



# ST. AGATHA'S PARISH

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## Third Sunday of Easter 14 April 2024 (YEAR B)

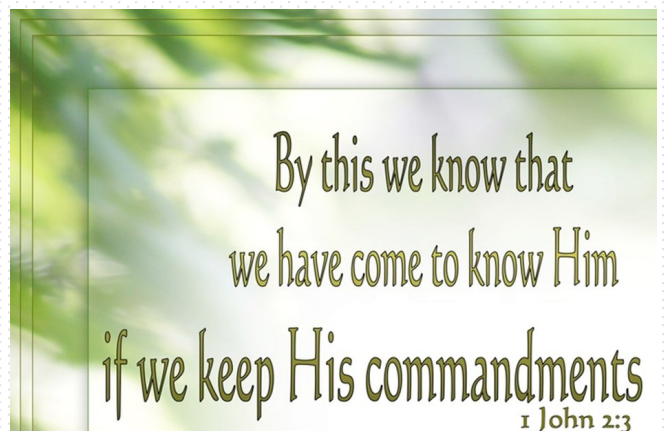
During this Easter season we continue to rejoice. Jesus, having offered himself as the perfect and acceptable sacrifice for sin, conquered the grave, thereby proclaiming the superabundance of God's mercy. St John writes, in this weekend's second reading, that 'if anyone should sin, we have our advocate with the Father'. St John invites us to place our trust in Christ even as we continue the ever-present struggle with sin. In Christ alone is found salvation and healing.



Sometimes the Church is accused of proclaiming 'cheap grace'. The accusation is that the forgiveness offered by God seems too easy to obtain. Indeed, God does not hold us to account. As the psalmist writes in Psalm 130: 'If you, O Lord, should mark iniquities, Lord, who could stand'. We can offer no price sufficient for our redemption, so God demands no price at all. Nevertheless, this is not 'cheap grace'! Rather, Christ took upon himself the cost of sin, bearing it on the cross. Our freedom was purchased at very great cost indeed.

While we do not pay the cost, grace is not meant to leave us unchanged. Rather, moved by the love that the Father has shown us, we are called to respond with love in return. This is unsurprising. Love draws love. There is nothing that will provoke the response of love in the beloved more than the knowledge that they are loved!

To know God, is to know love. This is why St John goes on to write 'we can be sure that we know God only by keeping his commandments'. If we do indeed know the unconditional, unbreakable love of God, if we have pondered the extent of His Mercy and felt it in the depths of our soul, then love will be drawn from us. 'God's love comes to perfection' in us and is expressed by holiness of life.



Blessings,

Fr. Michael.

**Children's Liturgy will resume Sunday 21 April.**



## Anzac Day Mass

St Agatha's Church  
Thursday 25 April  
9am Mass.

Morning tea will be held after Mass.

### EMAIL BOUNCE BACK/REJECTION OF NEWSLETTER EMAILS

For the information of parishioners, last week's email send-out of the newsletter received over 70 bounce back/rejection of email messages. The majority of these were from addresses which were from "yahoo.com.au" and "y7mail.com" users. It may be that the security/privacy settings have been upgraded for your email provider. You may wish to check your junk mail inbox or contact your provider for clarification. Please don't hesitate to advise the office if you are still not receiving newsletter emails from us.



Join Catholic Mission online to honour Mother Mary during the month of May through praying the Rosary.

Pray THE WORLD MISSION ROSARY  
One Family in Faith | One Family in Mission

**catholic mission**  
Reach out. Give life.

Monday - Friday

Time: 2pm Brisbane / Melbourne /time

12pm Perth time

Join Zoom Meeting

<https://tinurl.com/cmprayer>

Meeting ID: 893 8798 2280

Password: 876574

### 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.

**A VOCATION VIEW:** What could convince someone to turn to God?

That God became man and is the sacrifice that takes our sins away. Let us pray – Lord Jesus, make your word plain and set our hearts on fire with love when you speak. Enable us to respond to the call to be witnesses of your love.

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.

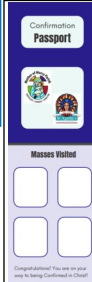
### Confirmations

**Friday 24th May (Our Lady Help of Christians, Hendra)**

**Tuesday 28th May (St Agatha's, Clayfield)**

**Registrations are now open.**

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!*



### Date claimer

**FRIDAY MAY 17**

Return of the Message Stick and Commemoration of 150<sup>th</sup> Anniversary  
12.30pm Mass

**Ecumenical Prayer of Thanksgiving**

6pm

**SATURDAY MAY 18**

Archbishop Mark Coleridge  
Golden Anniversary of Priestly Ordination  
11.30am Mass

**Pentecost Vigil Mass**

"Come Holy Spirit and Renew the Face of the Earth"

6pm Mass

**SUNDAY MAY 19**

Pentecost Sunday  
Celebrating 150 Years  
10.30am Mass

THE CATHEDRAL OF ST-STEPHEN

150 Years



### 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/>.

## Project Compassion

Please ensure that all envelopes/money boxes are returned by this Sunday 14 April, in order for receipts to be issued.  
Thank you.



## Holy Spirit Seminary 2024 Prayer Calendar for Seminarians and Priests

These calendars can be found at the back of the Church.  
Please take one home and consider praying daily for each seminarian. Your prayers will make a difference in their lives as they walk the path to the priesthood.

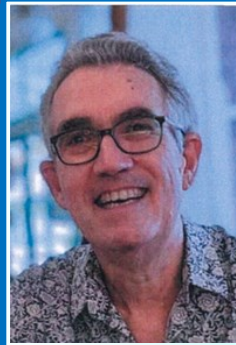
## Good Friday Holy Land Collection

Thank you to everyone who generously donated to the Good Friday Holy Land Collection. A total of **\$692.00** was raised from St Agatha's Parish.

## What's on at St Agatha's

Sunday 14 <sup>th</sup> April	8.00 am Mass Morning Tea after mass (Hosted by Jane, Jane, Soniya and Sarah)
	5.30pm Mass
Sunday 21 <sup>st</sup> April	8.00 am Mass Morning Tea following (Hosted by Gloria, Mel and Anna)
	 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.
Thursday 25 <sup>th</sup> April	Anzac Day 9am Mass Morning Tea following 

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)

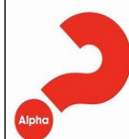


## Men's Dinner

**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.



## Would you like to contribute to the Alpha team?

Sunday 11am - 1pm  
From 19<sup>th</sup> 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.

**If you feel called to join our team please diarise the team training on Sunday 28/4 from 11am.'**

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

Email: [hendra@bne.catholic.net.au](mailto:hendra@bne.catholic.net.au) or

Phone: 3268 3040

For more information please go to:

[www.alpha.org.au/try](http://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
14 April	Dianne Eden	Max Van Balen
<i>Third Sunday of Easter</i>	Nick Eden	Catie Kelly
Eucharistic Minister 14 April		
PowerPoint Clicker 14 April	Bell Family	Tom and Jess Luxford
21 April	Annette Riba	Declan Harte
<i>Fourth Sunday of Easter</i>	Luke Sutton	Giselle Hossinger

### In our prayers we remember

#### Those who have died recently:

Fr Marty Larsen, Colleen Hunter, Nick Malouf,  
Tom Treston

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

Arockiasamy Savarimuthu, Sid Tynan, 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/>

### WORLD DAY OF PRAYER FOR VOCATIONS

Next Sunday 21 April "Good Shepherd Sunday"



**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  
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  
Email: [cantaruttis@bne.catholic.net.au](mailto:cantaruttis@bne.catholic.net.au)

#### 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 21 April 2024 Fourth Sunday of Easter (YEAR B)

Acts 4:8-12; 1 John 3:1-2; John 10:11-18

#### 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.