

ST. AGATHA'S PARISH

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Nineteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time 11 August 2024 (YEAR B)

St. Paul, in writing to the Church at Ephesus, exhorts them to live in a way that reflects the transformative power of the Holy Spirit in their lives. We have been 'sealed' by the Spirit. This 'seal' can be thought of as similar to a seal used to impress a mark on a piece of wax, but instead of wax, it is our very souls that are marked. Baptism and Confirmation leave an impression, or what St Augustine refers to as a 'character,' upon our souls, marking us as belonging to Christ and setting us apart for worship and mission.



To be set apart is to be 'holy'; little wonder then that St Paul warns the faithful that we ought not to grieve the Holy Spirit, but rather, we should manifest the fruits of the Spirit. Indeed, the transformation that the Spirit works is not simply at the external level—i.e., a change of behaviour; rather, the Spirit transforms us much more deeply, bringing about a change of heart and a renewal of our minds.

Let us pray that each one of us will grow in holiness. May a spirit of kindness, forgiveness, love, patience, and gentleness grow within us. These are the manifestations of the Spirit's gifts and a sure sign of His indwelling presence.

Over the next couple of weeks, we will be celebrating First Holy Communion with many of the children in our community. Let's pray for them in a particular way. May God's Holy Spirit fall upon them, so that as they are nourished by the Bread of Life, they may grow in holiness of life. Let us also pray for their families and all those who accompany them. May they be living examples of the faith and witnesses to the transformative power of the Holy Spirit.



Blessings, Fr. Michael.

ANNUAL CATHOLIC CAMPAIGN 2024 - NEXT SUNDAY 18 AUGUST

Donation envelopes are available on the pews this Sunday 11 August. Please take one home and return next week or drop into the post box – *please ensure the envelope is securely sealed.* Alternatively, you can donate via the following link: https://bit.ly/3OJTzyJ or via the QR Code on page three of this newsletter. Your gift is a blessing to your local community.

NO CHILDREN'S LITURGY THIS SUNDAY 11 AUGUST

Please join us for the 8am Family Mass.

What's on at St Agatha's

11 August 8.00am Mass

Morning tea following Family Mass

Hosted by CMC Sarah Fraser Brooke Gordon **5.30pm Mass**



18 August 8.00am Mass

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

5.30pm Mass (NO PIZZA NIGHT - due to First Holy Communion celebration)

25 August 8.00am (First Holy Communions)

Linette & Grevin Biju & Dani Mary and Josy

5.30pm (First Holy Communions)

Parish Office

The Parish Office will be closed on Wednesday 14 August and Friday 16 August.

St Agatha's Parish Census

The St Agatha's Community & Mission Council will be undertaking a Parish Census throughout August. A Parish Census serves as a vital tool for understanding the makeup of our Church community. It also ensures St Agatha's has current contact information for our Parishioners. As it has been several years since our last Parish Census, everyone is encouraged to participate even if they do not regularly attend Mass. Paper census forms are available at the entrance of the Church at both Masses throughout August. The census can also be completed online at www.surveymonkey.com/ r/7M7BZ8Q.

Thank you to everyone who has completed the Parish Census either paper form or via the link. If you haven't, please do so before the end of August.

Thank you...

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

Feast of the Assumption Thursday 15 August

Masses 9.00am at St Agatha's, Clayfield 6.30pm at OLHC, Hendra



Sunday 18th August

9:30am at Hendra, 5:30pm at Clayfield

and Sunday 25th August

8am and 5:30pm at Clayfield

Please pray for the children and their families as they continue their preparation for the Sacrament of First Eucharist.



First Holy Communion Mass

Please note that the front section of the Church will be reserved for the children and their families at the 5.30pm Mass next Sunday 18 August.



Sincere thanks to all our parishioners who give so generously in their financial support of our parish and all those who give of their time, effort and talents to enhance our Masses and share in the pastoral work of the parish.

God's blessings to all!



DATE CLAIMER

IGNITE CONFERENCE 2024: RISE UP!

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

Please register your expression of interest to attend the Ignite Conference via the following link:

https://forms.gle/CyLEZF5ontdsG7dh9

or QR Code



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.



Your gift is the answer to someone's prayer

The Annual Catholic Campaign is a call asking you to make a sacrifice to support the works of the Church here in South-East Queensland. The giving makes sense only in the context of us becoming the Lord's sacrifice for the life of the world.

Your sacrifice becomes the answer to a prayer, which is the way God wants it to be.



Gospel Focus – Living Bread

There is an obvious connection between this week's reading and the sacramental celebration of Eucharist. Jesus describes himself as living bread and then says whoever eats this living bread will live forever. These words capture the essence of the Church teaching about the real presence of Jesus in the Eucharist. Jesus is present in several ways at the celebration of Eucharist, particularly present in the bread and wine that become his body and blood. Through our celebration of the Eucharist, Jesus offers us his continuing, enduring presence.

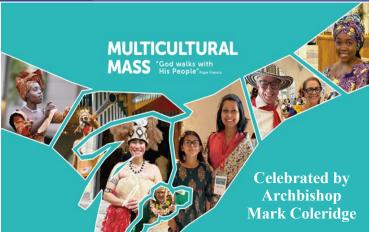


Pastoral Carers (voluntary) required to be trained for The Prince Charles Hospital.

Extending, and co-operating with, the care of God in visiting the sick and dying is central to Catholic pastoral care. **Requirements:** Centacare needs one or two people who are well regarded in their Catholic parish community, have the support of their parish priest, a sense of call to visitation of the sick, ability to make a weekly time commitment, physical stamina, willingness to give the time to do an accredited course to achieve a basic qualification in spiritual and pastoral care, functional computer skills, excellent spoken and written English.

People already with suitable qualifications most welcome to apply. Blue card, police check and safeguarding training required.

If you would like to know more about Centacare's pastoral care ministry in hospitals and training involved, phone 0428669572 or contact judy.norris@bne.centacare.net.au



Sunday 25 August 2024

2pm, Queen of Vietnamese Martyrs Catholic Church 54 Flint Street, Inala.

For more information contact Lilian Ortiz at ortizl@bne.catholic.net.au



Calling all Budding Baristas



A free training session for all those interested in learning how to use a commercial coffee machine, is being held at the Parish Centre, Hendra. If you would like to learn

the skills of making a great cup of coffee, why not come along and give it a go! We are happy to teach adults and children over the age of 14.

12 noon - Wednesday 21 August Parish Centre, 9 Bowman St Hendra

Just bring yourself and a smile and we'll do the rest!

National Vocation Awareness Week 4th - 11th August





to find out more, or call 1300 133 544

Follow us on socials **@vocationbrisbane**







Readers Roster for August 2024

	8am	5.30pm
11 August	Sandra Cantarutti	Karen Birtles
19th Sunday in Ordinary Time		Giselle Hossinger
18 August	Annette Riba	Declan Harte
20th Sunday in Ordinary Time	Luke Sutton	Louis Currie

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

Those who have died recently:

Peter Gimpel, Rowena Clark, Jim O'Sullivan

Those whose anniversaries occur at this time:

Inacio Pais, Esther Lobo

Those who are unwell: Stuart Carlton-Smith

CHANGES TO MASS TIMES IN THE PARISH

Commencing the weekend of 31st August/1st September, the weekend Mass schedule for our two parishes will be as follows:

Saturday: 4:30 pm - Vigil Mass, St Cecilia's, Hamilton

Sunday:

8:00 am - St Agatha's, Clayfield

9:30 am - Our Lady Help of Christians, Hendra

5:30 pm - St Agatha's, Clayfield

Weekday Masses:

8:45 am Wednesday - Our Lady Help of Christians, Hendra

9:00 am Thursday - St Agatha's, Clayfield 9:00 am Friday - St John's, Northgate

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/

Mother of Mercy Parish Saturday Adoration

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.

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.

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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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

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School Principal: Ms Anne-Marie Maw

APRE: Mr Jake Knowles

Readings for 18 August 2024 20th Sunday in Ordinary Time (YEAR B)
Proverbs 9:1-6; Ephesians 5:15-20; John 6:51-58

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

Our Lady Help of Christians, Hendra

Wednesday 8.45am

St Agatha's, ClayfieldThursday 9am

St John's, Northgate

Friday 9am