

ST. AGATHA'S PARISH

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Fifth Sunday of Easter (Year A) 7 May 2023

Hi all,

I had a relaxing time in Melbourne conducting a Marriage Encounter Weekend for 8 couples and myself.

We are now in our **second week of Alpha**. Our video last night was titled - **Who is Jesus?** Well done to those who have come along to have a look or help out. Thank you to everyone including the team who have created a lovely vibe around dinner. There has been a lot of fun and great discussions!! So come on down and enjoy



getting to know some new and old friends and sharing faith. Alpha is on **every Thursday at OLHC**, **Parish Centre from 6:30pm to 8:30pm except school holidays**. Contact the Hendra Parish Office or just turn up.



This week Archbishop Mark sent correspondence that from Pentecost Sunday $-28^{\rm th}$ May the **pandemic dispensation** will be withdrawn and the **Sunday obligation to attend Mass** will be restored. The obligation does not apply to those for whom it is impossible to attend Mass, those who are sick or frail or those who are caring for the sick, especially sick children. So I encourage you all to invite friends and family that have got out of the habit of participating in Sunday Mass to consider coming back to the source and summit of our faith — the Eucharist and the worship of the Lord's Resurrection and connecting with their parish community. Let's give them a warm welcome into our parishes.

Blessings Fr Nev.

Children's Liturgy - Prep to Year 4

Children's Liturgy this Sunday 7 May at the 8am Mass. We invite children to come along to learn more about Jesus and the gospel through child-friendly, engaging activities.



Enrolments open for Year 3 The Sacrament of

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

Mother's Day Family Mass Sunday 14th May 8am

Would your child like to have a role/reading? Roles are open to all children! Please email Sandy: cantaruttis@bne.catholic.net.au or scan the OR Code below. Morning tea to follow. Please bring a plate to share. Everyone is welcome!! Come along!!

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

Weekday Masses

St Agatha's, Clayfield Thursday 9am St John's, Northgate Friday 9am

St Cecilia's, Hamilton: Saturday 4.30pm St John's, Northgate: Sunday 7.30am



The first Alpha program for this year has commenced and has been well attended.

The 3rd meeting will be held on Thursday 11th May @ 6.30-8.30pm in the Parish Centre.

If you are curious to attend for only 1 session you would still be most welcome, and 11th and 18th May are the best remaining dates for this.

Alpha is for anyone, anywhere, to freely explore their unique questions about life, faith and God.

The 12 week Alpha film and discussion series is being held on Thursdays 6.30 – 8.30pm at the MoM Parish Centre, 9 Bowman Street, Hendra.

We will share a meal, watch a video and discuss it in small groups and we hope that you will join us.

alpha walkthrough video (540p) 84 sec Life Faith Mng Food vid disc.mp4

Registrations are requested for catering purposes via MoM parish office: Email: hendra@bne.catholic.net.au or Phone: 3268 3040

For more information please go to: www.alpha.org.au/try



Family Mass & Morning

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Join us for the principal gathering of the Archdiocese of Brisbane in 2023. More information can be found at www.brisbanesummit.com.

Introducing Archbishop Mark's Apostolic Priorities.

In recent weeks, Archbishop Mark has published a document entitled "Lamps Ablaze: Apostolic Priorities for the Archdiocese of Brisbane from 2023" which outlines seven priorities for us all to consider. Over seven weeks, concluding with Pentecost, clergy around the Archdiocese have been encouraged to preach on these apostolic priorities with reference to the readings for each Sunday. This week's is Responding to Abuse and the Abused.

Lamps Ablaze: Apostolic Priorities for the Archdiocese of Brisbane

Priority Four: Responding to Abuse and the **Abused**

"In responding to abuse and the abused, we need to move beyond considerations of law and finance... Of course we need to attend to legal and financial matters, but the paramount concern needs to be the good of those abused. Not all victims and survivors look to the Church for spiritual and pastoral accompaniment and care, but some do and others may in time, if ever trust can be established. We can learn from experience elsewhere in seeking to respond more effectively to abuse and the abused. Unless we do, this will remain a gaping wound - certainly for victims and survivors but for the whole Church as well - which makes it hard for us to move in the future."

Thank you

Many thanks to Fr Nev, Deacon Peter, Fr John Gillen SM, Sandy, Anne-Marie Maw, Jake Knowles, Peter Bowden, musicians, choir members and everyone who assisted with the First Communion Masses. Congratulations to all the children and many thanks to the parents who supported them during their faith journey.



Corpus Christi Prayer Petition Book

Archbishop Mark has provided each Parish with a Petition Book for recording prayer intentions from the Parish. This book will be brought forward to the feet of Our Lord during the Corpus Christi Celebration on 11 June. Please write your prayer intentions in the St Agatha's Petitions book in the foyer at the entrance of the Church.





YOU ARE INVITED TO A PENTECOST
RETREAT with

FR KEN BARKER MGL



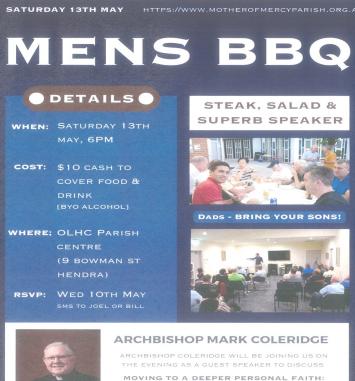
Where: St. Mary Magdalene's, Cecil Road, BARDON

When: Saturday night, 27th May, 2023 at 7.00pm Sunday, 28th May, 2023, 9.45a to 4pm

Programme to follow later

Fr. Ken Barker, MGL, is the founder of the Missionaries of God's Love. The MGLs currently have mission centres in Canberra; Melbourne; Sydney; Darwin; Flores, Indonesia and Manila in the Philippines.

In all of these locations the MGLs seek to bring people into a living relationship with Jesus by proclaiming the love of God through the power of the Holy Spirit.



WHAT WISDOM DOES THE CHURCH OFFER?

THE LORD'S DAY

When the COVID pandemic struck, I joined other bishops in deciding for a dispensation from the obligation to attend Sunday Mass. Now that the pandemic seems to be receding, it is good for us to reflect not only upon the Sunday obligation but upon the meaning of Sunday itself. To call the first day of the week Sunday recalls the Roman name, but from the first Christians always called it the Lord's Day, in honour of the Risen Christ who is the true light of the world and the source of life. The Lord's Day was the weekly Easter and the weekly Pentecost, because on the first day Jesus Christ rose from the dead and breathed the Holy Spirit into the Church. It was the day that looked back to the first day of creation and forward to the last day of the Lord's return in glory. Even in times of persecution, Christians remained faithful unto death to the assembly of the Lord's Day. The spontaneous practice of the early days eventually became Church law. Yet it is not law that draws us to Mass but the Lord's desire to eat the Passover with us (cf Luke 22:15). The deepest reason we go to Mass on Sunday is not because we have decided or because the Church's requires it but because we are drawn there by his desire for us. In coming to Mass, we surrender to the Lord's love and let ourselves be drawn by him who wants to speak to our heart and share his feast with us. Therefore, in the Archdiocese of Brisbane from Pentecost Sunday of this year (28 May) the pandemic dispensation will be withdrawn and the **Sunday obligation will be restored,** so that all of us, responding to the Risen Lord's call, may say with one heart and voice, "This is the day which the Lord has made: let us rejoice and be glad" (Psalm 118:24)...

Mark Coleridge, Archbishop of Brisbane

Please invite family and friends back to Mass.

Roster for April/May 2023

	8am	5.30pm
7 May	Annette Riba	Alison Hall
Fifth Sunday of Easter	Joseph O'Brien	Jo Hayes
Eucharistic Minister 7 May		
PowerPoint Clicker 7 May	Bell Family	Tom & Jess Luxford
14 May	Family Mass	Liz O'Connor
Sixth Sunday of Easter		Max Van Balen

<u>In our prayers we remember</u>



Those who have died recently:

Ian Thomas, Jan Smith, Tony Evans

Those we remember at this time:

Ben White, Joe Quinn, Ross McKenzie

Those who are unwell:

HELP MANTED

Simon Grisales, Merlene Lisha, Pam Hayes, Amanda Shea

Help wanted for ALPHA sessions



particularly cleaning the kitchen after sharing the meal with us, even if on just one occasion, we would love to hear from you by Tuesday 10 May to allow a roster to be drawn up.

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!

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.

MOUNT ALVERNIA AND PADUA COLLEGES PRESENT



Readings for 14 May 2023

Sixth Sunday of Easter (Year A) Acts 8:5-8, 14-17; 1 Peter 3:15-18; John 14:15-21

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

St Agatha's, Clayfield Sunday 8.00am 5.30pm

Christians, Hendra Saturday 5.00pm Sunday 9.30am

> **Confession:** by appointment

Weekday Masses St Agatha's, Clayfield Thursday 9am St John's, Northgate Friday 9am



Parish Administration

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Community and Mission Council

Chair: Matthew Crossley

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

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Phone: 3326 9222 **School Principal:** Ms Anne-Marie Maw

APRE: Mr Jake Knowles

