



ST. AGATHA'S PARISH

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Second Sunday of Advent 10 December 2023 (YEAR B)

Hi all,

Here are some reflections on this Sunday's Reading

Pittsburgh Oratory - <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=KF5JlghroLU>

Jeff Cavins - <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=KF5JlghroLU>

Archdiocese of Brisbane – Two Minute Homily - <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=fG9ai3RR1zE>

Sarah Hansman - <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=KWmJfNiP6gs&t=96s>

Fr Mike Schmitz - <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=Fcgj8XafbrY>

Arts and Faith: Loyola Press - <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=DtZP76wvsTE>



1. **Preparation and Waiting:** The readings for the Second Sunday of Advent often emphasize the importance of preparation and waiting. Reflect on the idea of waiting as an active and purposeful anticipation. How can you prepare your heart and soul to receive Christ anew during this Advent season? Consider incorporating moments of stillness and reflection into your daily routine to deepen your connection with God.

2. **John the Baptist's Message:** In the Gospel readings for this Sunday, we often encounter the figure of John the Baptist, who plays a crucial role in preparing the way for Jesus. Reflect on the message of repentance and transformation that John brings. How can you embrace a spirit of repentance and renewal in your own life? In what ways can you make straight the paths in your own heart for the Lord?

3. **The Promise of Peace:** The Second Sunday of Advent often highlights the theme of peace. Isaiah's prophecy speaks of a time when "the wolf shall live with the lamb, the leopard shall lie down with the kid." Consider the yearning for peace in our world today and reflect on how you can contribute to bringing peace to those around you. In what ways can you be an instrument of God's peace in your community?

4. **Lighting the Advent Candle:** Many Christian traditions involve the lighting of the Advent candles, with the second candle often symbolizing peace. As you participate in this ritual, think about the significance of light in the midst of darkness. How can you be a source of light and hope for others during this season? Reflect on the ways in which you can share the light of Christ with those who may be experiencing darkness in their lives.

5. **A Call to Action:** Advent is not just a time of passive waiting but also a call to action. Consider practical steps you can take to live out the message of Advent in your daily life. Whether through acts of kindness, charity, or prayer, reflect on how you can actively participate in the Advent journey and share the love of Christ with others.

As you reflect on these themes, may your Advent season be a time of spiritual growth, deepening relationships, and a renewed sense of hope and anticipation for the coming of Christ.

Blessings Fr Nev



Children's Liturgy for Prep to Year 4 this Sunday 10 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 18 December at the Parish Office.



Christmas Raffle Tickets for the Christmas Raffle are on sale. Tickets are \$2.00 each or 3 for \$5.00. Raffle will be drawn next 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

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.

A VOCATION VIEW: Second Sunday in Advent - B

The people's cry: "Lord, let us see your kindness".

Who will prepare the way of the Lord coming to us today?

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
14 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.

Baptismal Joy!!



This Sunday we welcome with great joy one new member of Christ's faithful people: Sophia Smout, daughter of Francisco and Rebecca Smout. May Sophia always know God's love and the support of this Christian Community.

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>



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

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



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



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

ALPHA

Have you been involved with Alpha?
Are you curious to know more about
Alpha? All are invited to the...



Festive Season Alpha Reunion.



Please BYO drinks and a plate of food to
share to the MoM parish centre,
9 Bowman Street, Hendra.

Time: 6-8pm

Date: Wednesday 27 December, no need to
RSVP.

We're planning for our next Alpha to begin in
May 2024. Please consider inviting yourself and/
or someone else. All are welcome. For more
information, please go to: www.alpha.org.au/try

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 December 2023

	8am	5.30pm
10 December	Jane Arkininstall	Max Van Balen
2nd Sunday of Advent YEAR B	Annette Riba	Karen Birtles
Eucharistic Minister 10 December		
PowerPoint Clicker 10 December	Bell Family	Tom & Jess Luxford
17 December	Eileen Duncan	Declan Harte
3rd Sunday of Advent YEAR B	Erin Bledsoe	Volunteer

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.

In our prayers we remember

Those who have died recently:

Jack Fischer, Graham McEnery, Pat Condon

Those whose anniversaries occur at this time:

Alice Mary Shun Wah; Peter, Noel and Eve Turnbull; Max, Alan & Jennifer Leutenegger; Lenard Williamson, Fillipe Pereira; Xantipa Gomes

Those who are unwell: Simon Grisales



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!

Received into Full Initiation



Daniel Athanasellis will be received into Full Initiation (Baptism, Confirmation, Holy Communion) into the Catholic Church next Sunday 17 December at the 5.30pm Mass at St Agatha's, along with Melinda Scott, a St Agatha's school mum, who will become Catholic after being baptised Anglican. Please join Daniel and Melinda and their families and friends on this wonderful occasion. The Team would like to thank Fr Nev for his commitment to this very important Ministry - always attending the meetings and being a significant part of each journey. Thanks also to Monica and Rosemary for their admin support.

The Team - Kate, Lorelei, Janeen and Joseph

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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 17 December 2023

Third Sunday of Advent (YEAR B)

Isaiah 61:1-2, 10-11; 1 Thessalonians 5:16-24; John 1:6-8, 19-28

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