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Second Sunday of Easter (Year A) 16 April 2023

Hi all,

Christ has Risen Alleluia!! and welcome back to those who have been on holidays. Remember too, we are having a **procession and praying the Divine Mercy 30 mins** before the start of each Mass this weekend.



Divine Mercy Sunday is celebrated on the second Sunday of Easter and is a religious observance celebrated mostly among Catholics. This year, it takes place on April 16. It is a significant time for reflection on the Christian faith. As Pope John Paul II stated, "It is a time where we are blessed with divine mercy as it reaches us through the heart of Christ crucified." Divine Mercy Sunday focuses on the gifts that flowed from Christ's death, burial, and resurrection — his mercy and love that were so freely given to humanity after such a betrayal. Divine Mercy Sunday concludes the Easter celebrations and welcomes the ultimate gift that Christ gave after his crucifixion.

HISTORY OF DIVINE MERCY SUNDAY

The story of Divine Mercy Sunday, also known as 'the Feast of the Divine Mercy,' is thousands of years old. However, the official recognition of the day was only authenticated by the Vatican in 2000. Pope John Paul II declared the Sunday after Easter to be called "Divine Mercy Sunday." Since that declaration, it has been marked in the General Roman Calendar as a religious observance celebrated by Catholics worldwide.

The significance of the day can be attributed to St. Faustina Kowalska, a Polish nun who experienced visions from Christ himself. Born in 1905, she served her parish well and communed with Jesus on several occasions where he communicated with her that he wished to be "a refuge and a shelter for all souls, and especially for poor sinners." St. Faustina, also known as the 'Secretary of Divine Mercy,' died in 1938 in Krakow at age 33 after suffering from Tuberculosis.

Divine Mercy Sunday is a space specifically designated for those who feel unworthy of God's love and Jesus's acceptance. In a vision, he told St. Faustina, "I pour out a whole ocean of graces upon those souls who approach the fount of My mercy." Divine Mercy Sunday, from its advent, has been a source of reconciliation with faith and God's mercy. It provides a specific day on which people from all walks of life can humble themselves before God, and ask for his mercy, love, and forgiveness, which he grants to all those who are willing to ask for it. It is also about forgiveness and mercy, how Jesus offered his to us, and how we should act in kind throughout our lives.

DIVINE MERCY SUNDAY TIMELINE

1931

Jesus Appears to St. Faustina

St. Faustina begins experiencing visits from Jesus during her time at Plock.

1934

Faustina Details Her Visions From Jesus

St. Faustina begins her mythical diary between 1934 and 1938, and its pages contain her intimate exchanges with Jesus Christ.

1993

Faustina is Beatified

St. Faustina earns the title 'Blessed' as she is beatified and recognized as having a divine relationship with God.

2000

Basilica of Divine Mercy

On April 30, St. Faustina is honored with the Basilica of Divine Mercy, dedicated to the devotion of Divine Mercy.

Blessings Fr Nev

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

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



THANK YOU

Caritas Australia would like to THANK YOU for supporting Project Compassion 2023. **If you still have Project Compassion box or set of envelopes at home, please return them next week, so that all donations can be finalised and tax receipts issued.**

Your generosity will empower the world's most vulnerable communities to grow stronger and lift themselves out of poverty.

Baptismal Joy!!



This weekend we welcome with great joy three new members of Christ's faithful people: Amelia Puglisi, daughter of Joseph and Elizabeth Puglisi; Julian Barry, son of Craig and Rebecca Barry and Grace Paul, daughter of Mitchell and Jane Paul. May they always know God's love and the support of this Christian Community.



Sincere thanks to everyone who helped in anyway with the Palm Sunday Mass and the Easter Liturgies. There are so many to thank, so please accept this as a personal "thank you" to **all** helpers, readers,

Communion Ministers, greeters, welcomers, organists and choir members. Special thanks to Paul and Louise Fiumara for their contribution to the music liturgy and to Raffaele Pierno for his wonderful singing at the Easter Vigil. Thank you all. St Agatha's is truly blessed to have such wonderful volunteers who give of their time, efforts and talents. A special thank you also to our Sacristan Peter, who worked tirelessly to bring everything together.

Our next Alpha will run on

Thursdays 6.30 – 8.30pm

From 27/4/23

At the MoM Parish centre



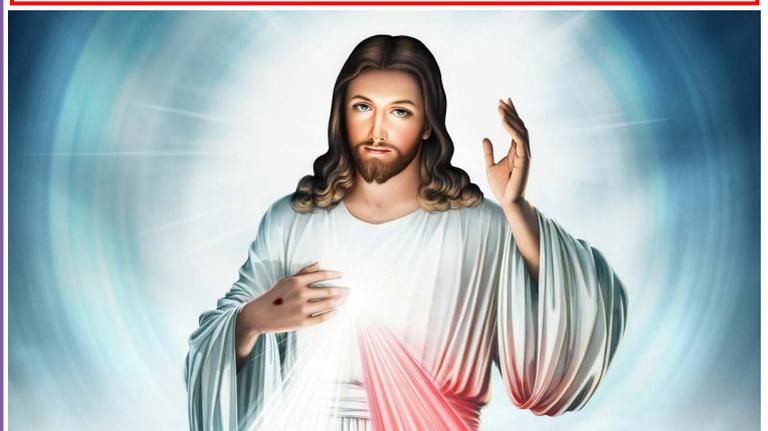
Registrations are open now. Who will YOU invite?

Please register interest by emailing the parish office via
hendra@bne.catholic.net.au
or nottlot@bigpond.net.au.

- friends who are asking questions
- fellow parishioners
- yourself?

For more information please go to:

www.alpha.org.au/try





Anzac Day Mass
St Agatha's Church
Tuesday 25 April, 9am Mass.

Date Claimer

Next Family Mass will be held on
 Sunday 14th May, 8am Mass.

First Holy Communion Masses

First Holy Communion Masses this year will be held on next **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.

**Catholic Mission Invites
 May Rosary Prayer Sessions**

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 Reach out. Give life.

May Rosary Prayers

Join Catholic Mission online to honour Mother Mary during the month of May through praying the rosary.

Mon - Fri
 Time: 2pm Brisbane / Sydney time
 12 pm Perth time

Join Zoom Meeting:
<https://tinyurl.com/cmprayers>

Meeting ID: 885 9061 9139
 Password: 855274

All Are Welcome!

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 FEET ON THE MOVE

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Summit²³

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.

Holy Land (Good Friday) Collection
 A huge thank you to everyone who generously donated to the Holy Land Collection. A total of \$1,890.00 was raised from St Agatha's Parish.

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.



**Celebrating World Day of Prayer
 for Vocations 2023**

You are invited to consider supporting the World Day of Prayer for Vocations 2023 on the 30th of April. More information can be found at: www.worlddayofprayerforvocations.com



A VOCATION VIEW: It is only through people like you that others will be able to say: "We have seen the Lord." With the resurrection to empower you and with Jesus to lure you, you too can inspire others who have not seen to believe.

Be an Eternal Guardian of your faith

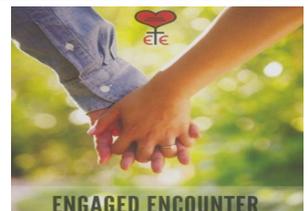
Do you want to leave a legacy to the Church as a way of thanking God for the gifts you've been given in your lifetime? Once you've cared for your loved ones, please consider a gift in your Will to sustain the sacramental life of our parish. A gift in your Will can make a meaningful difference and personally advance the good works of the Church in this community for generations to come. To find out how you can be an Eternal Guardian of your faith, please contact us on 3324 3632 or visit www.catholicfoundation.org.au

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 or email cee.brisbane@gmail.com or call 0481 307 821.



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	Annette Riba	Alison Hall
<i>Second Sunday of Easter</i>	Tomos Walters	
Eucharistic Minister 16 April		
PowerPoint Clicker 16 April	Bell Family	Tom & Jess Luxford
23 April	Dianne Eden	Matthew Crossley
<i>Third Sunday of Easter</i>	Nick Eden	Karen Birtles

In our prayers we remember



Those who have died recently:

Amedeo Ciancio, Paul Hawkins, Nora Towler, Bill Logan, Reg Treston, Sr Clare Vogler rsj, Fr John Boyd-Boland OFM, Robert Out

Those we remember at this time:

Maxi Chirila, Anthony Hoskins, Paul Lamprect

Those who are unwell:

Simon Grisales, Merlene Lisha, Pam Hayes, Amanda Shea

My Lord and my God!

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

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.

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!

Reflection by Dianne Bergant CSA

The themes for the second Sunday of Easter set the tone for the entire Easter season. They are all directed toward mystagogical instruction, primarily of the neophytes who were baptised during the Easter Vigil, but also of the whole Christian community. The readings for this season provide us an extended meditation on the resurrection and on our own incorporation into it through the mysteries of initiation.

Most of us are like Thomas who looked for some tangible evidence of the resurrection. We do not find it any easier to live by faith than he did. However, when we do live by faith, we actually discover tangible proof. This proof can be seen in the way the community reaches out in care and support to others. Jesus extends his wounded hands to us as he did to Thomas, and the community is invited to touch his wounds as we touch the wounds of our world. We find a similar situation in the reading from Acts where the fledgling Christian community grew in number as a result of the teaching of the apostles. So it has always been. Those who are not eye witnesses of the actual events are called, through the teaching of others, to witness to the power of the resurrection.

Although the blessings that we derive from the resurrection are clearly gifts from God, they are nonetheless costly gifts. They have been won through the blood of Christ, and we too may have to pay dearly for having received them.

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APRE: Mr Jake Knowles

Readings for 23 April 2023

Third Sunday of Easter (Year A)

Acts 2:14, 22-33; 1 Peter 1:17-21; Luke 24:13-35



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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5.30pm

Our Lady Help of Christians, Hendra
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Sunday 9.30am

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