



ST. AGATHA'S PARISH

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First Sunday of Advent 3 December 2023 (YEAR B)

Hi everyone,

This week check out in the newsletter the Advent/ Christmas Mass Times specifically for St Agatha's.



10th Anniversary of Priesthood Lunch at Hendra.



Photos from St Agatha's volunteer thank you event on Friday night.

Blessings Fr Nev.

Children's Liturgy for Prep to Year 4 this Sunday 3 December 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.



Christmas Raffle Tickets for the Christmas Raffle are on sale this Sunday. Tickets are \$2.00 each or 3 for \$5.00. Raffle will be drawn on Sunday 17 December at the 8.00am Mass.

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.



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

Parish Office will be closed
Monday 11th and Tuesday 12th December.

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 7 December 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.



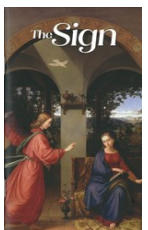
St Agatha's Catholic Primary School

This year has been a wonderful celebration of 'Growth, Friendship, Faith' at St Agatha's. We lived our school motto as well as our theme for the year 'Be Brave and Grow'. We thank the entire St Agatha's community for your friendship, support and engagement throughout 2023. We still have a few enrolment vacancies in some year levels. If you are interested in your child joining our community please email pclayfield@bne.catholic.edu.au. Wishing you all the most wonderful holiday and a very merry Christmas....*Anne-Marie Maw, Principal*

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.



ST AGATHA'S

**Masses for
4th Sunday of Advent
and
Christmas 2023**

**Sunday 24th December
(4th Sunday of Advent)
Sunday 8.00am Mass**



**Christmas Vigil Mass
Sunday 24 December 6.00pm Mass
Carols from 5.30pm**

**Midnight Mass
Sunday 24 December
Carols from 11.30pm**



**Christmas Day
Monday 25 December
8.00am Mass**

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>



PARISH GIVING APP – QR CODE (Collection Plate):



The Parish Giving App is part of the Archdiocese of Brisbane and has been set up specifically for parishioners to electronically connect via their mobile phone to donate to their own parish. Please scan the QR code attached to the church collection baskets to your mobile telephone and follow the prompts to complete your giving donation. You can also access the Parish Giving App by scanning the QR code above. Your generous financial support of the parish is greatly appreciated.

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.)



17th January
9 am - 5 pm
Mother of Mercy Parish
Centre, Hendra

For primary school aged children.
A day filled with fun, games,
activities and engaging
messages and prayer.



More info here

www.encountercatholickids.com.au/clayfieldhendra

Roster for November 2023

	8am	5.30pm
3 December	Terry Manso	Andre Marino
1st Sunday of Advent YEAR B	Matthew Crossley / Julia Dixon	Amelia Marino-Cebulski
Eucharistic Minister 3 December		
PowerPoint Clicker 3 December	Bell Family	Tom & Jess Luxford
10 December	Jane Arkinstall	Max Van Balen
2nd Sunday of Advent YEAR B	Tomos Walters	Karen Birtles

In our prayers we remember

Those who have died recently:

Graham McEnery, Pat Condon

Those who are unwell: Simon Grisales



Vocation View: First Sunday of Advent - B

It's Advent, almost Christmas! A Season of dreams comes true. Be on guard. The Lord may call you to follow Him.

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:

<https://brisbanecatholic.org.au/safeguarding/>



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

Parish Administrator: Fr. Neville Yun

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Children and Families

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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 10 December 2023

Second Sunday of Advent (YEAR B)

Isaiah 40:1-5, 9-11; 2 Peter 3:8-14; Mark 1:1-8

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!