



ST. AGATHA'S PARISH

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Twenty-seventh Sunday in Ordinary Time 8 October 2023

Hi all,

Just wanted to mention in the Mother of Mercy churches, we have got a specific **Book of Prayer for Breast Cancer, Pregnancy and Infantile Loss and Miscarriages**. Feel free to write your prayers, messages and thoughts regarding these issues.

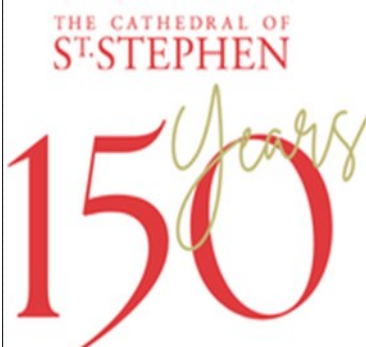
We are aware that these are sensitive issues particularly around pregnancy loss and miscarriage and may have caused trauma. Let's be aware of the anger, grief, envy, and guilt, that many mother's have experienced and continue to carry. Our hope is by acknowledging these experiences and feelings, it may be the beginning towards a journey of healing. Let's try to be aware and supportive of our parishioners during this month.



Here's a website from a lady who's experienced pregnancy loss - <https://www.daniellerose.org/>

The first week of our formation into the **Gospel of Mark at OLHC** has started well. We had parishioners from across the NE Deanery join us as well as those locally. **Remember every Wednesday at 9:30am and 7pm at OLHC Parish Centre through October.**

Last chance to book in for the **WWME Weekend at Santa Teresa Spirituality Centre, Ormiston for the 13th – 15th Oct.** To book go to <https://www.wwme.org.au/dates> and scroll down to Queensland. I'll be presenting on the weekend.



Finally the **Message Stick for the 150th Anniversary of St. Stephen's Cathedral** is arriving in our Parishes on the 17th and 18th October. I just wanted to say that the Message Stick has no connection to the Referendum. It was one way that the Cathedral thought they could celebrate their sesquicentenary year.



Have a blessed week... Fr Nev

Children's Liturgy will resume next Sunday 15 October.

ST VINCENT de PAUL SOCIETY meet every fortnight at 5.00pm. Next meeting will be held on Monday 9th October at the Parish Office.

The October edition of the Catholic Leader available now ONLY \$4.00 a copy

Tablet

Tablet (English Catholic) magazine is now back for readers to borrow from the magazine rack at the back of the Church.

The Sacrament of PENANCE

2. Rite of Enrolment Masses

For child and parent/s.

Please attend at least one of these Masses.

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@bne.catholic.net.au

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/>

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 or www.wwme.org.au

RETREAT DAY (new date) Saturday 4th November
(Sponsored by the Knights of the Southern Cross)

We are holding our annual retreat day, open to all adults, on Saturday 4th November in Nolan Hall, Leslie St Nundah, adjacent to Corpus Christi Church.

Fr. Chris Hanlon will conduct the retreat with the theme the 'Discipleship in Jesus'.

The day begins with morning tea (supplied) at 10am.

The first session is from 10.30 until 11.30am followed by Mass at noon. Lunch follows, with the second session from 1.30 until 2.30pm. After summing up and questions the day concludes before 3pm.

BYO lunch. Tea and coffee provided. For info and booking contact John James 0459 950 070 or Tom Cusack 0419 643 987.

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

Further message from Archbishop Mark regarding the Pastoral

Statement on the Referendum



Archbishop Mark absolutely acknowledges that every Catholic should and will come to their own conclusions about their response to social issues such as this one. His statements on matters such as this are made in order to encourage the Catholic community to reflect on the Church's views on specific issues, not to mandate their response. The Archbishop fully respects that you will form your own conscience and make your own decision regarding the referendum on The Voice to Parliament.

He urges you to read the information available for both sides of the debate so that you can make your own informed decision on how you might vote in the referendum. You can find resources for both the Yes campaign and the No campaign here: <https://www.aec.gov.au/referendums/pamphlet.htm>

Additionally you can read what the Australian bishops have said about the Voice to Parliament in a statement in May (<https://bit.ly/BishopsVoice>). The bishops do not encourage people to vote one way or the other, but to inform themselves – including through conversations with First Nations people.

Gospel of St Mark Study Group: A reminder that each Wednesday in October the Hendra Parish will be hosting a study group exploring the Gospel of St Mark. Sessions will be held at either **9.30am or 7.00pm**. The next study group will be held on Wednesday 11 October at the Hendra Parish Centre. Come and increase your appreciation and knowledge of Mark's picture of Jesus' life and ministry. You might be surprised. (*Adult Formation Team*)

Statues

Do you have any old/worn/unused statues? Please contact Annette 0404 247 958. Annette is happy to collect them. During the floods in Lismore a lot of people lost statues. These will be given to the Carmelite Nuns, Goonellabah, Lismore, who will restore/paint them.

St Don Bosco's Relic Visit to Brisbane. The Salesians of St Don Bosco are celebrating 100 years since they arrived in Australia to work in the spirit of St Don Bosco. The Relic is touring Australia to give people the opportunity to pray to St Don Bosco in a special way with the relic.

Brisbane is its last stop!

BRISBANE PROGRAM - 13th - 22nd October, 2023

Friday 13th -

Cathedral of St Stephen, Brisbane City - 8am to 6pm

Saturday 14th -

Stella Maris, Maroochydore - 9am to 6.30pm

Sunday 15th -

Mary Immaculate, Annerley - 6.30am to 7pm

Monday 16th -

Mary Immaculate, Annerley - 8.30am to 11am and 3pm to 8.30pm

Tuesday 17th - Holy Spirit, Bray Park - 11am to 9pm

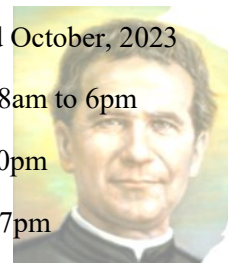
Wednesday 18th - Little Flower, Kedron - 8am to 7pm

Thursday 19th - Guardian Angels, Wynnum - 4pm to 7pm

Friday 20th - Our Lady of Victories, Bowen Hills - 4pm to 9pm

Saturday 21st - Our Lady of Victories, Bowen Hills - 6.30am to 10am and 1pm to 3pm

Sunday 22nd - Marian Valley Shrine, Canungra - 9am to 6pm. For details: www.stdonboscobrisbane.weebly.com





**Painting of St Agatha
artist Jane Arkinstall (parishioner)**

"Painting to me has always been about the interpretation of an idea or image, representing in a way that expresses its meaning through the visual language of colour, composition, line, form, space and value.

In the painting of St Agatha, I have endeavoured to portray the saint as not only an image of beauty but of fortitude, strength, and resilience in her faith, in the light of her martyrdom. I have referenced such influences as Byzantine art, with its angular forms, sharp contours, flattened colour and gold backgrounds.

Saint Agatha was a young woman born in Sicily in the third century. She had a steadfast faith in God, and this faith was her strength during her torture and martyrdom at the hands of the Roman soldiers. She is often depicted with the symbols of her torture, like the pincers she holds, she also carries a palm leaf, a symbol of peace and life. Flowers often crown her hair as an image of youth and purity. With these symbolic images she portrays both peace and strength against evil.

In my painting, you can see in the bottom left corner a depiction of a snake coiled around a staff, this is a symbol of the Rod of Asclepius, the symbol associated with scientific medicine and healing, the Saint in the patron saint of Breast cancer, nurses, and natural disasters. The Saint is also patron saint of rape victims, and again her strength is an icon of fortitude and resilience. I have framed the main image with a border of flowers, Hydrangeas, which may symbolise grace, sorrow, healing, as well as grief and loss, which I felt parallels with her message and what is aligned with her sainthood.

My own artist path has been convoluted. I studied illustration after school, then returned to the Queensland college of art in 1995 to do a Bachelor of Visual Arts painting major. Not working as an artist has meant that the creative processes of art have stayed under the surface, but have always been with me, and art is something I draw strength from, and I feel is always with us in our society, culture as well as our spiritual life."

**St Agatha
Patron Saint of Breast Cancer
October 2023
Breast Cancer Awareness Month**

Sunday 15th October
8.00am Mass will be dedicated to those who have experienced pregnancy loss, miscarriages or the loss of a child.

Sunday 22nd October
**St Agatha's Community
Celebration "THINK PINK"**
at St Agatha's School Presentation Centre
Sausage sizzle | Coffee, tea and drinks
"Best Dressed" Prizes | Games and Face Painting

Please click on the link below or scan QR Code.

Please note: Tickets are limited and close on Thursday 19th October



[https://app.tickets.org.au/
StAgathasParish/
ThinkPinkCelebration22Oct](https://app.tickets.org.au/StAgathasParish/ThinkPinkCelebration22Oct)

Prayers for the month of October

All throughout October, we invite and encourage you to write your prayers for those affected by breast cancer, pregnancy loss and miscarriages in the prayer book. The book will be located at the back of the Church. Out of respect for anyone affected by breast cancer, pregnancy loss and miscarriages, we ask for names to remain anonymous.

INVITATION

Queensland Commandery, Order of St Lazarus
Brunch on the Green

Sunday, 15 October 2023 | 11am to 2pm

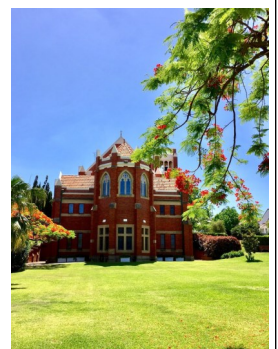
St Augustine's Anglican Church Lawn,

56 Racecourse Road, Hamilton

Guest Speaker: Philip Bacon AO

Art Dealer, Philanthropist & Mentor to Young Artists

Help the Order of St Lazarus raise funds to support local community welfare projects, two Ukrainian families in Brisbane fleeing war and Child Education in Timor Leste.



Tickets: \$140 p.p. (\$100 Tax deductible)
Includes delicious gourmet brunch with wine.
<https://events.humanitix.com/brunch-on-the-green-2023>

For more information please see flyers at the back of the Church.

Roster for October 2023

	8am	5.30pm
8 October	Sandra Cantarutti	
27th Sunday in Ordinary Time	Elina Fernandes	Karen Birtles
Eucharistic Minister 8 October		
PowerPoint Clicker 8 October	Bell Family	Tom & Jess Luxford
15 October	Luke Sutton	Alison Hall
28th Sunday in Ordinary Time	Phill Ryan	Max Van Balen

In our prayers we remember

Those we remember at this time:

Xantipa Gomez Pereira, Tattiana Fernandes Pais,
May Schuh

Those who are unwell: Simon Grisales



Healing Through Forgiveness

"Be kind to one another, tender-hearted, forgiving one another as God, In Christ, forgave you." Eph. 4:32



Presented by: The Mission Team of CCR Brisbane

A group of lay people whose mission is to "Foster a personal conversion and relationship with Jesus Christ through the release of the Holy Spirit."

When: Saturday, 11th November, 2023. 9.30am

Where: Our Lady Help of Christians Church,
9 Bowman Street, Hendra.

Program

9.30 am – 10.00 am Welcome and praise and worship
10.00 am – 10.30 am Morning tea
10.30 am – 11.10am Talk – Healing through forgiveness
11.10 am - 11.30am Testimony to the healing power of God
11.30 am – 12.20 pm Adoration, reflection and healing prayer
12.20 pm – 12.30 pm Wrap up

Morning tea provided. No charge. All offerings are welcome.

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APRE: Mr Jake Knowles

Readings for 15 October 2023

Twenty-eighth Sunday in Ordinary Time (Year A)

Isaiah 25:6-10; Philippians 4:12-14, 19-20; Matthew 22:1-10



Support St. Agatha's Parish

We very much appreciate your continued financial assistance and donations to the Parish are most warmly welcomed.

Ways to financially support your parish:

- * Direct debit (please contact Parish Office)
- * Place your offerings in the collection plates during the Mass
- * Planned Giving Envelopes or
- * The Parish Giving App: Scan the QR code (or the code attached to the church collection plates), to your mobile telephone and follow the prompts to complete your giving donation.
- * If you wish, you can also contribute via online internet banking, details are as follows:



BANK DETAILS

Account name: Clayfield Parish

BSB number: 064 786

Account number: 100006157

Reference: PGDonation and your surname

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

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!

