



ST. AGATHA'S PARISH

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Fifth Sunday in Ordinary Time 4 February 2024 (YEAR B)

St Paul is famous for his preaching of the Gospel. With a singular zeal, he dedicated himself to founding churches and then supporting them. He supported them by his presence and teaching as well as, famously, through sending letters of encouragement and advice.

In this weekend's second reading, Paul writes to the church of Corinth, reflecting upon the mission he has dedicated his life to. He recognises this mission as a call from God, arising from the commission he received from Christ. For him, to proclaim the Gospel was not an 'option', one possibility among many, but rather an obligation, the very purpose of his life. Paul fulfilled that obligation with unparalleled dedication. He is undoubtedly the greatest and most impactful evangelist to ever live.



While Paul's mission is singular and unrepeatable, he by no means bears the responsibility of proclaiming the Gospel alone. As a priest I can say with Paul, that I have the formal obligation to preach the Gospel. Others share in the work of formal preaching in various ways.

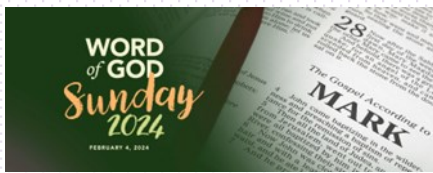
You too are called and commissioned to share the Gospel, by virtue of your baptism. While not all are preachers in a formal sense, each person is obliged to do their bit, according to the particular gifts that God has given them. Parents and grandparents are called to be diligent in passing on the faith to their children and grandchildren. Those engaged in business, witness to the faith by their integrity and values. Others show a special care in hospitality, or liturgy, or care for the poor and vulnerable.

The call of Christ is the call to be a 'servant to all'. Paul is a shining example of humble and dedicated service. May we too dedicate ourselves to the work of the Gospel and imitate him in his zeal and humility.

Blessings

Fr. Michael.

Word of God Sunday



The Church in Australia celebrates the Sunday of the Word of God on the first Sunday in February – February 4 in 2024 (Fifth Sunday in Ordinary Time, Year B). Pope Francis established the day, which is devoted to "the celebration, study and dissemination" of the Word of God. Visit www.catholic.org.au/wordofgodssunday to access resources to help commemorate the day and for suggestions on how to better engage with Sacred Scripture in various ways and settings.

Ash Wednesday Masses - 14th February 2024

6.30am: St John's, Northgate

9.00am: St Agatha's Church, Clayfield
Mass for Years 4-6 students. All welcome

5.00pm: Our Lady Help of Christians, Hendra
(Fr Richard Leonard SJ - Mass and talk)
Please see page four of the newsletter for more details.

6.00pm: St Agatha's Church, Clayfield



Children's Liturgy for Prep to Year 4

this Sunday 4 February at the 8am Mass.

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



What's happening at St Agatha's.

Sunday **A Double Celebration**
4th February **St Agatha's Feast Day &**
Welcome Father Michael



8am Mass

Pink Themed Morning Tea – please bring a plate

5.30pm Mass

Please stay and mingle – cupcakes and grazing / cheese platters.

Sunday **8am Family Mass**

11th February Morning Tea after Mass

CMC Hosting



Special Lenten Women's Retreat

With Lisa McKerr from Evangelisation Brisbane

Tuesday 6th Feb from 9.00—11.30am

Parish Centre Meeting Room, Hendra



The session will have a Lenten Preparation theme. Lisa's sessions are prayerful, reflective and a great start for our Lenten Season.

RSVP Kate McLean 0422 575 546 or please contact the Parish Office on 3268 3040.

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: The afflicted Job in the Old Testament thinks that his life is like dust in the wind; his restlessness depicts the sorrow and sadness afflicting society today. Are we prepared for the task ahead? To heal the broken-hearted, to bind up all their wounds? How do you choose to respond?

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

Brisbane Perpetual Eucharistic Adoration 2nd year anniversary

The second week of February marks the 2nd anniversary of the commencement of Perpetual Eucharistic Adoration throughout the Brisbane Archdiocese. The original intention of having seven churches with 24 hour adoration, one for each day of the week, has now grown to ten churches including one at the Gold Coast.

To give thanksgiving to God for this blessing, a celebration will be held with proceedings as follows:

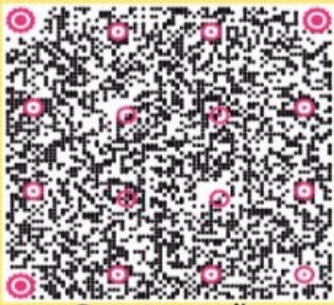
Where: Little Flower Church Kedron,
80 Turner Road, Kedron

When: Saturday 10th February, 2024

Time: 8.30am – 9am Adoration and consecration of Brisbane Perpetual Eucharistic Adoration to the Holy Family
9am - 10am Holy Mass

10am - 12 noon A talk on the merits of Perpetual Eucharistic Adoration in the Parish Hall next door to the church, followed by morning tea.

The celebrant and speaker will be Rev. Fr Max Polak, priest of the Opus Dei Prelature.
There is plenty of parking and the hall is air conditioned.
Bring a plate to share.



Family Mass & Morning Tea

11th February, 2024

Would your child like to have a
role/reading?

Roles are open to all children!

Please email Sandy:
cantaruttis@bne.catholic.net.au
or scan this QR Code



It's Mass- made for children!
The second Sunday of the month,
every month of the school term

Scan to email
Bring a packet of
biscuits/plate to share

St Agatha's Opening School Liturgy Celebrating St Agatha's Feast Day

Please join us for the opening school Liturgy of the Word
Monday 5 February, 9am at St Agatha's Church. All welcome.



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



Passion Play 2007 - The Greatest Story Ever Told

To watch the Passion Play 2007, held at the Botanical
Gardens Brisbane, please go to the following link:

<https://youtu.be/EbLU1flxR1s?si=DQTioWJYDklg4VRv>

Saint Agatha

God of all strength and hope.
St Agatha, your daughter, endured
the pains of anguish and suffering.
May her steadfast virtue comfort
those who face the anxiety of illness
and bear the distress of sickness.

Give them strength to overcome
every difficulty and disappointment,
surround them with the tenderness of
family and friends, and support them
through the companionship of those
who care for them.

Healer of our every ill, renew us in
Your Love and restore us to life. Amen.

St Agatha, pray for us.

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 previ-
ous 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 per-
sonal 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.

"Go and make disciples of all nations" Matthew 28:19



The Xavier School of Mission will ask:

How do we listen to all the voices in the body of
Christ? How do we have respectful conversations with
people with diverse opinions? How do we understand
our own 'call to mission' and that of other people and
groups? How can looking outward help us to face the
challenges we face within our groups and communi-
ties?

This formation experience will include prayer
and reflection, lectures and small group experiences,
daily Eucharist, and opportunities for one-to-one
mentoring.

DATES Sunday 9 – Friday 14 June 2024

LOCATION Holy Spirit Seminary Queensland

KEY SPEAKERS

Bishop Shane Mackinlay Dr Sandie Cornish
Ms Kelly Paget Mr Huw Warmenhoven

Ms Justine Hughes

Associate Professor Maeve Louise Heaney VDMF

CONTACT E: xaviercentre@acu.edu.au

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Facebook: [@XavierSchoolOfMission](https://www.facebook.com/XavierSchoolOfMission)



Roster for January/February 2024

	8am	
4 February	Terry Manso	Max Van Balen
<i>Fifth Sunday in Ordinary Time</i>	Nik Kure	Joel Perkins
Eucharistic Minister 4 February		
PowerPoint Clicker 4 February	Bell Family	Tom and Jess Luxford
11 February	<i>Family Mass</i>	Giselle Hossinger
<i>Sixth Sunday in Ordinary Time</i>		Karen Birtles

In our prayers we remember



Those who have died recently:

Hamish Murison, David Rosset, David Briffa

Those whose anniversaries occur at this time:

Sarina Caruso

Those who are unwell: 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!

FR RICHARD LEONARD SJ Guest Celebrant and Speaker at Mother of Mercy Parish

Time: Mass at 5.00pm then 6.00pm talk | (Topic: Why Bother Praying?)

Date: Ash Wednesday 14 Feb 2024 | **Place:** OLHC Church, Hendra

Fr Richard is a wonderful speaker, author and YouTuber and has written many books (eg Where the Hell is God?) that are relevant and engaging.

Transport can be provided for those requiring assistance to attend.

Gold Coin Donation.

Open to all, family and friends most welcome!



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School Principal: Ms Anne-Marie Maw

APRE: Mr Jake Knowles



Readings for 11 February 2024

Sixth Sunday in Ordinary Time (YEAR B)

Leviticus 13:1-2,44-46; 1 Corinthians 10:31-11:1 Mark 1:40-45

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