



# ST. AGATHA'S PARISH

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

Most evenings I, like many others, sit down before the television and watch the ABC news. It is important to keep abreast of current happenings and issues in our society. Yet, in many ways, the news is an open window into the troubled and turbulent times in which we live. We see the reality of war in several places around the world and the potential for escalation. Beyond this we see troubles in our own society, be they political, cultural, or social. Most of these issues have no apparent solutions. In watching the news, one needs to be careful that a sense of despondency and anxiety doesn't settle in. Or, at the other extreme, overwhelmed by the events we vicariously witness, we can experience compassion fatigue and so find ourselves indifferent. Is there a path between these extremes? I think the virtue of Hope offers us an essential starting point.



In this weekend's second reading, St John offers us words of comfort and hope, which are as relevant now as when they were first written. He begins with a theological point, namely the extravagance of God's love for His children. This should give us confidence to face the troubles of the world and consolation when those troubles impact us. He then points us to Hope. Yes, it at times seems that evil threatens to undo all that is good. It feels as though those who desire peace in the world and harmony in society have an uphill battle (and they do) - but in the midst of that struggle, God's plan is unfolding. It is not yet fully revealed.

How do we respond to the war in Ukraine or the Holy Land? Or, closer to home, the stabbings in Sydney, both at the shopping centre and in the Church? Neither with despondency nor indifference, but with prayer, compassion and with hope. We are children of God, and God's plan is for ultimate good. Now power on earth can thwart it.



Blessings,  
Fr. Michael.

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

this **Sunday 21 April** at the 8am Mass.

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





## Anzac Day Mass

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

Please join us for morning tea after Mass.

*They shall grow not old, as we that are left grow old; Age shall not weary them, nor the years condemn. At the going down of the sun and in the morning We will remember them... Lest we Forget*

### Prayer of Remembrance

Lord God, help us this day to remember the sacrifice of the first ANZACs, Australian and New Zealander, and the generations of men, women and children who have died in the cause of liberty and peace.

Help us to remember those who still bear the physical and mental scars and disabilities of their service.

Help us to remember the widows, girlfriends, parents and orphans and all those who waited in vain for the return of a loved one.

Help us to remember the mateship, agony, courage and compassion of war service, but save us from ever glorifying the horror and tragedy of war.

Lord God, help us to remember. Amen.

### NOTE RE EMAIL BOUNCE BACKS

For the information of parishioners, email send-outs of the newsletter continued to receive bounce back/rejection of email messages. Last week it was from **optusnet.com.au** 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.



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

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

**World Mission**  
May Rosary Prayers

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

Monday - Friday  
Time: 2pm Brisbane / Melbourne /time  
12pm Perth time  
Join Zoom Meeting  
<https://tinyurl.com/cmprayer>  
Meeting ID: 893 8798 2280  
Password: 876574

**A VOCATION VIEW:** This is the World Day of Prayer for Vocations. The world needs worthy leaders, Good Shepherds of the 21st Century, caring unselfishly for the needs of God's people.  
Please pray for Vocations.

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



**CORPUS CHRISTI PROCESSION**

Date: **Sunday, 2nd of June**  
Time: 2pm  
Location: Cathedral of St Stephen

### 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.

# WORLD DAY OF PRAYER FOR VOCATIONS

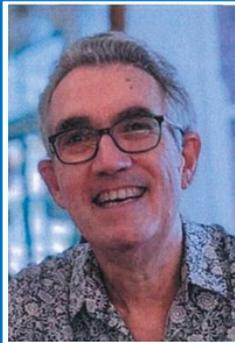


Sunday 21 April "Good Shepherd Sunday"



## 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.



### 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 21 <sup>st</sup> April	8.00 am Family 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	
Sunday 28 <sup>th</sup> April	8.00am Mass Morning Tea hosted by Linett, Grevin, Biju, Dani, Mary and Josy	
	5.30pm Mass	

Following most Masses on Sunday mornings, we celebrate morning tea as a community.

5.30pm Mass celebrations  
 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)



### Baptismal Joy!!

This weekend we welcome with great joy two new members of Christ's faithful people: Henry Tynan, son of Michael and Edwina Tynan; and Adelaide Elliott, daughter of Michael Elliott and Caitlin Fletcher; may they always know God's love and the support of this Christian Community.

### 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)

## Readers Roster for April 2024

	8am	5.30pm
21 April	Caitlyn Gribbin	Declan Harte
<i>Fourth Sunday of Easter</i>	Luke Sutton	Giselle Hossinger
28 April	Eileen Duncan	Amelia Marino-Cebulski
<i>Fifth Sunday of Easter</i>	Phill Ryan	Max Van Balen

### In our prayers we remember



#### Those who have died recently:

Fr Marty Larsen, Colleen Hunter, Nick Malouf

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

Ross Caruso, Arockiasamy Savarimuthu, Sid Tynan

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

### ANZAC DAY 2024



#### Mother of Mercy Parish's Anzac Day Commemorative

Service will be held at St John's, Northgate (688 Nudgee Rd, Northgate) on Thursday 25 April.

**6.00 am Wreath laying and dedication**

**6.15am Commemorative Mass**

Followed by breakfast in the adjacent hall.

All military, family friends and parishioners most welcome.

*St John's is the only Dedicated Navy War Memorial Church in Australia, home to the Honour Board HMAS Moreton, commemorating the 174 lives lost in WWII.*



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.

### 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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#### 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

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Phone: 3326 9222

**School Principal:** Ms Anne-Marie Maw

**APRE:** Mr Jake Knowles



### Readings for 28 April 2024 Fifth Sunday of Easter (YEAR B)

Acts 9:26-31; 1 John 3:18-24; John 15:1-8

### 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