

ST. AGATHA'S PARISH

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The Most Holy Body and Blood of Christ 2 June 2024 (YEAR B)

This weekend, the Church celebrates the feast of Corpus Christi, or, as it is rendered in English, the Feast of the Most Holy Body and Blood of Christ. We celebrate our faith in the Eucharistic presence of Jesus, who is really and substantially present in the form of bread and wine. Indeed, our faith proclaims that, after consecration, the bread is no longer bread – it has become the body of Christ, despite its outward form being unchanged. Likewise, after consecration, the wine is no longer wine – but the blood of the new covenant: Christ's blood poured out for us.



Words cannot fully express this mystery, but our actions can! Catholics do not worship statues of Mary – for instance. We hold that worship is reserved for God alone. In the

scriptures, some people went to worship angels, believing they were in the presence of the Divine – and the angels reprimanded them, again insisting that worship is reserved for God. We do not even worship images of God (e.g. statues or paintings) – because these are symbols and icons only; God is not present in a statue. But we do offer worship and adoration to the Blessed Sacrament – this action proclaims our faith that Jesus is truly present – that God is in our midst under the humble form of bread and wine.

This weekend, many will celebrate their faith in Christ's presence in the Eucharist by taking to the streets of Brisbane in a Eucharistic procession from the Cathedral. Even if we are unable to attend, we can still express our faith too – perhaps by taking some time to pray in the Church, before the tabernacle, or at least by contemplating Christ's presence in the nearest Catholic Church.

Let me take this opportunity to express my congratulations to all the children who were recently Confirmed, and to thank all who were involved in their preparation as well as making the ceremonies so beautiful.

Blessings.

Fr. Michael.



Confirmations 2024

Two beautiful ceremonies for the Sacrament of **CONFIRMATION** were celebrated by Bishop Tim Norton on Tuesday 28 May. Sincere thanks once again to Bishop Tim Norton, Fr Michael, Sandy, Alex, Rosemary, Peter Bowden, Scott Fitzpatrick, Anne-Marie Maw and Jake Knowles.

Please keep our newly confirmed children and their families in your prayers.

We would like to take this opportunity to thank the wonderful parishioners who helped in any way with our Pentecost Party on 19 May and many thanks to our Sunday "morning tea teams" and our 5.30pm volunteers who assist to create a welcoming environment after our 8am Masses, and Pizza nights. Blessings to you all!!

Children's Liturgy for Prep to Year 4

this **Sunday 2 June** 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

2 June 8.00am Mass

Morning tea following Mass Hosted by Marie Deuble Paul Bartels Jane Arkinstall

5.30pm Mass

9 June 8.00am Family Mass

Morning tea following Mass

Hosted by CMC **5.30pm Mass**

16 June 8.00am Mass

Morning tea following Mass Hosted by Gloria Lee Mel Lillicrap Anna Chetcuti

5.30pm Mass PIZZA NIGHT following Mass Hosted by CMC

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SVDP Winter Appeal

The St Agatha's Conference will be conducting, the SVDP Winter Appeal during the month of June. Donation envelopes are available on the church seats or at the entrance of the Church.

At present, with the rising costs of living, more people are requesting assistance from the SVDP Society.

Also, the Conference is assisting women and children, escaping domestic violence situations.

Any donations will be greatly appreciated by the people,

who call on the SVDP for help.



Items for inclusion in this newsletter, please email to: clayfield@bne.catholic.net.au or call 3262 2859. Cut off deadline – 5.00pm Tuesday.

Funeral Mass - Father Jim Smith

The Funeral Mass for Fr Jim Smith will be celebrated on Monday 10 June, 2024 at 10.30am at St Mary's Church, 1B Elizabeth Street, Woodend, Ipswich. Prior to the Mass, Rosary will commence at 10.00am.

Distribution of Precious Blood suspended

Health authorities are asking for extra precautions due to the new Covid strain, therefore the distribution of the Precious Blood will be suspended for the time being.



ENROL NOW!

Open to Children Year 4 and up who have received Baptism and Confirmation

ENROLMENTS CLOSE: Monday 17th June

- Session 1: Family Session and Enrolment -Tuesday 18th/Thursday 20th June
- Session 2: Rite of Enrolment Weekend Mass -Saturday 13th July/ Sunday 14th July
- Session 3: Liturgy of God's Mercy and Rehearsal -Tuesday 13th/Friday 16th August
- First Holy Communion Masses –
 Sunday 18th August 9:30am at Hendra,
 5:30pm at Clayfield

and Sunday 25th August

8am and 5:30pm at Clayfield

https://clayfieldparish.org.au/wp-content/ uploads/2024/03/Enrolment-Pack_EucharistFirst-Holy-Communion-2024.pdf

This year, Clayfield Parish is running a combined Sacramental Program with Mother of Mercy Parish. Enrolments for the Sacrament of Eucharist (First Holy Communion) close on Monday 17th of June 2024. Please print and complete the form and submit it at Session 1.

For any enquiries, please email Alex Atkins, Parish Families Administration Assistant on sacramental.clayfield@bne.catholic.net.au



The Paraclete

Copies of latest edition of the The Paraclete are available at the entrance of the Church. Please take a copy.



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.

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

St. Agatha's Parish National Trust Conservation Appeal NATIONAL TRUST of AUSTRALIA (Queensland)



Funds used for current and proposed conservation and maintenance works.

Donations can be made via the National Trust Website: www.nationaltrust.org.au/donate/?donation state=Queensland

Or via the National Trust Appeal bank account, details below: BSB: 064-475

Account Number: 1039 1903 Reference code: 0660-013 and SURNAME

"Donations over \$2 to the National Trust of Australia (Queensland) Limited can be claimed as tax deductible donations".



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IGNITE CONFERENCE 2024: RISE UP!

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

Be an Eternal Guardian of your faith

Do you want to ensure that the mission of the Catholic Church and your local parish continues well into the future? We need your support to sustain our faith and continue to provide parish facilities, programs and services for generations to come.

A gift in your Will to the parish or to the St Agatha's Clayfield Parish Endowment Fund, of any amount, will help carry forward the Gospel message to future generations.

To find out how you can be an Eternal Guardian of your faith, please contact us on 07 3324 3632 or visit www.catholicfoundation.org.au

Invitation to a Healing Mass

Are you in need of healing prayer for you or your family? An invitation is extended to the people of the Archdiocese to attend a healing Mass at St. Mary Magdalene's Church, 51 Cecil Road, Bardon, Friday, 7th June, 2024 at 7.30pm. Fr. Thomas Varkey will be the celebrant. The Sacrament of Healing will be administered during Mass together with a personal prayer. Prayer ministry will also be offered after Mass for anyone who would like further prayer. Supper will be provided. For more information, contact Len Airey on 0421 977 849 or by email to lenpatairey@gmail.com

Stop the anti-faith Anti-Discrimination Bill

The Queensland Government have released a draft Anti-Discrimination bill, that would be the most restrictive regime in Australia for religious freedoms. It would significantly restrict the ability of churches, schools and other faith organisations to choose who we employ, as well as introducing other harsh restrictions. Please see attached the letter to the Premier from the signatory faith organisations of Queensland.

The most important thing you can do is to write to your local MP and tell them you are concerned about the bill.

Politicians won't know that we care about this unless we tell them.

A website has been launched by the combined heads of faith to make it easy for you to learn more about the Bill and write to your MP.

https://contactyourmp.org.au/qld

Please take 5 minutes to write to your MP today.



ALPHA continues this Sunday 2 June.

Session 3: Why Did Jesus Die? Alpha sessions start at 11am CHANGE OF VENUE:

Xavier Place, OLHC Primary School

Newcomers most welcome!

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

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

Corpus Christi Procession

When: THIS Sunday, 2 June, 2024



Time: 2 pm

Where: The Cathedral of St Stephen

For more details, visit:

https://www.corpuschristibrisbane.com

BANYO NUNDAH PARISH—Corpus Christi ProcessionJoin the Banyo Nundah Catholic Parish in celebrating the Feast of Corpus Christi THIS Sunday 2 June.

Program for the Day

9.30am Sunday Mass at Corpus Christi Church

11.00am - 11.30am Corpus Christi Procession begins

from the car park of Corpus Christi Church, 65 Bage Street, Nundah

11.30am - 1.00pm Exposition and Adoration

11.45am - 12.30pm Confession

1.00pm Benediction

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/

<u>A VOCATION VIEW</u>: Through the ministry of our ordained priests, we receive Holy Communion. Through the Body and Blood of Christ, we are made one body: to become Christ-like... purified ... ready to serve. Pray for Vocation.

Readers Roster for May 2024

	8am	5.30pm
2 June	Terry Manso	Louis Currie
The Most Holy Body and Blood of Christ	Paul Bartels	
9 June	Family Mass	Max Van Balen
10th Sunday in Ordinary Time		Giselle Hossinger

<u>In our prayers we remember</u>

Those who have died recently:

Patricia McKeon, Siobhan Smith, Fr Jim Smith Those whose anniversaries occur at this time:

Ivy Adams, Bill Gordon, John Reid, Lila Russell, Lionel Russell, William Kirby, Sandra Houden, Graham Cowley **Those who are unwell:** Ken Gordon, King Charles III, Simon Grisales

Cathedral Parish Executive Officer Role Vacancy

The role of the Cathedral Parish Executive Officer is to be for the administrative and organisational aspects of the parish, including the parish office and employment. This role must work cooperatively and collaboratively as part of the parish team with priests, staff and parishioners to ensure the smooth, effective and professional operation of all parish functions. This is a permanent full-time position of 37.5 hours and remuneration will reflect the experience of the successful

For further information please contact the Cathedral Parish team via cathedral@bne.catholic.net.au, or you can view the ad here: https://www.seek.com.au/Catholic-Church-jobs/in-Brisbane-CBD-&-Inner-Suburbs-Brisbane-QLD/full-time

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.

Received into Full Initiation

Lily Blanking-Markwarth will be received into Full Initiation (Baptism, Confirmation, Holy Communion) into the Catholic Church next Sunday 9 June at the 5.30pm Mass at St Agatha's. Please join Lily and her family on this wonderful occasion.

Parish Administration

Parish Administrator: Fr Michael Grace Email: clayfield@bne.catholic.net.au Parish Deacon: Rev. Dr. Peter Pellicaan Email: pellicaanp@bne.catholic.net.au Parish Secretary: Mrs Rosemary Greer Email: clayfield@bne.catholic.net.au

Children and Families

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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

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 9 June 2024 10th Sunday in Ordinary Time (YEAR B) Genesis 3:9-15; 2 Corinthians 4:13-5:1; Mark 3:20-35

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