



ST. AGATHA'S PARISH

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Sixth Sunday of Easter 5 May 2024 (YEAR B)

There is something deeply mysterious about faith. Why does faith seem to come to some easily, whereas others seem to struggle? Furthermore, I always find the different perspectives that draw people to faith and that are expressed and lived by people of faith quite amazing in their diversity. Some are struck by beauty and liturgy; others are more moved by the content of the faith and its various teachings and traditions. Still others feel drawn to faith as they encounter the mystery and dignity of the human person, and as they seek to maintain that dignity through social justice and community building initiatives. We each have a bit of all of these perspectives informing our faith: belief and struggle, experiential and rational, transcendental and grounded. However, most of us will primarily relate to just some parts of the whole panorama which is the landscape of faith.



Given all of this diversity of inclination and experience, we might conclude that it is difficult to pinpoint the essence of faith. Likewise, it can be challenging to hold all this diversity together even while allowing a creative tension between these differing perspectives. Such a creative tension is necessary to ensuring we don't become too narrowly focused, thereby diminishing the mystery of faith.

St John, however, rightly points us to that which is essential for the person of faith. It is the one who loves, St John insists, who knows God. This 'essence' doesn't reduce the diversity of faith experience or expression. On the contrary, we can come to know and experience the Father's love for us in many ways. Likewise, we can express love for one another in ways which exercise all of the gifts that the Spirit gives us. Love, in its diversity of experience and expression is truly the essence of faith. So let us each, in our wonderful diversity, follow the teaching of St John and love one another.



Blessings,
Fr. Michael.

Children's Liturgy for Prep to Year 4

this **Sunday 5 May** at the 8am Mass.

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



What's on at St Agatha's

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

Monthly
It's the Mass- made for children!
The second Sunday of the month,
during school terms

Family Mass and Morning Tea

12th May, 2024

Bring a packet of biscuits/
plate to share for after!

Would your child like to have a role/reading? Roles are open to all children!
Please email Sandy
cantaruttis@bne.catholic.net.au or scan this QR Code



Scan to email



A VOCATION VIEW: God's love for us has been revealed:
"Love one another as I have loved you".
The world needs people striving to love others with all their hearts.
What about you?

PENTECOST
COME, HOLY SPIRIT

Pentecost Party!

You are invited to join us for a special morning tea after Pentecost Sunday Mass on the 19th of May.
A special invitation is extended to children who will later be receiving the sacrament of Confirmation.



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!

Position Vacant in the Archdiocese Cathedral Parish Executive Officer

Cathedral of St Stephen

For more information on this position please go to
<https://brisbanecatholic.org.au/careers/?ja-job=878266>

The Archdiocese of Brisbane has standards of conduct for workers to maintain a safe and healthy environment for children. Our commitment to these standards requires that we conduct working with children checks and background referencing for all persons who will engage in direct and regular involvement with children and young people (0 - 18 years) and/or vulnerable adults.

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)

Registrations are now open.

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!*



Date claimer

FRIDAY MAY 17

Return of the Message Stick and
Commemoration of 150th 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



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.

**Check out the Piety Stall for gift ideas for
Mothers' Day and Confirmation.**

Reflection by Dianne Bergant CSA

The boundlessness of God's love is seen in the fact that God loved us even before we were deserving of God's love. In fact, it was God's love that made us able both to receive and to give love in return. Love is of God; love is God. Divine love is constant and trustworthy. How easily we can think this thought or speak these words, yet how difficult, even impossible, it is to comprehend what it means. We can only really recognise love in its many concrete manifestations. Love is patient, kind and forbearing; it believes, it hopes, it endures. The love of God breaks down the barriers between Gentile and Jew, between slave and free, between the poor and the prosperous, between women and men, between the healthy and the ailing, between young and old.

Embraced by such love we are gradually transformed. We begin to recognise God's love in places we never suspected it would be found. We discover that what we once judged unclean may merely be an unfamiliar openness to God's truth. We discover that our own insistence on legitimate religious practice may really be spiritual elitism. Our eyes are opened to ways we have tried to confine God's love to the conventional boundaries we ourselves have set. As we are drawn into God's love, we eagerly embrace the commandments that help us to live righteous lives. To the extent that we love as universally as God does, we will know that we live in God and that God lives in us.

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



CORPUS CHRISTI PROCESSION

Corpus Christi Procession

Join over 5,000 faithful in a profound display of faith through the streets of Brisbane, led by Archbishop Mark

Coleridge. This spiritual journey begins at the Cathedral of St Stephen and culminates with benediction. Attend as an individual or as a group.

When: Sunday, 2 June, 2024

Time: 2 pm

Where: The Cathedral of St Stephen

Additional Events:

Eucharistic Miracles Exhibition: June 1-2

Hanly Room, Francis Rush Centre.

Overnight Adoration:

Begins 7 PM, June 1 at the Cathedral of St Stephen,

For more details, visit:

<https://www.corpuschristibrisbane.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



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



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.

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

Mary MacKillop College Open Night

Mary MacKillop College are empowering the women of tomorrow. Tour the college, chat to staff and meet their remarkable women at their upcoming Open Night.

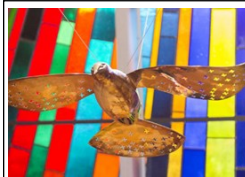
Date: Tuesday 14 May 2024

Time: 4pm – 7pm

Venue: Mary MacKillop College

Book online at

<https://www.mmc.qld.edu.au/>



Xavier School of Mission

One Word, emerging voices: Is the mission the key to a synodal Church?

The Xavier School of Mission aims to equip and form leaders in evangelisation at the service of the Dioceses of Queensland and beyond. It is a dynamic and flexible resource that places the Church's mission to evangelise at the heart of Holy Spirit Seminary's formation.

Event Dates

Sunday 9 June - Friday 14 June 2024

Pricing

The cost to attend the Xavier School of Mission will be \$650.00 (concession rates available). This cost includes lunch and dinner each day but does not include accommodation.

For further information please email:

xaviercentre@acu.edu.au or

seminary@qld.catholic.net.au

Website: <https://www.seminary.catholic.net.au/>

[xavier-school-of-mission](https://www.seminary.catholic.net.au/xavier-school-of-mission)

Readers Roster for May 2024

	8am	5.30pm
5 May	Terry Manso	
<i>Sixth Sunday of Easter</i>	Scott Fitzpatrick	
12 May	<i>Family Mass</i>	Max Van Balen
<i>The Ascension of the Lord</i>		Catie Kelly

In our prayers we remember



Those whose anniversaries occur at this time:

Joe Quinn, Ross McKenzie, Andrew Collier, Ross Caruso

Those who are unwell: Patricia McKeon, Ken Gordon, 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/>

Parents/Guardians please note:

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



On a lighter note...

Remember, if you lose a sock in the dryer, it comes back as a Tupperware lid that doesn't fit any of your containers.

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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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

6 Hunter Lane Clayfield Qld 4011.

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School Principal: Ms Anne-Marie Maw

APRE: Mr Jake Knowles



Readings for 12 May 2024 The Ascension of the Lord (YEAR B)

Acts 1:1-11; Ephesians 4:1-13; Mark 16:15-20

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

Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament every Saturday at OLHC from 6.00am to 4.30pm. The entrance to the Church is via the side door in Bowman St.

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.