



ST. AGATHA'S PARISH

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Our Lord Jesus Christ, King of the Universe 26 November 2023

A very warm welcome back from leave Fr Nev!! We hope you had a relaxing holiday. Every blessing and congratulations as you celebrate the 10th Anniversary of your priestly Ordination this Wednesday 29 November.



Background on the Gospel Reading... *Loyola Press*

Today's Gospel passage is the conclusion of Jesus' discourse with his disciples. It is about the end of time, the coming of the Son of Man, and the final judgment. We hear this description of the final judgment at the conclusion of our liturgical year, the Solemnity of Our Lord Jesus Christ the King. In the context of Matthew's Gospel, this passage might also be read as a conclusion of Matthew's report on Jesus' life and ministry; the remaining chapters report the events of Jesus' Passion and Resurrection.

In today's Gospel, Jesus describes to his disciples the scene of the judgment of the Son of Man. All the nations will be assembled before him, and he will separate them as a shepherd separates sheep and goats upon their return from the pasture. The judgments made by the Son of Man will be based upon the acts of mercy shown to the least ones—the hungry, the thirsty, the naked, the ill, and the imprisoned. Indeed, Jesus, who suffered on the Cross, identifies himself with the least ones.

Recall that last week's parable of the talents taught us that the gifts that we have been given are intended to be used for the service of others, especially the least among us. Our judgment before God will be based not only on how we have used these gifts and talents, but also on how we have extended ourselves in service to these least ones. Indeed, Jesus tells us that whenever we have served these least ones, we have served Christ himself.

When we read today's Gospel in the context of the chapters that follow in Matthew's Gospel, we learn the extent to which Jesus identifies with the least ones. In accepting death on the cross, Jesus shows himself to be one of the hungry, the naked, the ill, and the imprisoned. To accept Jesus is to accept him who suffered and died on the Cross as one of the least ones.

Children's Liturgy for Prep to Year 4 this Sunday 26 November at the 8am Mass. We invite children to come along to learn more about Jesus and the gospel through child-friendly, engaging activities.



ST VINCENT de PAUL SOCIETY meet every fortnight at 5.00pm. Next meeting will be held on Monday 4 December at the Parish Office.

Welcome

This Sunday we welcome Valentine Ohaneje, who will be assisting Fr Nev at the Masses.

Thank you!

Many thanks to Fr Neil Muir, Fr John Gillen SM and Fr Frank O'Dea for their kind assistance to Clayfield Parish while Fr Nev was away.

SVDP Christmas Appeal

The St Agatha's Clayfield SVDP Conference is commencing its Christmas Appeal.

At present with the escalating costs of living and rising interest rates and rents, there is an increased demand for emergency relief.

Our conference is able to assist people in need, with food, clothing, furniture and bills.

In the new year, requests for assistance with back-to-school expenses will also be received.

Please give generously to the Vinnies Christmas Appeal, so that the Conference can continue to provide critical support to those who request assistance.

Appeal envelopes can be found on the pews.

St Agatha's Vincent De Paul Giving Tree 2023

At Christmas time we may be overindulged with food and presents whilst many go without basic necessities. The Giving Tree is loaded with gift ideas which will help bring a smile to others on Christmas Day. You are encouraged to take a tag and return the gift and leave it at the base of the tree. Gifts to be in by **Sunday 17 December**, as members of St Vincent de Paul will be collecting the gifts and distributing them for Christmas. You may also leave the gift at the Parish Office.



Piety Stall

For sale at the Piety Stall as of this Sunday 19th:

Columban Calendars \$10.00 each

And various other items e.g.

Christmas cards | Christmas gift wallet cards
Rosary beads

St Christopher medals and keyrings

Baby Boy's/Girl's First Christmas Ornament

Biography cards of various saints

Come and meet our new Piety Stall Convenor Liz Dyson. Liz has kindly offered to get the Parish's Piety Stall up and running, so please come along and have a look at our stock.

Cash or card accepted.

If there is something that you would like but is not in stock, please let Liz know and we will endeavour to get it in for you. If you would like to assist Liz in any way, please contact Rosemary at the Parish Office.

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

End of School Mass

St Agatha's School will be celebrating their End of School Mass on **Wednesday 29th November** at 9.30am. All welcome.



Men's Event

Chicken and Salad Dinner.

Cost: \$10.00 [BYO Alcohol]

Date: Saturday 9th of December starting 6pm.

Venue: OLHS Parish Centre,

Bowman St, Hendra.

Speaker: Fr Nev Yun. We will gather to celebrate Fr Nev's 10 years as a Priest and to hear his story.

Contact: Joel Perkins 0438 241 524

Bill Nott 0418 183 400

Parents/Guardians please note:

For safety reasons, children **are not permitted** up in the Choir Loft unless accompanied by an adult.



Choir practice for Christmas, Thursday 30 November, 6-7pm.

New members are always welcome. If you would

like to be a part of the choir, please contact Robyn Cuming on 0414 861 988.



St Agatha's Catholic Primary School



St Agatha's School has **limited vacancies** in 2024.

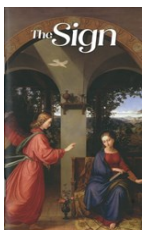
For details phone 3326 9222 or visit

www.stagathasclayfield.qld.edu.au/enrolments

ADVENT & CHRISTMAS REFLECTION BOOKS AVAILABLE:

The Parish has purchased copies of the booklet "**The Sign—Advent and Christmas Daily Reflections 2023**". These are produced by the Catholic Diocese of Wollongong and provide beautiful and thoughtful reflections in this Advent and Christmas season. The booklets are available at the church door.

A \$5.00 donation would be welcomed and a donation box is provided nearby.



COLUMBAN ART CALENDARS 2024

are available for sale at the Piety Stall for \$10.00 each. Please see Liz at the 8am Mass to purchase your copy, or contact Rosemary at the Parish Office.



Christmas is almost here!

We are calling for nominations for the following roles for

St Agatha's Christmas Eve Vigil Mass:

MARY and JOSEPH | **ANGEL GABRIEL**
SHEPHERDS | **THREE WISE MEN**



Interested? Please email Sandy, St Agatha's Parish Children and Families Pastoral Associate cantaruttis@bne.catholic.net.au by Friday 8th December.

All roles shall be picked from a hat.

Christmas Eve Vigil Mass is currently scheduled at 6.00pm, Sunday 24th December.



Baptismal Joy!!



This Sunday we welcome with great joy six new members of Christ's faithful people:

Leni Cunningham, daughter of Mitchell and Stephanie Cunningham; Jack and Miles Gray, sons of Brendan and Samantha Gray; Thomas Howarth, son of Zachary and Lucy Howarth and Max and Louis Childs, sons of Christopher and Lucy Childs. May they always know God's love and the support of this Christian Community.

Welcome

Valentine Ohaneje, a 1st year seminarian, will be having a placement with us until 25th December this year. Val will be staying at OLHC Presbytery with Fr Nev. Val very much looks forward to his time in our Parishes and provided the following information about his journey to the Seminary thus far....



Val's Brief Bio

Originally, I hail from the Southeast of Nigeria - a predominantly Christian region, mainly Catholic. My boyhood was punctuated with Church activities, from serving at Mass to enrolling into the Minor Seminary. The zeal and desire to become a Catholic priest sustained me till my second year of Theology. At this point, I experienced a turbulence-like vocation crisis that led me to opt out of the Seminary formation. Therefore, I left Nigeria to further my education at the University of the Sunshine Coast. Feeling a sense of emptiness, I desired to return to the seminary—another discernment phase. So, trusting in divine providence, I did the Canali program and joined the Archdiocese early this year.

A very warm welcome to Clayfield Parish this Sunday, Val! ...

ADVENT ADVENTURES

Primary- Aged Holiday Program
Tuesday 19th December, 2023

\$12 PER CHILD
TICKETS LIMITED

Time: Dropoff from 8:30am, 9:00am start - pickup at 4:00pm.
Place: Mother of Mercy Parish Centre, Hendra.
Sausage sizzle lunch provided.

Online ticket purchase essential.
Scan code or go to:

<https://app.tickets.org.au/StAgathasParish/AdventAdventuresatHendra2023>



ADVENT VESTERS

First Solemn Vespers for Advent with readings and music

Come Lord Do Not Delay: Isaiah 40:4

Sung by: Cathedral Schola

Director of Music: Christopher Trikilis

2nd December 2023 | 5.00pm

Free Admission | All Welcome



Cathedral of St Stephen Advent Concert Series

Dominic Perissinotto (organ)
Sunday 3rd December | 5.00pm

Christopher Trikilis (organ)
Sunday 10th December | 5.00pm

Susan Collins (violin)
Sunday 17th December | 5.00pm

Music and poetry to celebrate the Advent season

Tickets through www.trybooking.com/CNGCC



Prayer for Peace in the Middle East



Aid to the Church in Need have produced prayer cards for "Peace in the Middle East". These prayer cards can be found at the back of the Church. Please take one home.

The Catholic Leader

As you may already now, the Catholic Leader will no longer be sending out bulk deliveries to parishes, and will stop production of their digital online editions from the end of the year. Their new subscription -only model means they will be able to print their newspaper with less excess and streamline delivery so readers will receive the newspaper straight to their door. The Catholic Leader is always full of local and global Church news, and well worth reading. If you would like to receive it, there are **subscription envelopes at the back of the church** or you can call their office on 07 3324 3555 or go online on <https://catholicleader.com.au/subscribe/> (Every new subscription will go into a draw for a chance to win from a range of weekly prizes like movie tickets, books and restaurant vouchers.)

Roster for November 2023

	8am	5.30pm
26 November	Dianne Eden	Liz O'Connor
<i>Our Lord Jesus Christ, King of the Universe</i>	Nick Eden	Catie Kelly
Eucharistic Minister 26 November		
PowerPoint Clicker 26 November	Bell Family	Tom & Jess Luxford
3 December	Terry Manso	Andre Marino
<i>1st Sunday of Advent YEAR B</i>	Matthew Crossley / Julia Dixon	Amelia Marino-Cebulski

In our prayers we remember

Those who have died recently:

Pat Condon

Those we remember at this time:

Joseph Riba

Those who are unwell: Simon Grisales



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:

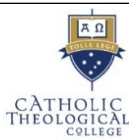
Second Friday of the month at 9:00am at St John's, Northgate. All welcome

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!



2023 Knox Public Lecture

Tuesday 28th November at 7.30pm Live video stream via Zoom

"Truth and Peace: Timeless Twins"

Presented by Dr Susan Connelly RSJ

To book scan the QR code or go to trybooking.com/CMYVM
Enquiries: +613 9412 3333 vi.panganiban@ctc.edu.au ctc.edu.au

Centacare Pastoral Ministries - Volunteer EOI Expressions of interest are welcomed for those willing to provide pastoral and spiritual care for people living with mental health challenges @ Centacare's Mental Health Hub in Fortitude Valley. If you would like to put your hand up for this ministry work (providing morning tea, companionship, prayer and mass support) alongside an existing team of pastoral carers and have Wednesday morning availability (each week), please contact Judy Norris (Director - Pastoral Ministries) on Ph 3324 3193 for more information."

Parish Administration

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Chair: Matthew Crossley

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School Principal: Ms Anne-Marie Maw

APRE: Mr Jake Knowles



Readings for 3 December 2023

First Sunday of Advent (YEAR B)

Isaiah 63:16-17; 64:1, 3-8; 1 Corinthians 1:3-9; Mark 13:33-37

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