



# ST. AGATHA'S PARISH

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## Thirty-third Sunday in Ordinary Time 19 November 2023

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

This week's Gospel speaks of how Jesus' disciples are to conduct themselves as they await the Kingdom of Heaven. In the preceding passages and in last week's Gospel, Jesus taught that there is no way to predict the coming of the Kingdom of Heaven. His disciples must, therefore, remain vigilant and ready to receive the Son of Man at any time.

Jesus' parable talks about Christian discipleship using economic metaphors. Before he leaves on a journey, the master entrusts to his servants a different number of talents, giving to each according to their abilities. A talent is a coin of great value. Upon the master's return, he finds that the first and second servants have doubled their money, and both are rewarded. The third servant, however, has only preserved what was given to him because he was afraid to lose the money. He has risked nothing; he did not even deposit the money in a bank to earn interest. This servant is punished by the master, and his talent is given to the one who brought the greatest return.



Read in light of last week's parable of the wise and foolish bridesmaids, this parable teaches that God's judgment will be based on the service we render to God and to one another in accordance with the gifts that God has given to us. Our gifts, or talents, are given to us for the service of others. If we fail to use these gifts, God's judgment on us will be severe. On the other hand, if we make use of these gifts in service to the Kingdom of Heaven, we will be rewarded and entrusted with even more responsibilities.

This Gospel reminds us that Christian spirituality is not passive or inactive. Our life of prayer helps us to discern the gifts that have been given to us by God. This prayer and discernment ought to lead us to use our gifts in the service of God and our neighbor. God's grace allows us to share in the work of serving the Kingdom of Heaven.

### Family Connection... *Loyola Press*

In today's Gospel, Jesus talks about the correlation between faithfulness and responsibilities. Family life provides many opportunities to illustrate this connection for children. As children prove themselves trustworthy, they can be trusted to take on greater responsibilities. Jesus teaches us in this parable that when we show ourselves to be trustworthy in small matters, we can be trusted to participate in greater matters of responsibility.

As you gather as a family, take some time to recall how each child in the family has matured and can now be trusted with greater responsibilities.

**Children's Liturgy for Prep to Year 4** this Sunday 19 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 20 November at the Parish Office.

## WELCOME

This Sunday we warmly welcome **Fr Frank O’Dea** who will be celebrating our 8.00am Mass and **Fr John Gillen, SM** who will be celebrating our 5.30pm Mass.

**Fr Frank O’Dea** will be celebrating our Thursday 9am Masses, while Fr Nev is 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](mailto:clayfield@bne.catholic.net.au) or call 3262 2859. Cut off deadline – 5.00pm Tuesday.

**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 23 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](http://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.

## Encounter Youth Night Friday 24 November

Join us and other youth groups for an Encounter Night at Kedron parish hosted by Encounter Youth. The night includes dinner, games, dance party, input and praise. Open to all high school students.

**Details: Friday 24 November, 5.00 - 8.00pm**  
Little Flower Church Kedron.

Tickets are \$10 and includes dinner.



Registration required or scan the QR Code.

<https://bne.catholic.ucareapp.com/events/602/booknow>

Contact Amy Dewanto for more details,

[dewantoa@bne.catholic.net.au](mailto:dewantoa@bne.catholic.net.au) 07 3324 3440



**WORLD DAY OF THE POOR**



## 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](mailto:cantaruttis@bne.catholic.net.au) by Friday 8<sup>th</sup> December.

All roles shall be picked from a hat.

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



## Baptismal Joy!!



This Sunday we welcome with great joy one new member of Christ's faithful people: Sia Sau, daughter of Kevin Sau and Helen Nguyen. May Sia always know God's love and the support of this Christian Community.

### Men's Event – Chicken and Salad Dinner.

Time: Saturday 9<sup>th</sup> 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



### 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  
2<sup>nd</sup> December 2023 | 5.00pm  
Free Admission | All Welcome



### Welcome

Valentine Ohaneje, a 1st year seminarian will be doing a placement with Clayfield and Hendra parishes from 19<sup>th</sup> November to the 25<sup>th</sup> December. Val will be joining Clayfield parish next Sunday 26<sup>th</sup> November. Please make him feel welcome.



### 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.

# ADVENT ADVENTURES

**Primary- Aged Holiday Program**  
**Tuesday 19<sup>th</sup> 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>






**November Mass Envelopes** will be available at the entrance of the Church and Parish Office. **PLEASE PRINT** the names of your dearly departed that you would like to have remembered and place the envelope in the Mass offering box located near the altar rails, or drop off at the Parish Office.

The names of your dearly departed family and friends will be written in the Book of Remembrance which will be displayed near the altar rails during the month of November.

### 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.)

### Queensland Irish Choir A Celtic Christmas Celebration

The *Queensland Irish Choir* presents its Christmas Concert to be held at the Cherside-Kedron Community Church, Gympie Rd, Kedron on Sunday, 26 November 2023 at 2 PM.

Come along and enjoy a wonderful afternoon of Celtic song and music. The Choir will present a number of well-known Christmas carols and hymns (but with stunning arrangements) and also many carols of Celtic origin with which you may not be familiar.

It will be a wonderful way to prepare for the most beautiful time of the year which heralds the birth of Jesus Christ. Tickets at \$20 per adult and \$10 children (U15) can be obtained online <https://www.trybooking.com/CLTCA>



## Roster for November 2023

	8am	5.30pm
19 November	Scott Fitzpatrick	Alison Hall
33rd Sunday in Ordinary Time	Amanda Bell	Giselle Hossinger
Eucharistic Minister 19 November		
PowerPoint Clicker 19 November	Bell Family	Tom & Jess Luxford
26 November	Dianne Eden	Liz O'Connor
Our Lord Jesus Christ, King of the Universe	Nick Eden	Catie Kelly

## In our prayers we remember

### Those who have died recently:

Anna-Maria Marmotta, Robert Hornsby

### Those we remember at this time:

Joseph Riba, Nikolaj Kure Snr, Joe and Elizabeth Majerle

Those who are unwell: Simon Grisales



### 2023 Knox Public Lecture

Tuesday 28<sup>th</sup> 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](http://trybooking.com/CMYVM)

Enquiries: +613 9412 3333 [vi.panganiban@ctc.edu.au](mailto:vi.panganiban@ctc.edu.au) [ctc.edu.au](http://ctc.edu.au)

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!

A VOCATION VIEW: Don't just bury your talents. Dream your best dream about your life and then live it to the full. God calls you to live in happiness.

St Vincent's Private Hospital Brisbane are seeking **Eucharistic Ministers/ Volunteers** to assist with the care of their patients. Please contact Volunteer Coordinator: Maureen Hansen on [maureen.hansen@svha.org.au](mailto:maureen.hansen@svha.org.au)  
 Shifts would be just a couple of hours and would really appreciate your time and enthusiasm.  
 Thank you for your kind consideration.

### Parish Administration

**Parish Administrator:** Fr. Neville Yun

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**Parish Secretary:** Mrs Rosemary Greer

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### Children and Families

**Pastoral Associate:** Sandra Cantarutti

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**Phone: 3262 2859**

Finance Council Chair:

### Community and Mission Council

Chair: Matthew Crossley

**Local Safeguarding Representative:**

Catriona McPherson (0456 441 717)

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### St Agatha's Catholic Primary School

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**School Principal:** Ms Anne-Marie Maw

**APRE:** Mr Jake Knowles



### Readings for 26 November 2023

Our Lord Jesus Christ, King of the Universe (Year A)

Ezekiel 34:11-12, 15-17; 1 Corinthians 15:20-26, 28; Matthew 25:31-46

### 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