



ST. AGATHA'S PARISH

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

This Sunday we celebrate the liturgical feast of the Ascension, even as we join with our broader society in celebrating the mothers in our midst. These two celebrations do indeed overlap. Mothers are instrumental in the spiritual journey of their children. This journey is properly understood as an 'ascent' into heaven, where alongside Mary and all the saints, we too will dwell in our heavenly homeland.



It's worth taking a moment to reflect upon the vocation to be a mother. The Catechism of the Catholic Church speaks of the vocation of parents; reminding us that their role extends far beyond the giving of life in the literal sense; they have the foremost role in the moral and spiritual formation of their children. So great is the importance of this role that the Catechism states that "it is almost impossible to provide an adequate substitute", should a child, for whatever reason, not receive this fundamental formation in the Christian life. (C.f. CCC 2221)

The Ascension of Christ reminds us that our ultimate goal is our heavenly homeland. Mothers lead us in this journey of faith. Very often they are the of prayer, the promoters of community (even within the family), and the primary givers of care. Mothers intimately witness to the Gospel, as they live out the Gospel's call to lay down one's life in love and service to the other.

Let me take this opportunity to thank all the mothers in our community, and all those who have played a mother's role in the lives of children. Words cannot express the debt of gratitude which we all owe you, and so I simply ask God's blessing upon each of you.

Blessings,
Fr. Michael.



*Happy Mother's Day to all the wonderful mothers in our Parish.
Many blessings today and always!*

NO CHILDREN'S LITURGY THIS SUNDAY 12 MAY.

Please join us for the 8am Family Mass.



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



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

THIS WEEK 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.

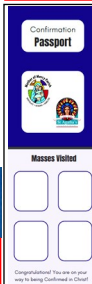
Confirmations

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.

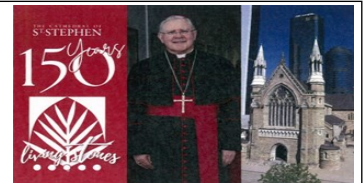
Stamps are located in the church Sacristy.

Please help with a welcoming heart!

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



150th Anniversary of the Cathedral of St Stephen and the Golden Jubilee of Archbishop Mark Coleridge



FRIDAY 17 MAY

12.30pm Mass for the Sesquicentenary

6.00pm Ecumenical Celebration of the Sesquicentenary
(Refreshments will follow)

SATURDAY 18 MAY

11.30am Mass for the Golden Jubilee of the

Priestly Ordination of the Archbishop

6.00pm Pentecost Vigil Mass

SUNDAY 19 MAY

10.30am Pentecost Mass

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.**

Fr Sholto Douglas, OMI

Next Sunday 19 May, Fr Sholto Douglas will share with you the great missionary work being done in Zimbabwe.

They are in need of funds to maintain and support the communities, so please give generously.

A retiring collection will be taken up after Mass.

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

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>

Mission in Action dialogue with Cardinal Giorgio Marengo

Catholic Mission invites you to a dialogue on Mission in Action as we hear

Cardinal Giorgio Marengo share how we can help support the work of the church in Mongolia.

Cardinal Giorgio Marengo, who first went to Mongolia in 2003, is a strong believer in interfaith dialogue.

It is through the grace of God he continues his ministry in Ulaanbaatar, Mongolia.

Date: Monday 24th June 2024

Time: 6pm to 7.30pm

Venue: Hanly Room, St Francis Rush Centre
196 Charlotte Street, Brisbane

Bookings are limited, please register via [website.trybooking.com/cQTQF](https://www.trybooking.com/cQTQF) or scan the QR Code



PLEASE NOTE - SCAM ALERT

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Scams via email are still prolific and we would caution all parishioners to not respond to any email from anyone claiming to be a representative of our parish asking for money, gift cards or verification of financial details. Our Clergy would never seek to contact you in this way or require that you provide them with cash or store cards to get them out of a bind.

How might YOU contribute to ALPHA?

- * Pray for participants and team
- * Drop off baked food or sandwiches, or donate \$

The next Alpha starts next

Sunday 19 May.

Who will you invite?

Whilst weekly participation is the ideal we can work around absences.

We will share a cuppa, watch a video or 2 and discuss in small groups. We hope that you will invite yourself and/or others to join us.

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

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>



DATE CLAIMER

IGNITE CONFERENCE 2024:

RISE UP!

19–22 September 2024, St Laurence's College,
South Brisbane

Readers Roster for May 2024

	8am	5.30pm
12 May	Elina Fernandes	Max Van Balen
<i>The Ascension of the Lord</i>		Catie Kelly
19 May	Andrew Pippia	Karen Birtles
<i>Pentecost Sunday</i>	Nick Kure	Joel Perkins

In our prayers we remember



Those who have died recently:

Vince Spina, Joe Wagner

Those whose anniversaries occur at this time:

Joe Quinn, Ross McKenzie, Andrew Collier

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

ARCHDIOCESE OF BRISBANE MASS COUNT 2024

A reminder this activity will occur on Sundays for a 4 week period concluding 26 May.

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 Families Administration

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Phone: 3262 2859

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.
Phone: 3326 9222

School Principal: Ms Anne-Marie Maw

APRE: Mr Jake Knowles



Readings for 19 May 2024 Pentecost Sunday (YEAR B)

Acts 2:1-11; Galatians 5:16-25; John 15:26-27; 16:12-15

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.