



ST. AGATHA'S PARISH

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First Sunday of Lent 18 February 2024 (YEAR B)

At the heart of the human person is an insatiable appetite. In one sense this is a positive, as it points to who we are fundamentally. We desire the infinite because we are made for eternal life. Often, however, we seek solace and consolation in the material things of the world, and in the relationships we form with those whom we cherish. This is necessary; but these things, good as they are, cannot fill the infinite void within our souls.



Herein lies the danger. We pursue more and more of the good things of this world and yet are not satisfied. If our remedy is to pursue even more, we find ourselves struggling with an addictive impulse. We are made for more, but that more is God.

During this season of Lent we undertake a time of penance. We respond to our spiritual appetite by fasting and prayer. Not that we might hunger less, but rather, that we might gain insight as to who alone can satisfy.

A memorable passage from St Augustine, in his "Confessions", sums up this reality with his unparalleled elegance:

Late have I loved you, beauty so old and so new: late have I loved you. And see, you were within and I was in the external world and sought you there, and in my unlovely state I plunged into those lovely created things which you made. You were with me, and I was not with you....You called and cried out loud and shattered my deafness. You were radiant and resplendent, you put to flight my blindness. You were fragrant, and I drew in my breath and now pant after you. I tasted you, and I feel but hunger and thirst for you. You touched me, and I am set on fire to attain the peace which is yours."

Blessings

Fr. Michael.

Installation Mass for Fr Michael - Sunday 3 March

Archbishop Mark Coleridge will attend **OLHC Hendra** to preside at the Installation Mass for Fr Michael as Parish Priest of Hendra Parish on **Sunday 3 March at 9.30am.**

A most warm invitation is extended to all parishioners to attend this special celebration. Morning tea refreshments will be shared afterwards in the Hendra Parish Centre Courtyard.

Children's Liturgy for Prep to Year 4

this Sunday 18 February at the 8am Mass.

We invite children to come along to learn more about Jesus and the gospel through child-friendly, engaging activities.



Welcome

This Sunday we welcome Fr John Zhao who will be celebrating at our 8am Mass.



Stations of the Cross

St Agatha's Church

Every Thursday 8.30am, during Lent.



St Agatha's Church Easter 2024 Holy Week Liturgies

Holy Thursday 28 March

No 9am Mass

Thursday of the Lord's Supper 6.30pm

Good Friday 29 March

Stations of the Cross 10.00am

Passion of Our Lord 3.00pm

Holy Saturday 30 March

Easter Vigil 6.30pm

Easter Sunday 31 March

Easter Sunday Mass 8.00am

Baptismal Joy!!

This Sunday we welcome with great joy one new member of Christ's faithful people:

Holly Hart, daughter of Matthew and Jessica Hart. May Holly always know God's love and the support of this Christian Community.



Piety Stall

Various items for sale:

Rosary beads, St Christopher medals and keyrings
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.

Columban Calendars for sale at a reduced price of \$5.00

A VOCATION VIEW: Lent: the springtime of the soul.

It is a time to make a new covenant with God and develop new signs of our relationship with our Creator.
Go into your desert and discover your calling.

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

The Sacrament of 2024 CONFIRMATION

We now welcome children Year 3 & up!



1. Parent Forum and Enrolment Session

Multiple sessions to be held at Hendra and Clayfield
Monday March 4th and Tuesday March 5th
Print and submit your enrolment form. Parents Only.

Enrolment form and registration at

clayfieldparish.org.au/confirmation or

motherofmercyparish.org.au/confirmation.html

or Scan QR codes above

Enrolments close March 4th 2024

2. Rite of Enrolment Masses

For child and parent/s. Please attend one.

Sunday 10th March 8:00am or 5:30pm
(St Agatha's, Clayfield)

Saturday 9th March 5:00pm or Sunday 10th March
9:30am (Our Lady Help of Christians, Hendra)

No registration required.

3. Book Review and Rehearsal

Parent/s + individual child to attend.

Sessions to be held:

Monday 13th May - Hendra

Monday 13th and Tuesday 14th May - Clayfield

Registration required.

Confirmations

Friday 24th May (Our Lady Help of Christians, Hendra)

Tuesday 28th May (St Agatha's, Clayfield)

Registration required

Questions? Email Alexandria Atkins,
Parish Families Administrative Assistant:
sacramental.clayfield@bne.catholic.net.au

PREPARATIONS FOR LENT: Sandgate Brighton Catholic Parish are planning a bus trip to Marian Valley on Saturday, March 16. The cost will be \$35.00 per seat (includes morning tea). The bus will leave Sacred Heart Church at 7am. The program for the day will be Holy Mass, morning tea, Stations of the Cross, Lunch in grounds (BYO), departing at 1pm. Anyone interested in participating, please book via the Parish Office on 3869 1377 or email sandgatebrighton@bne.catholic.net.au as soon as possible so transport can be secured.

CCR Bardon Healing Mass – 1 March, 2024

Anyone needing healing prayer or a spiritual boost in their lives, is invited to attend the first Friday monthly Healing Mass at St. Mary Magdalene's Church, 51 Cecil Road, Bardon, Friday, 1st March, 2024 at 7.30pm.

Fr. Neville Yun will be the celebrant.

The Sacrament of Healing will be administered during Mass. Personal prayer will also be offered after Mass. Sponsored by CCR Bardon. For further information, contact Len Airey on 0421 977 849 or by email to

lenpatairey@gmail.com

ENVELOPES ARE AVAILABLE ON THE PEWS



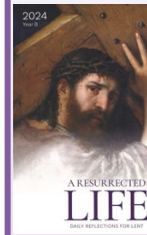
This year, Project Compassion brings you the stories of three resilient women: Ronita from the Philippines, Leaia from Samoa and Memory from Malawi. While from three different corners of the world and facing vastly different challenges, they are all united by one dream: to create a better world for all future generations.

Please donate to Project Compassion.

You can donate through Project Compassion donation boxes and envelopes available from your parish, by visiting caritas.org.au/project-compassion or by calling 1800 024 413.

DAILY REFLECTION BOOKS FOR LENT 2024
"A Resurrected Life"

These booklets are produced by Evangelisation Brisbane.



The booklets are available at the back of the Church.

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



6 Hunter Lane,
Clayfield, 4011

**ST AGATHA'S
OPEN DAY**

FRIDAY 8TH MARCH 2024
8.45AM TO 10.15AM

DISCOVER WHAT
ST AGATHA'S CATHOLIC PRIMARY SCHOOL
CAN OFFER YOUR FAMILY

TO REGISTER YOUR
ATTENDANCE AT OUR
UPCOMING OPEN DAY,
PLEASE CONTACT
07 3326 9222



**World Day of Prayer 2024
Palestine**

This year's World Day of Prayer is Palestine, with materials prepared by Palestinian Christian Women in 2022. Service will be held at 10.00am on **Friday 1st March at the Clayfield Uniting Church, 170 Bonney Avenue Clayfield.**

Refreshments afterwards at Uniting Church Hall, contributions appreciated. Parking is available on Bonney Avenue in carpark behind Church off View Street. Please contact Mary Nicholls (Hendra Parish 3268 3040), if you would like to help with participating and supporting this amazing ecumenical movement.

In 2025 the Catholic Churches are hosts of World Day of Prayer - the Cook Islands.

Our earnest prayers are always needed for all our brothers and sisters around the world and particularly now for the safety and harmony of those in Palestine.



MENS Breakfast and Seminar
Saturday 2 March, 2024 | 7am – 2pm

WHAT?: Deacon Dr Peter Pellican will lead a half-day Seminar. You may remember Peter was a previous guest speaker at one of our Men's Dinners last year. We will be joining Men from 2 other parishes. We are grateful that MEN CONNECT (a parish group like ours) have invited us to participate.

The morning starts at 7am with a traditional cooked breakfast and coffee.

Two elements will be covered: what does it mean to follow Jesus as a husband, father, uncle and son? and what does it mean to follow the example of Jesus in the workplace, church and the community? There will be plenty of time for discussion and personal reflection.

RSVP: On or before Saturday 17 February (HURRY! numbers are limited to venue capacity)

For catering purposes, please RSVP
Bill on 0418183400 or Joel on 0438241524.

WHERE? Saint Peter Chanel School (library room), 41 Chaprowe Rd, The Gap.

COST?: \$25 cash (on the day) or bank transfer (beforehand). Bank transfer is strongly preferred as it assists with catering.

LENT IDEAS
for KIDS
ARCHDIOCESE OF BRISBANE
Evangelisation Brisbane



SCAN HERE TO
ACCESS FREE
LENT RESOURCES
FOR CHILDREN

First Sunday of Lent This year our Lenten journey begins with Mark's Gospel. In this passage, Jesus comes from Nazareth and is baptized by John. Prior to this time, Jesus had been living a rather normal and obscure life. As he came out of the water, he heard a voice that said, "You are my Son, the Beloved; with you I am well pleased." Jesus was being prepared by the Holy Spirit for his ministry to the people of Israel and to all people. At once, the Spirit sent Jesus into the wilderness. During those 40 days, Jesus had time to reflect upon and prepare for his future ministry. He was also tempted by Satan. His reflection gave him the strength to say "no" to that which was not of God. After John was put in prison, Jesus had the courage to begin to share the "Good News" in Galilee.

In our own lives, we share in the same baptism. We are called by name and given a mission. Our baptismal commitment also prepares us for the challenges of life. We can be tempted to give up, distrust our own mission, or be discouraged by the lack of positive results. When we go through difficult times, our faith tells us that God will give us the graces that we need. With that assurance, we too can share the Good News with others.

We need to make many decisions in our lives, some big decisions and many smaller ones on a daily basis. Lent is a good time to reflect on those decisions and the path that we are on. "Make me to know your ways, O Lord; teach me your paths" (Psalm 25:4)...

Sister Yvonne Hatt, CSC

Roster for February 2024

	8am	
18 February	Annette Riba	Declan Harte
<i>First Sunday of Lent</i>	Paul Bartels	Max Van Balen
Eucharistic Minister 11 February		
PowerPoint Clicker 11 February	Bell Family	Tom and Jess Luxford
25 February	Andrew Pippia	Andre Marino
<i>Second Sunday of Lent</i>	Joseph O'Brien	Amelia Marino-Cebulski

In our prayers we remember



Those who have died recently:

Don O'Donoghue, Denis Fernandes, Bob Parfitt,
Conchita Albarracin

Those whose anniversaries occur at this time:

Thomas McVeigh, Veronica Gallagher, Patrick Gallagher,
Renee Ramaekers, Lorraine Lamond, Joseph Williamson

Those who are unwell: King Charles III, Simon Grisales

Lenten Discussion Sessions

All are warmly invited to join Lenten Discussion Sessions.
Sessions will be held:

Sundays during Lent from 11-11.45am from 18 February
in the Parish Centre at Hendra.

Thursdays during Lent from 4.00-5.30pm
at AVEO Clayfield, 469 Sandgate Road, Albion.

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 Street side door. Please sign in and out. For enquiries, please contact Julie Anne on 0418 193 235 or Pat on 0411 597 781.

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!

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.

St Ursula's College, Yeppoon | Alumni Afternoon Tea: past students, parents, staff members and Presentation Sisters are invited to attend an Afternoon Tea celebrating St Ursula's College, Yeppoon.

Sunday 10 March 2024, 2.30pm-5.00pm, Ballygriffin Room, St Rita's College, Clayfield.

Complimentary glass of bubbly or wine on arrival; delicious catered afternoon tea; raffles and entertainment. Tickets \$50 per person and available online at <https://events.humanitix.com/st-ursula-s-college-alumni-afternoon-tea>. For more information email Rebecca Birchley (nee Gleeson) at r.birchley@hotmail.com

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St Agatha's Catholic Primary School

6 Hunter Lane Clayfield Qld 4011.
Phone: 3326 9222

School Principal: Ms Anne-Marie Maw

APRE: Mr Jake Knowles



Readings for 25 February 2024

Second Sunday of Lent (YEAR B)

Genesis 22:1-2, 9-13, 15-18; Romans 8:31-34; Mark 9:2-10

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