



# ST. AGATHA'S PARISH

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## Second Sunday of Lent 25 February 2024 (YEAR B)

Many ancient cultures had a conception of the gods which radically differed from our own Judaeo-Christian understanding of God. One very important conceptual difference is found in the relationship between God / the god's and humanity. Many myths paint the gods as indifferent to the plight of humans or worse, malevolent. Corresponding to this idea of the nature of the gods, many religious systems had at their heart the need to 'appease' the gods or, if you wanted their favour, the need to win them over to your side. This was usually done by completing some ritual or a sacrifice. This misconception is at play in the story of God and Abraham (indeed child sacrifice was not unheard of in the ancient Near East); This story, however, does not seek to reinforce the idea of child sacrifice, on the contrary it overturns it. God asks the sacrifice as a "test", but it is the sacrifice of faith which makes Abraham righteous!



St Paul, in reflecting on the meaning of the Christ experience, realises just how radically this reverses the old conception about God / the gods. He understands that we do not need to appease God, nor do we need to win God's favour. God has already chosen us in Christ. He knew us and chose us before the beginning of time, as a pure gift of His grace and love! Indeed, it is God himself who offers the necessary sacrifice of reconciliation, in the life, death and resurrection of Christ. If God has given us so much, we should be fully confident that He will not refuse us anything we need. God always wills our good, and nothing we can do can ever change that.

Sometimes we still experience the 'primal' religious instinct that God needs to be appeased. Let us fully understand God's love for us and reject all such notions. Rather, when we experience doubt or fear, let us turn to Christ and pray: 'Jesus I trust in you'.

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 next **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 25 February at the 8am Mass.

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





**Stations of the Cross**  
**St Agatha's Church**  
 Every Thursday 8.30am, during Lent.  
**OLHC Church**  
 Every Tuesday 1.00pm, 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 five new members of Christ's faithful people:

Hazel Evans, daughter of Angus and Melissa Evans; Elise and Anna Cooper, daughters of Mitchell and Chanelle Cooper; Florence and Primrose Gosarevski, daughters of Steven Gosarevski and Peace Lehman. May they always know God's love and the support of this Christian Community.

**Choral Concert**

**Monday 11 March 2024 - St Agatha's Church**

St Rita's College Choirs performing their annual Choral Concert. Free Admission – donation to Caritas Australia's 'Project Compassion' upon entry. Concert commences at 6:30pm (usually concludes around 8:00pm) All are welcome!

**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.

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.

**\*\*Last Chance to enrol for Confirmation 2024\*\***

(Open to all children Year 3 and up who have already received Baptism!)

**Enrolments Close March 4th!**



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](http://clayfieldparish.org.au/confirmation) or

[motherofmercyparish.org.au/confirmation.html](http://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 10<sup>th</sup> March 8:00am or 5:30pm**  
 (St Agatha's, Clayfield)

**Saturday 9<sup>th</sup> March 5:00pm or Sunday 10<sup>th</sup> 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](mailto:sacramental.clayfield@bne.catholic.net.au)

**MARIAN VALLEY BUS TRIP:** 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. Bookings can be made via the Parish Office 3869 1377 or email [sandgatebrighton@bne.catholic.net.au](mailto:sandgatebrighton@bne.catholic.net.au). Once minimum bookings are reached, payments will be requested. All welcome!



**Second Sunday of Lent  
24 & 25 February**



**ENVELOPES ARE AVAILABLE ON THE PEWS**

After the birth of her children, 22-year-old Ronita was at risk of having to leave school permanently. But, with the support of Caritas Australia's partners in the Philippines, she resumed her studies and secured a job at a call centre to support her family.

Please donate to Project Compassion.

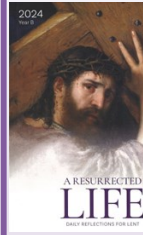
Together, we can help vulnerable communities face their challenges today and build a better tomorrow *for all future generations.*

You can donate through Project Compassion donation boxes and envelopes available from your parish, by visiting [caritas.org.au/project-compassion](http://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



**Choir practice for  
Easter**  
Thursday 29 February  
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.



**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.



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LENT RESOURCES  
FOR CHILDREN

**Chrism Mass 2024**



Archbishop Mark Coleridge invites you to the annual Chrism Mass to be held at the Cathedral of St Stephen on Thursday 21 March 2024 commencing at 7:00pm.

This Mass is a celebration for the whole Archdiocese, and everyone is welcome. The Cathedral car park will be available from 6:00pm.

A light supper will be served following the Mass.

## Roster for February/March 2024

	8am	5.30pm
25 February	Andrew Pippia	Andre Marino
<i>Second Sunday of Lent</i>	Joseph O'Brien	Amelia Marino-Cebulski
Eucharistic Minister 25 February		
PowerPoint Clicker 25 February	Bell Family	Tom and Jess Luxford
3 March	Terry Manso	<i>To be confirmed</i>
<i>Third Sunday of Lent</i>	Scott Fitzpatrick	<i>To be confirmed</i>

## In our prayers we remember



### Those who have died recently:

Brian Naughton, 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

**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](mailto:r.birchley@hotmail.com)

### Parish Administration

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### Children and Families

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### Parish Families Administration

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Alexandria Atkins

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### 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

6 Hunter Lane Clayfield Qld 4011.  
Phone: 3326 9222

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

**APRE:** Mr Jake Knowles



### Readings for 3 March 2024

Third Sunday of Lent (YEAR B)

Exodus 20:1-17; 1 Corinthians 1:22-25; John 2:13-25

### 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