



ST. AGATHA'S PARISH

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Tenth Sunday in Ordinary Time 9 June 2024 (YEAR B)

Everyone's life presents them with a fair share of trials and difficulties. This was certainly true for St Paul, who faced many setbacks and difficulties, even as he tirelessly ministered for the sake of the Gospel. I am always touched by his sense of perseverance and fortitude in the face of those challenges. He runs the race to the end, suffering a martyr's death and handing over his life as an offering before God. (2 Tim 4:6)



When we face various setbacks, we can be inclined to wonder: 'Why would God allow this?' We can feel a sense of disappointment in God's providence or even despondency. This is especially true when we face difficulties, even as we labour in the service of the Church and the Gospel.

In this weekend's second reading, St Paul invites us to look past our present troubles and set our hearts on the Kingdom of God. Indeed, he goes so far as to say that in the end, our troubles, which are only temporary, will give way to eternal glory. Indeed, God foreknew every circumstance and works all things for the good of those who trust in him. (Rom 8:28). It is always good to remember, whatever our circumstances, that God has everything in his hands.

We live in a broken world, with much suffering. But we are ultimately not meant for this world. Rather, we are a pilgrim Church, destined for the heavenly Jerusalem. When the journey seems hard and long, let us anticipate the joy that awaits and press on, just as St Paul did. Such an attitude doesn't trivialise our hardships but nevertheless allows us to grow in resolve to overcome all things, alongside Christ, who overcame even the grave itself.

Blessings.

Fr. Michael.



Family Mass

NO CHILDREN'S LITURGY THIS SUNDAY 9 June
Please join us for the 8am Family Mass.

What's on at St Agatha's

9 June 8.00am Family Mass
Morning tea following Mass
Hosted by CMC
5.30pm Mass



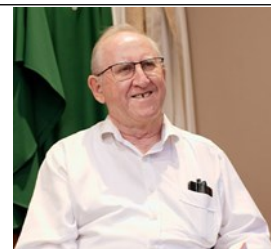
16 June 8.00am Mass
Morning tea following Mass
Hosted by Gloria Lee
Mel Lillcrap
Anna Chetcuti

5.30pm Mass
PIZZA NIGHT following Mass
Hosted by CMC



23 June 8.00am Mass
Morning tea following Mass
Hosted by Linett and Grevin
Biju and Dani
Mary and Josy

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 St, Woodend, Ipswich. Prior to the Mass, Rosary will commence at 10.00am. The Livestream can be accessed via the website for Holy Cross Funerals <https://holycrossfunerals.com.au/>



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.

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.

The Sacrament of EUCHARIST

(Also known as 'First Holy Communion')

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



Come and join us for a Morning Tea



Following the 8am Family Mass this Sunday 9 June.

2024 Holiday Program

For Primary Aged Children

Join us in the second week of the school holidays for 3 days of fun, faith and friends.

Hosted by the ECK Team with Chermisde West Parish

July 3rd - 5th



MORE INFO HERE

www.encounter.catholic.kids.com.au/2024-holiday-program

catholic encounter KIDS NORTHSIDE

POWER UP!

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

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.

Welcome

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

St. Agatha's Parish

NATIONAL TRUST of AUSTRALIA (Queensland)



National Trust Conservation Appeal

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

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/>

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 9 June.

Session 4: How Can I Have Faith?

Alpha sessions start at 11am

MOM Parish Centre

9 Bowman Street, Hendra

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](#)

World Elder Abuse Awareness Day JUNE 15

Download the QLD WEAAD Resource and Activity Toolkit at : www.cotaqld.org.au/weaad



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OF BRISBANE

Gospel Reflection - by Greg Sunter

Living the Gospel – Who is my mother or brother?

At the end of the today's gospel passage, Jesus states, 'Whoever does the will of God is my brother and sister and mother.' Family bonds were critically important in First Century Palestine. Jesus does not deny his family kinship, but expands it to include anyone who does the will of God. All those who work to bring about the Kingdom or Reign of God share a bond with Jesus, they share a familial link with him. Whenever we act to bring about God's dream for this world, we join our efforts with those of our brother, Jesus.

A VOCATION VIEW: Tenth Sunday in Ordinary Time – B

Jesus says "Whoever does the will of God is brother and sister and mother to me." When we commit ourselves to God's work, we become part of His family.

What is the work He is calling you to do?

Readers Roster for May 2024

	8am	5.30pm
9 June	<i>Family Mass</i>	Max Van Balen
<i>10th Sunday in Ordinary Time</i>		Giselle Hossinger
16 June	Joseph O'Brien	Giselle Hossinger
<i>11th Sunday in Ordinary Time</i>	Luke Sutton	Catie Kelly

In our prayers we remember



Those who have died recently:

James Power Snr, Sr Colleen Grant rsj, Kenneth Kennett, Patricia McKeon, Siobhan Smith

Those whose anniversaries occur at this time:

Eileen Williamson, 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



Received into Full Initiation

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

Sacrament of Confirmation

Next Sunday 16 June at the 8am Mass, Raffaele Pierno will receive the Sacrament of Confirmation. Please join Raffaele and his family on this wonderful occasion.



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.

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.

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APRE: Mr Jake Knowles

Readings for 16 June 2024 11th Sunday in Ordinary Time (YEAR B)

Ezekiel 17:22-24; 2 Corinthians 5:6-10; Mark 4:26-34

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