



ST. AGATHA'S PARISH

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Sixth Sunday in Ordinary Time 11 February 2024 (YEAR B)

"Whatever you eat, whatever you drink, whatever you do at all, do it for the glory of God". These words, from St Paul's letter to the church in Corinth, are the key to an authentically catholic spirituality. The word catholic means 'universal' - in the sense of all inclusive.



There is a temptation, always present, to confine prayer and religious practice to certain narrow and well-defined places in our lives. We go to church on Sundays and say some prayers during day. That is well and good, these formal moments of prayer are necessary. Our faith, however, is not narrow and confined but permeates every aspect of our lives.

In many ways, this passage reminds me of the writings of St. Therese of Lisieux and her so called 'little way'. St Therese recognised that she didn't have within herself the possibility of doing great acts of love and devotion for God. She could not be like the cedars in the forest (great men and women of heroic faith). Nevertheless, she could offer her love and devotion to God in and through all the little things she did each day. She offered all the little things of her life for God's glory. It was this path of 'little virtues', each one lovingly offered to God, which defined her spirituality. She could not be a great tree in God's garden, but she could be a little flower.

Life consists of many little task, undertaken each day: working, cleaning, preparing children for school and so on. These can become a burden to us. Yet by raising our hearts to God and offering each of these tasks for His glory, they can become an integral part of our catholic spirituality. We still feel the burden of the tasks, but these can be joyful burdens, each one an act of love and an offering of praise to God.

Blessings

Fr. Michael.

Date claimer: Installation Mass for Fr Michael

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.

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



No Children's Liturgy this Sunday. Please join us for the Family Mass.



Stations of the Cross
St Agatha's Church
 Every Thursday 8.30am, during Lent
 starting Thursday 15 February.

**Double Celebration Success -
 'Growing our Community'**

Thank you everyone for participating so enthusiastically in the double celebration where we welcomed Father Michael and honoured St Agatha's Feast Day.

Large numbers of parishioners stayed behind after each mass to meet Father and mingle; making new acquaintances and catching up with old friends.

After most Sunday **8.00am Masses** there is a **morning tea** under the umbrella. Everyone is encouraged to come and have a cuppa and a biscuit or cake

We hope that the celebration following the **5.30pm Mass**, last Sunday, will be the first of many throughout the year. Keep watching this space.

Many have asked, "How can we become more involved?"

Well, if you would be keen to assist in helping to a morning tea occasionally after the 8:00am mass or supper after the 5.30pm mass, please contact Rosemary,

clayfield@bne.catholic.net.au

You, supporting these initiatives through attendance and enthusiasm is greatly appreciated.



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: Today's Gospel says that: "Jesus was moved with pity when He saw a leper". Are you moved with love or pity when you see the outcast of today's society? Who will come forward to minister Christ 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.

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 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.



Project Compassion Sunday 10 & 11 February

ENVELOPES ARE AVAILABLE ON THE PEWS

Please take home a Project Compassion box or a set of donation envelopes to support Caritas Australia this Lenten season and help support vulnerable people around the world, now and **for all future generations**. With your support, Caritas Australia has been able to support vulnerable communities around the world to tackle poverty, food security, education, water and sanitation and disaster risk reduction to build a better future for all.

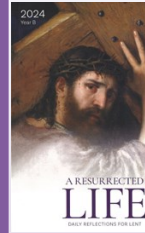
Together, we can help vulnerable communities face their challenges today and build a better tomorrow **for all future generations**.

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

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/EbLU1fxR1s?si=DQTioWJYDklg4VRv>



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.




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

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.

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

Lenten Women's Retreat - Thank you

Special thanks to Lisa McKerr from Evangelisation Brisbane who held a prayerful and reflective Lenten Women's Spirituality morning retreat last Tuesday 6th February. Thanks too to all those who participated and made it such a special gathering.



Roster for January/February 2024

	8am	
11 February	Liliana Pippia	Giselle Hossinger
<i>Sixth Sunday in Ordinary Time</i>		Karen Birtles
Eucharistic Minister 11 February		
PowerPoint Clicker 11 February	Bell Family	Tom and Jess Luxford
18 February	Annette Riba	Declan Harte
<i>First Sunday of Lent</i>	Paul Bartels	Max Van Balen

In our prayers we remember



Those who have died recently:

Hamish Murison

Those whose anniversaries occur at this time:

Joseph Williamson, Sarina Caruso

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!

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!



Parish Administration

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Chair: Matthew Crossley

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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 18 February 2024

First Sunday of Lent (YEAR B)

Genesis 9:8-15; 1 Peter 3:18-22; Mark 1:12-15

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