16 April	Bell Family	Tom & Jess Luxford
23 April	Dianne Eden	Matthew Crossley
Third Sunday of Easter	Nick Eden	Karen Birtles

## In our prayers we remember



### Those who have died recently:

Paul Hawkins, Nora Towler, Bill Logan, Reg Treston, Sr Clare Vogler rsj, Fr John Boyd-Boland OFM, Robert Out, Margaret Fahy, Dr Ian Marshall

### Those we remember at this time:

Maxi Chirila, Anthony Hoskins, Paul Lamprect, Judy Power

### Those who are unwell:

Simon Grisales, Merlene Lisha, Pam Hayes, Amanda Shea

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.

## Mother of Mercy Parish Saturday Adoration

**NO ADORATION ON HOLY SATURDAY:**  
The Blessed Sacrament will not be exposed between Good Friday and the Easter Vigil so there will be no Adoration on Holy Saturday, 8 April.

## 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!

### "Tell us, Mary, what you have seen?"

In this portion of John's narrative, we find Mary Magdalene going alone in the dark, returning to the tomb where Jesus had been buried. Grief-stricken and distraught, she needs to be close to her beloved Jesus. She arrives and sees the stone rolled back. So even more distraught, she runs in the dark back to tell his disciples.

Have you ever tried to run in the dark? Stumbling, unsure, the whole range of twisted emotions. In so many ways in our world today, we are impelled to run in the dark as we confront concerns about care of Mother Earth, our countries, our congregations, our families, our friends, ourselves, how to go, or at least from familiar past? What is inside the dark space of our anxieties?

The Gospel tells us how Peter and John ran and looked inside, having to find tangible proof of their tortured and dead brother. And then they went home, but Mary stayed and wept. Today's segment of the Gospel stops here with Mary, staying and being simply present.

The reading from Colossians reminds us that we have "died and now are hidden in Christ." Hidden in Christ — what a profound way to describe simply being present. But we know that death, move that changes, or other events in life that we experience as "dying" are not the end of the story. We know with rock solid certainty, as the sequence reminds us, what Mary proclaimed, saw and experienced: "Jesus my hope has risen." It's what we say this Easter day of 2023 in our current realities, as we are called to live out that rock solid truth that "Jesus my hope is risen."

—Sister Rachel Callahan, CSC

## Parish Administration

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### Children and Families

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Finance Council Chair:

Community and Mission Council

Chair: Matthew Crossley

**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

## Readings for 16 April 2023

Second Sunday of Easter (Year A)

Acts 2:42-47; 1 Peter 1:3-9; John 20:19-31



## 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



## Mass Times

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**Sunday** 8.00am  
5.30pm

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