



# ST. AGATHA'S PARISH

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

“Talk is cheap”, so the saying goes. Similarly, another proverb proclaims that “actions speak louder than words”. This sentiment is at the heart of this weekend’s second reading from St John. Our love, according to St John, must be no mere pretence but rather “something real and active”. Love, in the Christian sense, is not simply a pleasant feeling engendered by a cherished relationship, but rather it implies an activity.



If we contemplate the love of God for us, we see that God’s love is not merely a sentiment or good wish. Rather, in Christ, God has acted decisively. During this Easter season we celebrate the triumph of God’s Love, made incarnate in the person of Jesus. God has loved us so much that He sent His only begotten Son to suffer and to die upon the cross. “No one has greater love than this” Jesus says to his disciples “than to lay down one’s life for one’s friends” (Jn 15:13). Love, in the Christian sense, is the total commitment to the good of the other, even at great cost to ourselves.

In the Resurrection of Jesus, love has conquered, even when assailed by all the forces of hatred and violence. To love is not easy, it implies a kind of crucifixion and resurrection. This is true in a literal sense when we contemplate the love of Christ, but it belongs to us to imitate Him. To love like Jesus, one must lay down their lives for their friends. It is death to self-centredness and ego. If, however, we can follow the example of Jesus, there arises in us the ‘new life’ promised by Christ. Indeed, the one who truly loves, St John assures us, has the spirit of the living God within them.

Blessings,  
Fr. Michael.



*Greater love has no one than this: to lay down one's life for one's friends.*

*John 15:13*

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

this **Sunday 28 April** at the 8am Mass.

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



welcome

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

**Archdiocese of Brisbane  
Mass Count 2024**

Parishioners are advised that for a four week period starting next weekend, 5 May, the Archdiocese of Brisbane has requested a Count of Mass Attendance. Attendance is to be recorded at each Mass on the weekends of 5 May, 12 May, 19 May and 26 May. A head count will be taken of all attending each respective Mass. This information will then be forwarded to the Archdiocese of Brisbane. The annual Mass Count provides valuable insight into trends of attendance at both a local level and an Archdiocesan level.

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)



**You are  
Invited**



Join us to celebrate the coming of the Holy Spirit as your child prepares to receive their own gift at Confirmation.

**Sunday 19th of May**



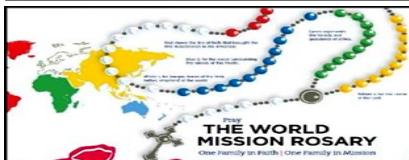
**St Agatha's Parish**  
St Agatha's Church,  
Clayfield  
8:00am Mass



**Mother of Mercy Parish**  
Our Lady Help of Christians,  
Hendra  
9:30am Mass

Bring a plate or packet of biscuits  
to share at the party.  
Cake and party hats provided!

**AVOCATION VIEW:** Who shall come forward to explain the love God has for His people who should be one in faith? We need more faith-filled, prayerful, and spirited people to make the Vine and the Branches One Again. How about you?



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

**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/emprayer>  
Meeting ID: 893 8798 2280  
Password: 876574

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.

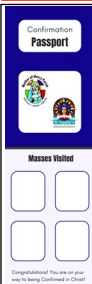
**Confirmation Passport Stamps**

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.

## What's on at St Agatha's

	8.00am Mass
Sunday 28 <sup>th</sup> April	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)

### Reminder

**Men's Dinner - this Saturday 27 April**

*Michael Forbes* from 7.00pm

*Maths, Marathons & Ministry (and software companies)*

Dinner from 6.00pm

Cost: \$15 to cover Chicken and Salad

(BYO—limited alcohol provided)

Where: OLHC Parish Centre (9 Bowman St, Hendra)

**RSVP:** SMS Joel 0438 241 524 or Bill 0418 183 400

### One Day Retreat – Brisbane

St Flannan's Catholic Church

194 Handford Road, Zillmere

**18 May - 9.00am - 4.00pm**

No registration required

Free admission, bring your own lunch

Tea and coffee will be provided

**Led by: Fr A Joseph Victor JH**

*Founder and director of the Pious Associations of Jesus the Healer.*

For more enquiries contact

Mary Pudota 0431 736 270 or

Thelma Raj 0414 143 534



### Reflection by Dianne Bergant CSA

Today we reflect on the way salvation brings an ecclesial community into being. This community is joined to Jesus as branches are part of the vine. It is a multi-faceted community, devoted to good works and to prayer.

The image of the vine and the branches is an intimate characterisation of the community of believers who share the same divine life. This community thrives on Christ's resurrected life that surges through all of its members. The early church was a multi-ethnic community. It included inhabitants from Jerusalem, Judea, Galilee, Samaria and even Damascus. Some of these people were firmly rooted in Jewish customs, others were more Greek in their culture. It was the fulfilment of the promises made so often in the past, that the saving power of God would reach the whole world.

Our own ecclesial community of believers is also multi-ethnic. Where formerly parishes or liturgical assemblies might be made up of people of only one ethnic identity or economic status, today there is much greater diversity and rapid change of character. Like the early Christians, we too are often suspicious of newcomers. In the face of all of this variety, we are called to open our hearts to the various manifestations of God's power and to fashion a community that gives glory to God. Today's readings remind us that we demonstrate our love for God and for each other in the way we live. Joined to Christ as branches are part of the vine, we too are enlivened and thereby bear fruit in abundance.

HOLY SPIRIT  
SEMINARY



### 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.



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

**If you feel called to join our team, please diarise the team training THIS Sunday 28th April from 11.00am.**

**Come and try Alpha**

**SUNDAYS 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.

For more information please go to: [www.alpha.org.au/try](http://www.alpha.org.au/try)

# DONG-ILL SHIN

THE CATHEDRAL OF ST STEPHEN, BRISBANE

**TWILIGHT ORGAN RECITAL**

TICKETS \$35 / \$30 TRYBOOKING / DOOR



**Sunday**

**5 May 5pm**

*works by Bach,  
Franck, Liszt*



### Healing Mass

Anyone needing healing prayer or a spiritual boost in their lives, is invited to attend the first Friday monthly Healing Mass at

St. Mary Magdalene's Church, 51 Cecil Road, Bardon,

Friday 3rd May, 2024 at 7.30pm.

Fr. Joson Antony, PP at All Saints Parish, Albany Creek be the celebrant.

The Sacrament of Healing will be administered during Mass. Personal prayer will also be offered after

Mass. Sponsored by CCR Bardon. For further information, contact Len Airey on 0421 977 849 or by email to [lenpatairey@gmail.com](mailto:lenpatairey@gmail.com)



### Synodality and the Life of the Parish

St Ignatius Church

30 Kensington Terrace, Toowong

**Friday 24 May, 7.30pm – 9.00pm**

All welcome! Also online...

Leading African theologian and 2 local experts!

The key speaker:

Fr Agbonkhianmeghe E. Orobator, S.J.

Joined by: Fr Orm Rush and Maeve Heaney



## Readers Roster for April/May 2024

	8am	5.30pm
28 April	Eileen Duncan	Amelia Marino-Cebulski
<i>Fifth Sunday of Easter</i>	Phill Ryan	Andre Marino
5 May	Terry Manso	Andre Marino
<i>Sixth Sunday of Easter</i>	Scott Fitzpatrick	Amelia Marino-Cebulski

### In our prayers we remember

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

Ross Caruso

**Those who are unwell:** Patricia McKeon, Ken Gordon, King Charles III, Simon Grisales



### Date Claimer

Family Mass  
Sunday 12 May, 8am Mass

**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/>

### Parents/Guardians please note:

For safety reasons, children **are not permitted** up in the Choir Loft unless accompanied by an adult.

**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  
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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)  
[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 5 May 2024 Sixth Sunday of Easter (YEAR B)

Acts 10:25-26, 34-35, 44-48; 1 John 4:7-10; John 15:9-17

### 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.