



# ST. AGATHA'S PARISH

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## Fifth Sunday of Lent 17 March 2024 (YEAR B)

As we come towards the end of the season on Lent and stand on the threshold of Holy Week (which begins with next Sunday's celebration of Palm Sunday), the cross of Christ takes centre stage in our spiritual imagination. The cross, and instrument of cruel suffering has become, through the sacrifice of Christ, a symbol and instrument of salvation.



During the season of Lent, it is common for members of the faithful to practice a devotion known as the Stations of the Cross. This has become a major part of how we mark Good Friday. The devotion has us 'walk' the path of the cross with Christ and then pause at the various 'stations' to meditate upon his sufferings, but also upon how his sufferings intersect with our own struggles and sufferings.

In the Letter to the Hebrews, the writer presents the life of Christ, especially his suffering, as a road to perfection. In struggling with life's challenges, Jesus shows perfect love and obedience to the Father. That he endures these struggles does not mean that the Father does not care for him. On the contrary, he is the 'beloved' the incarnate Son of the Father. He walks the 'stations', suffering them, contemplating them, drawing insight and offering all things to the Father in 'prayer and entreaty', confident in the Father's love and goodness. He walks these stations for us and with us!

Dear brothers and sisters, life is a kind of 'Stations of the Cross'. It is a sacred pilgrimage, but we must pause to draw insight from it. We too, must offer 'prayer and entreaty', following the example of Christ, who walked the way before us. Our destination is the heavenly Jerusalem and a sharing in the Resurrection of Christ, but first, each of us must share with him the journey to the cross.

Blessings  
Fr. Michael.

### **Palm Sunday 8am Mass (Blessing of Palms)**

Next Sunday 24 March, the outside ceremony for the blessing of the palms will begin at 7.50am. Mass will then begin at 8am.

### **Children's Liturgy for Prep to Year 4**

this Sunday 17 March at the 8am Mass.

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



**NO CHILDREN'S LITURGY ON SUNDAY 24 MARCH**



### 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 next Sunday 24 March.

### Planned Giving Envelope Users

Planned Giving Envelopes are ready for collection at the entrance of the Church. These envelopes begin on Sunday 7 April 2024.

**Please collect your packet today.**

Please discard of any 2023 envelopes as of Sunday 7 April.

welcome

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

## The Sacrament of 2024 CONFIRMATION

### 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.

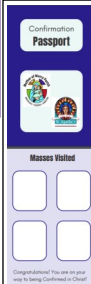
### Confirmations

**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)



### 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!

*Confirmation candidate families,  
please see Liz in the Piety stall at the 8am Mass  
to receive your stamp!*



### Baptismal Joy!!



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

Ivy Oberg, daughter of Ace and Elizabeth Oberg. May Ivy always know God's love and the support of this Christian Community.

### 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.

**SAINT PATRICK** - Born in Roman Britain around the end of the fourth century. Died in Ireland about the middle of the fifth century. Faced hardship as a missionary bishop in Ireland, and opposition even from his friends and fellow Christians. Yet worked to conciliate, to evangelise, and to educate local chieftains and their families. Remembered for his simplicity and pastoral care, for his humble trust in God, and for his fearless preaching of the gospel to those who had enslaved him in his youth. Specially honoured in Australia because the many Irish people who came to settle here brought with them the faith and zeal of St Patrick.



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.



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AVAILABLE  
ON THE PEWS**



The work of Caritas Australia is only possible with generous supporters and the dedication, passion and tenacity of our local partners who implement the programs. They are the heroes on the ground working tirelessly behind-the-scenes every day to create a better future for their communities.

Please donate to Project Compassion 2024.

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.

**Pizza Night**

Please join us after the 5.30pm Mass this Sunday 17 March for a Pizza night, hosted by the Community and Mission Council. All welcome.



**Choir practice for Easter**

Thursday 21 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.

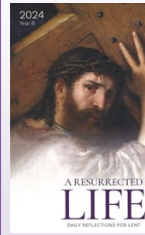
**Reconciliation / Confession during Lent**

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

Saturday 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.

**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.**

*What's On at St Agatha's*

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

**ALPHA**



The next Alpha will commence on Pentecost Sunday 18 May 2024 from 11am -1pm. Please pray about who you might invite - especially anyone searching for answers about the meaning of life.

**Alpha is for anyone, anywhere, to freely explore their unique questions about life, faith and God.**

For more information, please go to:

[www.alpha.org.au/try](http://www.alpha.org.au/try)

Contact: [hendra@bne.catholic.net.au](mailto:hendra@bne.catholic.net.au) or 3268 3040

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for KIDS

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Evangelisation Brisbane



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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.

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](mailto:clayfield@bne.catholic.net.au)

## Roster for March 2024

|                                  | 8am             | 5.30pm                 |
|----------------------------------|-----------------|------------------------|
| 17 March                         | Jane Arkinstall | Declan Harte           |
| <i>Fifth Sunday of Lent</i>      | Amanda Bell     |                        |
| Eucharistic Minister<br>17 March |                 |                        |
| PowerPoint Clicker<br>17 March   | Bell Family     | Tom and Jess Luxford   |
| 24 March                         | Eileen Duncan   | Andre Marino           |
| <i>Palm Sunday</i>               | Erin Bledsoe    | Amelia Marino-Cebulski |

## In our prayers we remember



### Those whose anniversaries occur at this time:

Gene Bartels, Lou Bartels, Gary Cierlitz, Hans Cierlitz, Jane Williamson, Ivy Adams, Brian Dowd, William Gordon

**Those who are unwell:** Ken Gordon, Charlie Wheeler, King Charles III, Simon Grisales

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.

### 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.

### 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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**Parish Deacon:** Rev. Dr. Peter Pellicaan  
Email: [pellicaanp@bne.catholic.net.au](mailto:pellicaanp@bne.catholic.net.au)

**Parish Secretary:** Mrs Rosemary Greer  
Email: [clayfield@bne.catholic.net.au](mailto:clayfield@bne.catholic.net.au)

### Children and Families

**Pastoral Associate:** Sandra Cantarutti  
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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)  
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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 24 March 2024** Palm Sunday of the Passion of the Lord  
(YEAR B) Isaiah 50:4-7; Philippians 2:6-11; Mark 14:1-15:47

### 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