



ST. AGATHA'S PARISH

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Fourth Sunday of Lent 10 March 2024 (YEAR B)

Many people find themselves struggling, at least from time to time, with questions of their own worthiness. This can be sourced in any number of perceived failings. Perhaps they feel that they are not smart enough or successful enough. Many others struggle with issues related to body image. They feel that they are not beautiful enough or are the wrong height or shape or weight.



Sometimes people find themselves subjected to bullying or various forms of unjust external criticism, which can reinforce a sense of unworthiness. For others, even in the absence of an external critic, the 'internal critic' is never satisfied. We can be our own harshest critics.

In the era of social media all of this is greatly enhanced. We judge our lives against the seemingly perfect world of various celebrities and influencers, or against the polished version of life presented in these spaces by family and friends.

Even more concerning is the tendency to project a sense of our unworthiness into our relationship with God. Indeed, our image of God is fundamental to shaping our spirituality. The irony is that we often create 'god' in our own image! We feel unworthy and so we imagine God as a harsh judge or critic.

In this weekend's second reading, St Paul insists that each one of us has been created and redeemed in Christ. This is an act of grace; it is not based on what we do or how we look or any other personal qualities. "We are God's work of art", each fashioned deliberately and purposefully as unique expressions of God's own goodness, each a masterwork of creation. In Christ, the Father has spoken, and his judgment is this: we are 'worth' more than we can ever understand.

Blessings

Fr. Michael.

Father Michael's Installation Mass



No Children's Liturgy this Sunday 10 March.

Please join us for the Family Mass at 8am.

This Sunday we welcome our Confirmation candidates and their families.



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

Easter Rosters

We are looking for volunteers for our Easter liturgies. If you can help out in any way with reading, Eucharistic Minister, PowerPoint Clickers, Oil Bearers, Oil Announcer, please see the roster sheets at the back of the Church.



Tickets are on sale for our Easter Raffle.

Tickets are \$2.00 each or 3 for \$5.00. Try your luck to win our

great prize. Raffle will be drawn at the 8am Mass on Sunday 24 March.

Planned Giving Envelope Users

Planned Giving Envelopes will be available for collection next Sunday 17th March.

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!

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!



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.

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.

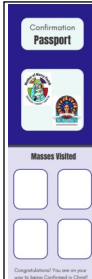
Confirmations

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



Confirmation Passport Stamps

As our sacramental families attend Mass, children will be requesting a stamp in their Mass Passports.

Stamps are located in the church Sacristy.

Please help with a welcoming heart!



God bless, Alex and Sandy
(Clayfield-MoM combined Sacramental program team)

Piety Stall

Cash or card accepted.

Various items for sale:

Rosary beads, St Christopher medals and keyrings
Biography cards of various saints.

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.

Queensland Symphony Orchestra

As part of the celebrations for the 150th Anniversary of the Cathedral of St Stephen, on the weekend 10/11 May 2024, the Queensland Symphony Orchestra, conducted by Umberto Clerici will perform *Mass in C minor by Wolfgang Amadeus Mozart* in the Cathedral. There are three different times and tickets are available from the QSO website <https://qso.com.au/events/2024/special-events/special-event-mozart-mass>



**ENVELOPES
ARE
AVAILABLE
ON THE PEWS**



As the eldest child in a low-income farming family in rural Malawi, **Memory** faced many barriers to her education. But, with the support of Caritas Australia, she enrolled in a technical school and became the first female carpenter in her village.

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 or by calling 1800 024 413.

Reconciliation / Confession during Lent

The following opportunities will be available for Reconciliation at MOM & St Agatha's parish in the lead up to Easter.

- Saturday 9th March 4:15-4:45 pm OLHC Church
- Saturday 16th March 3:45-4:15pm St Cecilia's
- Sunday 24th March 7:15-7:45 am St Agatha's Church.
- Wednesday 27 March 6pm-7pm OLHC Church.



Choir practice for Easter

Thursday 14 March
6-7pm. New members are always welcome.

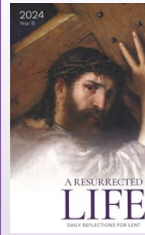
If you would like to be a part of the choir, please contact
Robyn Cuming on 0414 861 988.

What's On at St Agatha's

Sunday 10 th March	8.00 am Family Mass Rite of Enrolment for Confirmation Morning Tea after Mass (Hosted by CMC) Easter Raffle – Tickets \$2 or 3 for \$5 5.30pm Mass RCIA - Second Scrutiny Rite of Enrolment for Confirmation Easter Raffle – Tickets \$2 or 3 for \$5
Thursday 14 th March	Stations of the Cross 8.30am Mass 9.00am
Sunday 17 th March	8.00 am Mass Morning Tea after Mass (Hosted by Gloria, Mel & Anna) Easter Raffle - Tickets \$2 or 3 for \$5 5.30pm Mass RCIA - Third Scrutiny  5.30pm Mass Stay after Mass for a Pizza Night (Hosted by the CMC)
Thursday 21 st March	Stations of the Cross 8.30am Mass 9.00am
Sunday 24 th March	8.00am Mass - Palm Sunday Outside Ceremony (<i>Blessing of Palms</i>) begins at 7.50am Easter Raffle drawn Morning Tea after Mass (Hosted by Linett, Grevin, Biju and Dani) 5.30pm Mass - Palm Sunday
See Holy Week Liturgies	
Easter Sunday Sunday 31 st March	8.00am Mass Morning Tea after Mass (Hosted by Jane, Jane and Soniya)

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.**

ALPHA



The next Alpha is planned to begin in **May 2024**, probably on Sundays from 11am - 1pm. Please consider inviting yourself and/or someone else. For more information, please go to:

www.alpha.org.au/try
Contact: hendra@bne.catholic.net.au
(or 3268 3040)

LENT IDEAS for KIDS

ARCHDIOCESE OF BRISBANE
Evangelisation Brisbane



SCAN HERE TO ACCESS FREE 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.

After 5.30pm Mass
On the **3rd Sunday of every month** the CMC invites parishioners to stay behind to enjoy a bite to eat and a drink. If you can volunteer to help with organising these suppers, please contact clayfield@bne.catholic.net.au

Roster for March 2024

	8am	5.30pm
10 March	Liliana Pippia	Giselle Hossinger
<i>Fourth Sunday of Lent</i>		Catie Kelly
Eucharistic Minister 10 March		
PowerPoint Clicker 10 March	Bell Family	Tom and Jess Luxford
17 March	Jane Arkinstall	Declan Harte
<i>Fifth Sunday of Lent</i>	Amanda Bell	Max Van Balen

In our prayers we remember



Those who have died recently:

Michael O'Rourke, Brian Naughton

Those whose anniversaries occur at this time:

Ivy Adams, Brian Dowd, William Gordon, Paul Taylor

Those who are unwell: Ken Gordon, Charlie Wheeler, 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
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 1:00-2:15pm.

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.

Olive Branches

Olive branches and golden cane palms (small to large) are required for Palm Sunday. If you are able to supply any, please deliver to the back of the Church, outside the back door on Friday 22 March or contact Peter Bowden on 0407 751 946. Thank you! Your assistance is much appreciated.

Parish Administration

Parish Administrator: Fr Michael Grace
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Children and Families

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Parish Families Administration

Assistant - Sacramental Program:
Alexandria Atkins

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Community and Mission Council

Chair: Matthew Crossley

Local Safeguarding Representative:

Catriona McPherson (0456 441 717)
lsr.clayfield@bne.catholic.net.au

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 17 March 2024 Fifth Sunday of Lent

(YEAR B) Jeremiah 31:31-34; Hebrews 5:7-9; John 12:20-33

(YEAR A) Ezekiel 37:12-14; Romans 8:8-11; John 11:3-7,17,20-27,33-45

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