



# ST. AGATHA'S PARISH

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## Twentieth Sunday in Ordinary Time 20 August 2023 (Year A)

Hi everyone,

A reminder this weekend is the **Catholic campaign**, so bring back your envelopes filled in and place them on the collection baskets at this weekend masses. Thank you in advance for your generosity.

This **Tuesday evening**, the children at **St Agatha's** preparing for **Confirmation** will be confirmed by Bishop Tim Norton.



The kids at **OLHC** will be starting their first **Family Workshop tonight** for the **Sacrament of Eucharist**. Keep all these children and families in your prayers.

I'll be away this weekend, so please welcome **Fr John Gillen** and **Fr Chris Hanlon** to our Masses.



The readings for the 20th Sunday in Ordinary Time underscore the themes of inclusion and faith in the context of God's plan for salvation. In Isaiah 56:1, 6-7, we're reminded that God's salvation is not limited to a particular group; it's extended to all who seek Him and hold fast to His covenant. This message resonates with the psalmist's call in Psalm 67:2-3, 5, 6, 8, for God's blessings to be made known to all nations. In Romans 11:13-15, 29-32, we encounter the mystery of God's plan to include both Jews and Gentiles in His redemptive work. Despite human failings, God's mercy extends to all, and the passage emphasizes the unfathomable depth of His wisdom and knowledge.

The Gospel passage, Matthew 15:21-28, presents the story of the Canaanite woman whose persistent faith led to the healing of her daughter. This narrative showcases the power of unwavering faith, even in the face of challenges and cultural boundaries. The woman's interaction with Jesus demonstrates that genuine faith transcends societal norms and expectations, and it touches the heart of God.

What is a pagan in today's world? Is it someone who doesn't believe in God? Is it a non-practicing Catholic or someone who doesn't go to church and worships? In a world that is a busier, do we box people into categories? Bible basher, Do we lament that families and young people are not present in our churches? How are we the church welcoming all to receive salvation from God? Do we talk to people about our faith and belief in a real and living God (Father, Son and the Holy Spirit)? Do we sit there quietly afraid or not equipped to tell people about our Triune God? Let's be encouraged by the Canaanite Woman to reach out to everyone we know no matter what their class, colour, race, lifestyle and speak and act boldly as Catholics around our Catholic faith. Despite being a pagan she conversed with Jesus and challenged him and his followers that all deserved to be saved including her daughter. Are we convicted enough in our belief of God to tell all. Do we sit on the fence and be silent? Or do we stand for God and initiate these important conversations? Of course if it is too difficult to have a conversation, pray for them!!

Blessings Fr Nev

**Children's Liturgy for Prep to Year 4** this Sunday 20 August at the 8am Mass.

We invite children to come along to learn more about Jesus and the gospel through child-friendly, engaging activities.



## The Sacrament of Confirmation

Next Tuesday evening, Bishop Tim Norton will confirm 78 of our young parishioners at St Agatha's Church. We thank Bishop Tim for celebrating this special occasion with us.

Please pray for these children as they prepare to encounter the Holy Spirit in a powerful way at their Confirmation. May the Holy Spirit always guide them and continually strengthen them with His gifts. Come, Holy Spirit!



## Welcome Fr John Gillen

This Sunday we welcome Fr John Gillen who will be celebrating the 8am and 5.30pm Masses.

## Annual Catholic Campaign

This Sunday **20 August**, our parish is delighted to support the Annual Catholic Campaign. It is the one time a year that all of the parishes in the Archdiocese come together to help vital works of our church and



the local community. Funds raised will support ministries that directly impact this parish.

The Campaign supports training future priests, caring for our elderly and retired priests, helping local families in dire need access a Catholic education and caring for those suffering physically and emotionally in our community.

Please take a Campaign brochure and giving envelope with you when you go today. You can either pop it in the mail or return it next week. You can also fill it in today and place it in the collection. You can also make a donation via the QR Code.



Enrolments open for Year 5 and up!

## The Sacrament of PENANCE

Also known as Reconciliation in the 1st Rite or Confession



### 1. Enrolment: Parent & Caregiver Info Session

1 hr, Thursday 7th September (1:30pm or 4:30) or Monday 11th September (6:00pm)  
Registration required at

<https://clayfieldparish.org.au/penance/>

Print and submit your enrolment form and \$25 fee.

### 2. Rite of Enrolment Masses

For child and parent/s.

Please attend at least one of these Masses.

Sundays 8th or 15th of October, 8:00am or 5:30pm.  
No registration required.

### 3. Family Session and Liturgy

1.5 hrs, Thursday 12th October 3:30pm and 6:30pm  
Parent/s + individual child to attend.

Registration required.

### 4. Individual Reconciliations with Fr Nev Yun

Thursday 19th October and Friday 20th October  
Multiple 30-minute time slots from 3:30pm.

Registration email will be sent to enrolled candidates

Questions? Email Sandy Cantarutti,  
Children and Families Pastoral Associate  
[cantaruttis@catholic.net.au](mailto:cantaruttis@catholic.net.au)

## COMMUNITY AND MISSION COUNCIL

Your representatives on the CMC were commissioned in May 23 for two years.

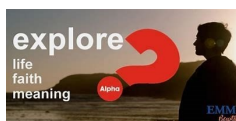
Some details on the members and the role of the CMC are provided on the handout available in the church today. The Council meets monthly and will shortly distribute a survey seeking your input to the Council's deliberations. Your input is welcomed at any time. Why not join us at morning tea after the 8am Mass on any Sunday? An update on CMC activities, including upcoming events, will be included in this newsletter each month.

## Come and try an Alpha session

**THIS SUNDAY 20th at 11am**

The new Australian version of the Alpha film and discussion series is running on Sundays from 11am at the MoM Parish Centre, 9 Bowman St, Hendra.

We hope that you might join us, particularly if you have previously participated but missed a session. We'll be discussing Episodes 3 "Why did Jesus die?" & 4 "How can I have faith?" this Sunday 20/8 & Episodes 5 "Why and How Do I Pray?" & 6 "Why and how should I read the Bible?"



Email: [hendra@bne.catholic.net.au](mailto:hendra@bne.catholic.net.au) or Phone: 3268 3040

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

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

## DATE CLAIMER: Learning about the Gospel of Saint Mark October 2023

Last year, we explored the Gospel of Matthew in some detail in preparation for this liturgical year. Next year, we will use the Gospel of Mark as the predominant source of our Sunday Gospel readings. With this in mind, we have prepared a short (four week) course on Mark's Gospel which will be offered during October 2023. The dates and session times are:



**Wednesdays: October 4, 11, 18 and 25 (9.30am)**  
at the Hendra parish centre.

**The sessions will be repeated as below:**

**Wednesdays: October 4, 11, 18 and 25 (7.00pm)**  
at the Hendra parish centre.

If there is any group who would like some other arrangement, please email or contact the Hendra parish office and they will endeavour to accommodate you. Come and increase your appreciation and knowledge of Mark's picture of Jesus' life and ministry. You might be surprised!  
(Adult Formation Team)

## Fr Adrian Farrelly - 50<sup>th</sup> Ordination anniversary thanksgiving Mass

A special thanksgiving Mass will be celebrated by Fr Adrian on Monday 21 August 9am. Fr Adrian recently celebrated his 50<sup>th</sup> ordination anniversary. Join him in celebrating this wonderful milestone.



The CMC are organising a Thank You card for signing at the Sunday Masses this weekend and before the Monday morning Mass.



**Multicultural Mass**  
24 September 2023,  
2.30pm  
Cathedral of St Stephen

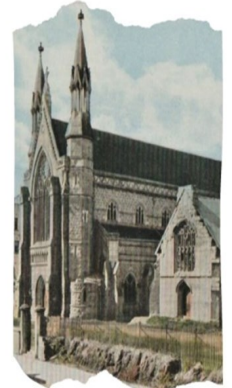


## Cathedral of St Stephen Guides and Welcomers Celebrating 25 years on 27 August 2023

The Cathedral Guides and Welcomers will celebrate their 25th Anniversary on 27 August this year and all current and former Guides and Welcomers are invited to join the festivities.

We will mark the occasion on Sunday, 27 August with Mass in the Cathedral at 10am, followed by a function in The Hanly Room in the Francis Rush Centre.

If you would like to celebrate with us on 27 August, and rekindle old friendships and memories with former Guide and Welcomers, please let us know via email, by Monday 21 August to:  
[cathedralguidesandwelcomers@gmail.com](mailto:cathedralguidesandwelcomers@gmail.com)



## Baptismal Joy!!

This weekend we welcome with great joy three new members of Christ's faithful people: Sonny Canning, son of Anthony and Julia Canning; Poppy Doyle, daughter of Jarrod Doyle and Jade Agius and William Massingham, son of Luke Massingham and Kimberley Alford. May they always know God's love and the support of this Christian Community.



St Agatha's School currently has spaces available in Year 5 & 6 in 2024.

For details phone 3326 9222 or visit

<https://www.stagathasclayfield.qld.edu.au/enrolments>

## Xavier School of Preaching:

**Thursday 24 August – Saturday 26 August**

The Xavier School of Preaching seeks to raise up a new generation of preachers - men and women - within life and mission of the Catholic Church.

The Xavier School of Preaching will be delivered by the Xavier Centre for Theological Formation, in partnership with Evangelisation Brisbane.

If you are interested in attending this 3-day School of Preaching, please collect a brochure at the front of the Church.

**Where:** Xavier Hall, Holy Spirit Seminary, Banyo

**Cost** \$250 per person  
\$125 concession rate



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## World Wide Marriage Encounter Weekend

13 - 15 October, 2023 - Live-in Weekend,  
Santa Teresa Spirituality Centre, Ormiston  
For more information, contact:

David & Maria Murphy Phone: 0481 307 821

Email: [qldbookings@wwme.org.au](mailto:qldbookings@wwme.org.au) or [www.wwme.org.au](http://www.wwme.org.au)



# MENS BBQ

## DETAILS

**WHEN:** 6PM, SATURDAY  
16<sup>TH</sup> SEPTEMBER  
BBQ from 6pm  
Guest Speaker from 7pm

**COST:** \$10 Cash to cover  
food and drink  
[BYO alcohol]

**WHERE:** OLHC Parish Centre  
(9 Bowman St Hendra)

**RSVP:** Wed 13<sup>th</sup> September  
SMS to Joel or Bill

**FUEL UP! (STEAK & SALAD)**  
**FANTASTIC COMPANY!**  
**FABULOUS SPEAKER!**



**DADS - BRING YOUR SONS!**



### DARE TO DIVE DEEPER AND DISCOVER

ROBERT FALZON IS A POWERFUL SPEAKER WITH A CREATIVE AND COGENT MESSAGE. HE COFOUNDED **MENALIVE** IN 2003. SINCE THEN, HIS MINISTRY HAS REACHED 35,000 MEN IN 26 DIOCESE. HE IS A SUCCESSFUL BUSINESSMAN, AUTHOR, HUSBAND AND FATHER. HIS PASSION IS FINDING POWERFUL WAYS TO BRING THE MESSAGE OF THE GOOD NEWS TO MEN EVERYWHERE.

JOEL PERKINS: 0438 241 524 | BILL NOTT: 0418 183 400

In September, Evangelisation Brisbane will be hosting a three-day **women's retreat**, *Abide, Remain, Stay*

**Date:** 6pm Friday 8 September to  
1pm Sunday 10 September

**Location:** Santa Teresa Spirituality Centre  
(267 Wellington St, Ormiston)

**Price:** Live in attendees - \$425  
(includes all meals and accommodation)

Live out attendees - \$230  
(includes morning tea, lunch and dinners)

**RSVP:** 3 September 2023

<https://app.tickets.org.au/eb/GuidedRetreatSept23>



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## Roster for August 2023

	8am	5.30pm
20 August	Eileen Duncan	Catie Kelly
20th Sunday in Ordinary Time	Tomos Walters	Max Van Balen
Eucharistic Minister 20 August		
PowerPoint Clicker 20 August	Bell family	Tom & Jess Luxford
27 August	Judy Bartels	Amelia Marino-Cebulski
21st Sunday in Ordinary Time	Nick Eden	Joel Perkins

## In our prayers we remember



### Those who have died recently:

Rev Fr. Pat Mooney, Timothy Chiapello

### Those we remember at this time:

Gail Gates, Elizabeth Griffin, May McKenzie

### Those who are unwell: Chaille Lansell, Simon Grisales

## Received into Full Initiation

Naiya Smith will be received into Full Initiation (Baptism, Confirmation, Holy Communion) into the Catholic Church next Sunday 27 August at the 5.30pm Mass at St Agatha's. Please join Naiya and her family and friends on this wonderful occasion.



## 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 (St Agatha's and Hendra) 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!

### Parish Administration

**Parish Administrator:** Fr. Neville Yun

Email: [clayfield@bne.catholic.net.au](mailto:clayfield@bne.catholic.net.au)

**Parish Deacon:** Rev. Dr. Peter Pellican

Email: [pellicanp@bne.catholic.net.au](mailto:pellicanp@bne.catholic.net.au)

**Parish Secretary:** Mrs Rosemary Greer

Email: [clayfield@bne.catholic.net.au](mailto:clayfield@bne.catholic.net.au)

### Children and Families

**Pastoral Associate:** Sandra Cantarutti

Email: [cantaruttis@bne.catholic.net.au](mailto:cantaruttis@bne.catholic.net.au)

**Phone:** 3262 2859

Finance Council Chair:

### Community and Mission Council

Chair: Matthew Crossley

**Aggies Youth:** Ewan McPherson

**Local Safeguarding Representative:**

Catriona McPherson (0456 441 717)

Email: [lsr.clayfield@bne.catholic.net.au](mailto:lsr.clayfield@bne.catholic.net.au)

### 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 27 August 2023

Twenty-first Sunday in Ordinary Time (Year A)  
Isaiah 22:19-23 Romans 11:33-36; Matthew 16:13-20



## 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

**Our Lady Help of Christians, Hendra**

Saturday 5.00pm

Sunday 9.30am

**St Cecilia's, Hamilton:**

Saturday 4.30pm

**St John's, Northgate:**

Sunday 7.30am

**Reconciliation/ Confession:**

by appointment

**Weekday Masses**  
**St Agatha's, Clayfield**

Thursday 9am

**St John's, Northgate**

Friday 9am

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.

## Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament:

First Friday of the month after the 9:00am Mass at St John's, Northgate. All welcome.

## Anointing and Healing Mass:

Second Friday of the month at 9:00am at St John's, Northgate. All welcome

## Information Session On Marriage Annulments

There will be an information session on marriage annulments in the Catholic Church, given by staff of the Regional Tribunal for Queensland. What is an annulment? Who needs one? What's involved? FAQ's answered and the chance to have your own questions answered. Tuesday 22 August Mary Immaculate Hall, 616 Ipswich Rd, Annerley (parking adjacent), 7:45pm. Enquiries to [tribbris@bne.catholic.net.au](mailto:tribbris@bne.catholic.net.au) or 3324 3033.

Items for inclusion in this newsletter, please email to: [clayfield@bne.catholic.net.au](mailto:clayfield@bne.catholic.net.au) or call 3262 2859. Cut off deadline - 5.00pm Tuesday.