



ST. AGATHA'S PARISH

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Second Sunday of Easter 7 April 2024 (YEAR B)

Love of God can at times seem to be an abstract thing. What does it mean to love God? Is love a feeling or emotional response? Love has an emotional element, but this is not the true essence of love. We can take for an example married love. If married love is primarily a feeling, no one could promise to love another for the rest of their lives. Our feelings change and depend on circumstances. We do not have immediate control of our emotions.



The essence of love is not a feeling, but rather 'willing the good of another'. Pure love is to will the good of another without reference to one's own good. Thus, Jesus teaches "No one has greater love than this, to lay down one's life for one's friends". (Jn 15:13). We see Jesus exemplify this kind of love upon the cross. This is also the essence of married love. The vows are made without reference to one's own good. The promise made is to love the other, for better or for worse.

But how can we love God? What could we do that would promote God's wellbeing, even at our own expense? The answer is of course, nothing! God needs no good from us!

St John, in today's second reading, seeks to answer this question. St John tells us the essence of Loving God is found in 'loving God's Children', which is to say our fellow human beings, especially our fellow Christians. The one who loves someone, also loves what that other person loves. They hold as precious those things which are loved by the other, because they will the good of the beloved.

How do we love God? By loving God's children, especially those most in need. And that is something we can all strive to do.

Blessings

Fr. Michael.



Children's Liturgy will resume Sunday 21 April.

welcome

This Sunday we welcome
Monsignor John Grace
who will be celebrating at our
8am and 5.30pm Masses.


Parish Office

The Parish Office will be closed
Monday 8 April.

Easter Vigil - 30 March 2024



**Blessings and
Congratulations**
Djing Currie
Louis Currie and
Nicholas Spadotto


Sincere thanks to everyone who helped in
anyway with the Palm Sunday
Mass and the Easter Liturgies.
There are so many to thank, so
please accept this as a personal
“thank you” to **all** helpers,
readers, Communion Ministers,
greeters, welcomers, organists
and choir members. Special thanks to
Raffaele Pierno for his wonderful singing at
the Easter Vigil. Thank you all! St Agatha’s
is truly blessed to have such wonderful
volunteers who give of their time, efforts
and talents. A special thank you also to our
Sacristan Peter, who worked tirelessly to
bring everything together.

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**

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!

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



Planned Giving Envelope Users
Planned Giving Envelopes can be collected
at the entrance of the Church.
These envelopes begin **this**
Sunday 7 April 2024.
Please collect your packet today.
Please discard of any 2023 envelopes as of
Sunday 7 April.

Piety Stall

Cash or card accepted.

Various items for sale:

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

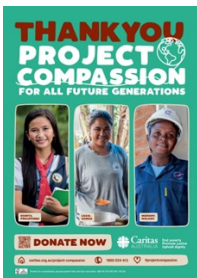
If there is something that you would like but is
not in stock, please let Liz know and we will
endeavour to get it in for you. If you would like to
assist Liz in any way, please contact Rosemary
at the Parish Office.



2024 Year of Prayer Cards

Pope Francis has invited the whole
Church to celebrate a Year of Prayer
to prepare for next year’s Jubilee for
the Church.

Prayer cards are available at the back of the
Church. The cards also contain a QR code to a
Year of Prayer webpage for those that may wish
to access help to go further on the journey of
prayer. The webpage can be found at:
[https://evangelisationbrisbane.org.au/
year-of-prayer/](https://evangelisationbrisbane.org.au/year-of-prayer/).



THANK YOU

Caritas Australia would like to **THANK YOU** for supporting Project Compassion 2024. If you still have your Project Compassion box or set of envelopes at home, please bring them back next week or visit caritas.org.au/project-compassion and donate online.

Your generosity will empower the world's most vulnerable communities to grow stronger and lift themselves out of poverty.

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

Please ensure that all envelopes/money boxes are returned by next Sunday 14 April.



What's on at St Agatha's

Sunday 7 th April	8.00 am Mass
	Morning Tea following (Hosted by Marie, Judy and Paul)
Sunday 14 th April	5.30pm Mass
	8.00 am Mass Morning Tea after mass (Hosted by Jane, Jane, Soniya and Sarah)
Sunday 21 st April	5.30pm Mass
	Stay after Mass Pizza Night (Hosted by the CMC) You are welcome to bring a plate to add eg cheese, nibbles or dessert.

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



Men's Dinner

Date: Saturday 27th 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 22nd 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.



Come and try Alpha

Sunday 11am - 1pm
From 19th May 2024

The new Australian version of the Alpha film and discussion series will run on Sundays from 11am from 19/5/24 at the MoM Parish Centre, 9 Bowman St, Hendra.

We will share hospitality, watch a video or 2 and discuss in small groups & we hope that you will join us.

[alpha walkthrough video \(540p\) 84 sec](#) [Life Faith Mng Food vid disc.mp4](#)

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

RSVPs aren't essential but can be made via MoM parish office:

Email: hendra@bne.catholic.net.au or
Phone: 3268 3040

For more information please go to:
www.alpha.org.au/try



Silence
IN THE CITY

A Mini Silent Retreat

Hosted by Jo Hayes OSB - TV Journalist + Evangelist
Saturday 20 April - 10.00am to 2.00pm
Villa Maria Centre, 123 Warren St, Fortitude Valley
\$25 - BOOKINGS ESSENTIAL

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

Roster for April 2024

	8am	5.30pm
7 April	Caitlyn Gribbin	Karen Birtles
<i>Second Sunday of Easter</i>	Nick Kure	Joel Perkins
Eucharistic Minister 7 April		
PowerPoint Clicker 7 April	Bell Family	Tom and Jess Luxford
14 April	Dianne Eden	Max Van Balen
<i>Third Sunday of Easter</i>	Nick Eden	Giselle Hossinger

In our prayers we remember



Those who have died recently:

Tom Treston

Those whose anniversaries occur at this time:

Judy Power, William Guiney, Jim Commane

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.brisbanecatholic.org.au/safeguarding/>

A VOCATION VIEW: Easter: resurrection and new life; to be begotten by God. A new life is achieved from a conquered tomb. Nothing more secure, nothing more lasting. "As the father sent me, so I am sending you..."

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 Families Administration

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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 14 April 2024 Third Sunday of Easter (YEAR B)

Acts 3:13-15, 17-19; 1 John 2:1-5; Luke 24:35-48



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-4.30pm 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.