



# ST. AGATHA'S PARISH

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## Palm Sunday of the Passion of the Lord 24 March 2024 (YEAR B)

We come to the week that sits at the very heart of our faith, which we aptly called "Holy Week". Here we commemorate, through the most solemn celebrations of the year, the passion, death, and resurrection of Jesus Christ. Here, we bring our lives into sacramental contact with the 'Holy One of God' as He offers His life for the life of the world.



One aspect of the meaning of the word 'Holy' is that it signifies something as having been 'set apart'. The altar in the church is Holy - it is not used for anything other than the sacred acts of worship that take place on it. This sense of being set apart is likewise a core part of what makes Holy Week 'Holy'. It is the time set apart for the Church's most important acts of worship. I encourage you, therefore, not to live Holy Week as though it were any other week. Rather, try and mark it out as special. This includes, to the extent that it is possible, coming to the various liturgical celebrations throughout the week. Yes, it is true that some of the celebrations take a little longer than we are normally used to, but they are truly rich experiences of prayer and worship, and are well worth the effort.

While participating in the liturgical celebrations is the main way in which we celebrate Holy Week, not everyone is able to attend the longer celebrations. Here are some suggestions if this applies to you:

Easter Sunday Mass is not too long and great for families with younger children. Also, you can mark Holy Week by including some extra family prayer at home or perhaps by watching a movie with a religious theme. However you celebrate it, I hope you all have a truly holy week!

Blessings

Fr. Michael.



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

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

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



**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

**Planned Giving Envelope Users**

Planned Giving Envelopes can be collected 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.

**Good Friday Collection for the Holy Land**

Please give generously to the Pope's worldwide Good Friday Collection to support those who are custodians of the Holy Lands. Your donation is a direct way to make a difference in the lives of those caught up in war, violence and instability in the Custody of the Holy Land. It helps to maintain ancient churches and shrines and to support the diminishing presence of Christians in the Middle East.

*The collection will be taken up at the Good Friday ceremony or can be put in the collection plate at Easter Masses. Envelopes will be available on the pews and at the Church door.  
Thank you for your generosity.*



Raffle will be drawn at the 8am Mass this Sunday 24 March.

**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.

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.

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.

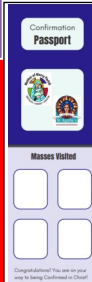
**Confirmations**

**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:

Fletcher Bradbury, son of Mitchell and Jessica Bradbury. May Fletcher always know God's love and the support of this Christian Community.



*Silence*

IN THE CITY

A MINI SILENT RETREAT

HOSTED BY JO HAYES OSB

TV JOURNALIST + EVANGELIST

\$25 - BOOKINGS ESSENTIAL

APRIL

SATURDAY

20

10AM - 2PM

2024

VILLA MARIA CENTRE

123 WARREN ST,

FORTITUDE VALLEY, BRISBANE

<https://www.johayes.com.au/>



As Project Compassion 2024 comes to an end, we want to thank you for your incredibly generous support throughout Lent.

This year, we shared with you the story of three inspiring women from across the globe, who overcame challenges to complete their education, access water and find secure employment. With the support of compassionate people like you, they are now forging a path to a better future for their families and their communities.

There is still time to donate! Together, we can help vulnerable communities face their challenges today and build a better tomorrow, **for all future generations.**

**Please donate to Project Compassion**

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.

**Reconciliation / Confession during Lent**

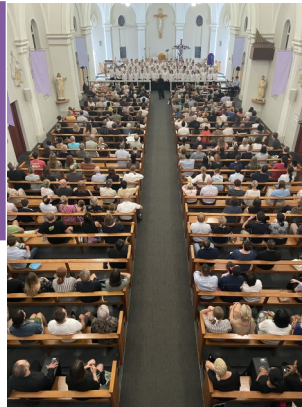
The following opportunities will be available for Reconciliation at MOM & St Agatha's parish in the lead up to Easter.

Sunday 24th March 7:15-7:45 am St Agatha's Church.  
Wednesday 27 March 6pm-7pm OLHC Church.

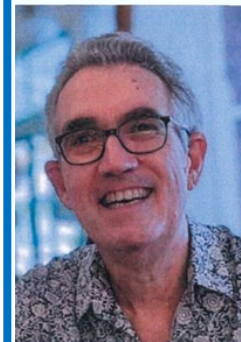


**Pizza Night**  
Sunday 17 March

Many thanks to everyone who helped out in any way.



**St Rita's Choral Concert**  
St Agatha's Church  
Monday 11 March



**Men's Dinner**

**Date:** Saturday 27<sup>th</sup> April 2024  
**Venue:** OLHS Parish Centre, Bowman St, Hendra.  
**Cost:** \$15.00 to cover chicken & salad [BYO Alcohol – limited provided]

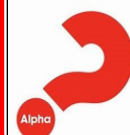
**Speaker:**  
**Dr Michael Forbes** - Maths, Marathons and Ministry (and software companies)  
**RSVP:** Monday 22<sup>nd</sup> April  
**Contact:** Joel Perkins 0438 241 524  
Bill Nott 0418 183 400

**Dr Michael Forbes** is a mathematician and entrepreneur. He has been a partner in many startup companies, mainly in mathematical software. From 2009 to 2014 Michael was part of the management team at NET Ministries. Through his NET connections he travelled to Uganda and has become involved in many new businesses there. Michael is also a senior lecturer at the University of Queensland. He and his wife Lisa have three children and 6+ grandchildren, and love going on (very) long walks. Michael is also a keen runner, having run many marathons, including one in 2023 after open heart surgery in 2021 to replace a leaky aortic valve. Michael is a long-standing core team member of menALIVE.

**What's On at St Agatha's**

Sunday 24 <sup>th</sup> March	8.00am Mass - Palm Sunday Outside Ceremony (Blessing of Palms) begins at 7.50am Easter Raffle drawn Morning Tea after Mass (Hosted by Linett, Grevin, Biju and Dani)
	5.30pm Mass - Palm Sunday
<b>See Holy Week Liturgies</b>	
Easter Sunday Sunday 31 <sup>st</sup> March	8.00am Mass Morning Tea after Mass (Hosted by Jane, Jane and Soniya)

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)



**ALPHA** The next **Alpha** will commence on Pentecost Sunday 19 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

## Roster for March/April 2024

	8am	5.30pm
24 March	Eileen Duncan	Andre Marino
<i>Fifth Sunday of Lent</i>	Erin Bledsoe	Amelia Marino-Cebulski
Eucharistic Minister 17 March		
PowerPoint Clicker 17 March	Bell Family	Tom and Jess Luxford
31 March <i>Easter Sunday</i>	Easter Rosters	
7 April	Caitlyn Gribbin	Karen Birtles
<i>Second Sunday of Easter</i>	Nick Kure	Joel Perkins

### In our prayers we remember



#### Those who have died recently:

Rachael Hanrick, Dr Anne Lynch

#### Those whose anniversaries occur at this time:

Reginald Shun Wah (Snr), McBride Family, Brumpton Family, Gene Bartels, Lou Bartels, Gary Cierlitza, Hans Cierlitza, Jane Williamson

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

**Safeguarding** Safeguarding is everyone's responsibility. All those who minister within the Archdiocese must adhere to the National Catholic Safeguarding Standards which serves to protect all children and vulnerable adults. For comprehensive information: <http://www.brisbane-catholic.org.au/safeguarding/>

**A VOCATION VIEW:** Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord.  
Blessed is she who gives her life in the name of the Lord.  
Blessed are they who live their united life in the name of the Lord.

**Votive Candles** The votive candle stand is **located in the Mary MacKillop Chapel**. The small candles are located under the stand and are intended to be lit as an offering of prayer. **Parents PLEASE assist and supervise your children** as these candles are only to be used for this purpose. A small donation towards the lighting of the candles, would be greatly appreciated. Thank you.

#### Parish Administration

**Parish Administrator:** Fr Michael Grace

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**Parish Deacon:** Rev. Dr. Peter Pellicaan

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**Parish Secretary:** Mrs Rosemary Greer

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#### Children and Families

**Pastoral Associate:** Sandra Cantarutti

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#### Parish Families Administration

**Assistant - Sacramental Program:**

Alexandria Atkins

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**Phone: 3262 2859**

#### Community and Mission Council

Chair: Matthew Crossley

#### Local Safeguarding Representative:

Catriona McPherson (0456 441 717)

[lsr.clayfield@bne.catholic.net.au](mailto: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 31 March 2024 Sunday of the Resurrection (YEAR B)

Acts 10:34, 37-43; Colossians 3:1-4; John 20:1-9



#### 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

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.