



Newsletter

CATHOLIC PARISHES

Clayfield ● Hendra ● Hamilton ● Northgate



TWENTY-FIRST SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

25 AUGUST 2024

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School Principal: Mr Adam Bennie

APRE: Kym Waters

The heart of the Gospel is love. Not so much our love for God or neighbour, even though in these twin precepts are found the fullness of God's law. Nevertheless, it is God's love for us that is the true core of the faith. St Paul, in his letter to the church at Ephesus, calls us back to this central reality, using the example of married love. The love between a husband and wife, bound by the covenant of marriage and lived in mutual self-giving, is, he teaches, a sign of the love between Christ and the Church. Here, the cross of Christ is a nuptial act. Christ, the bridegroom, gives himself for the Church, who is the bride, even unto death. Yet this bond of love is even greater than 'till death do us part', because this love has even conquered the grave.



Dear brothers and sisters, as we come to the final Roman Rite Sunday Mass at St John's Church Northgate and likewise the final vigil Mass at Hendra, there will be many emotions present. Some are hurting and feel let down. I acknowledge that, and I continue to pray for all those affected by these changes. This is a time for us to care for and support each other. The bond that binds us together is the love of Christ. Like any relationship, it has its tensions and rocky moments, with loss and grief to be endured. Yet, Christ has called us together, and chosen us, with a love and dedication that exceeds even spousal love.

Over these coming days, I invite you to sit in Christ's love for you. This love is passionate and healing. Let him draw us together again, so that we can be the community he wants us to be, united in unbreakable bonds of love with him and with each other.

Let me also congratulate the children who will make their First Holy Communion this weekend and pray that they too will experience God's unbreakable love for them.

Blessings,

Fr. Michael.

SOCIAL JUSTICE SUNDAY—25 AUGUST 2024

Truth & Peace: A Gospel Word in a Violent World

In the 2024 – 2025 Social Justice Statement, "*Truth and Peace: A Gospel Word in a Violent World*", Australia's Bishops scrutinise the signs of our own troubled times, observe the violence around us, and ask why it is so. They also ask what is needed if there is to be peace. In a world full of pessimism, they put their faith and hope in the possibility of peace. The statement also provides some suggested actions to help us to build on our commitment to be peacemakers locally and internationally.

The Statement was launched on Tuesday 20 August.

For further information, please use the QR code or the ACBC website link:

<https://socialjustice.catholic.org.au/2024/07/25/social-justice-statement-2024-25/>



St Agatha's Church
52 Oriel Road, Clayfield



Our Lady Help of Christians Church
9 Bowman Street, Hendra



St Cecilia's Church
30 College Street, Hamilton



St John's Church
688 Nudgee Road, Northgate

WORLD DAY OF MIGRANTS AND REFUGEES 2024

THIS SUNDAY 25 August

As part of celebrating World Day of Migrants and Refugees, and the diversity and vibrancy of Catholic faith traditions, all attending the morning Masses this Sunday 25 August are invited to wear their cultural dress.



What's on at St Agatha's

- Sun 25 Aug 8.00am First Holy Communion Mass**
Morning tea following Mass
Hosted by Linett, Grevin, Biju, Dani, Mary and Josy
- 10.30am Baptisms**
- 5.30pm First Holy Communion Mass**

St Agatha's Parish Messages....

- ◆ This Sunday we welcome Fr John Zhao at our 8am Mass at St Agatha's.
- ◆ **Please pray for the children (and their families) as they receive the Sacrament of First Eucharist** at the 8am and 5.30pm Masses this Sunday 25th August at St Agatha's. *Please note that the front section of both churches will be reserved for the children and their families.*
- ◆ **NO CHILDREN'S LITURGY THIS SUNDAY 25TH AUGUST** due to the First Communion.
- ◆ **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...**



NEXT Sunday 1 September 8am Mass—Family Mass followed by morning tea. If your child would like to participate in the Mass, please email Sandra cantaruttis@bne.catholic.net.au.

Baptismal Joy!!

This Sunday at St Agatha's we welcome with great joy two new members of Christ's faithful people: *Nina George*, daughter of Benjamin and Gemma and *Edward Crock*, son of William and Hannah. May they always know God's love and the support of this Christian Community.

In our prayers we remember. . . .

Those who have died recently:

John Mammino, Jim Killoran, Vince Vitali, David Parker, Campbell McKerrow, Sr Leonie Stortenbeker RSJ, Hugh Stewart

Those whose anniversaries occur at this time:

Chaille Lansell



2024 ANNUAL

CATHOLIC CAMPAIGN

Our Church • Our Mission • Our Community


Last weekend our parishes held an appeal for the Annual Catholic Campaign in support of the important Catholic ministries in our Archdiocese. Thank you to everyone who responded generously to the Archbishop's call for support. If you didn't get a chance to make a gift last week, there is still time. If you took the envelope home, please pop it in the mail, in the collection or place in the box provided at the entrance of the Church.

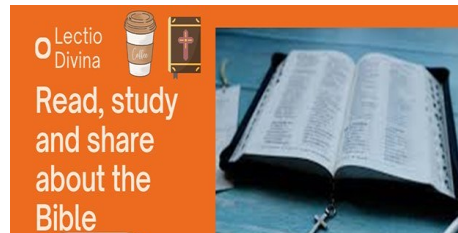
Thank you again for your time and generosity.

What's happening in MOM Parish this week

- Sun 25 Morning tea following 9.30am Mass (OLHC)**
- Sat 31 4.30pm Memorial Mass for John Gebbett (St Cecilia's)**

MOM Parish Messages....

- ◆ This Sunday, we celebrate the **August** birthdays of our Parish family members with a Birthday cake after the 9.30am Mass at Hendra so please come along and join us! 
- ◆ **PRAYER LIST FOR THE SICK:** The Parish would like to update the "We Pray For" listing contained in the newsletter each week. We ask that parishioners advise the Parish Office of any names they wish to keep on the current list and the parish will continue noting those to be prayed for. We intend to keep names on this list for 1 month and then remove if no further advice, hoping God's healing has happened. *Please note that our Prayer Engine will continue to hold all those who are unwell in their prayers each Tuesday at 1.00pm in OLHC Church.* (Prayer intentions can be placed in the boxes at the doors of the churches).



Continues this Sunday
25 August
11-11.45am
Parish Centre, Hendra
All very welcome!!



IN MEMORIAM—JOHN GEBBETT

John Gebbett, who was a valued and longstanding member of our St Cecilia's community, passed into God's care on 30 July this year. **The 4.30pm Vigil Mass at St Cecilia's on Saturday 31 August will be a Memorial Mass for John** and all are most welcome to attend. *May John rest in peace.*

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, Bardonia, Friday, 6th Sept, 2024 at 7.30pm.** Fr. Tomi Alexander Vattukulathil of Jubilee Parish, 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

WE PRAY FOR....



The Recently Deceased: John Gebbett, Bishop Kevin Manning (Parramatta), Fr Hillary Flynn (Cairns)

Anniversaries: Isabel D'Penha, Brian Mahon, Bishop James Quinn, Mary Overell, Erin Mary Lyons, Margaret Bechtel, Edward Vincent Brasch, Ronald Andrew, Gladys Vera Andrews, John Burton (Jack) Dearlove, Elsa Quilim Hodgkinson, Catherine Fenech

The Sick: Wendy Tunin, Anita Kelley, Wayne O'Toole, Kath Shaw, Michael Hardy, Maria Ward, Emilio Delgado, Salustia Zavaletta

Activities in our Parishes

Morning Tea: Celebrated as a community each Sunday after morning Masses at St Agatha's, Clayfield (8am) and OLHC, Hendra (9.30am). All welcome.

Evening Supper: Held on the Third Sunday of every month after 5:30pm Mass at St Agatha's, Clayfield.

Piety Stall: Open before and after Mass at St Agatha's Clayfield. **Cash or card accepted.** Various items for sale: Rosary beads, St Christopher medals and keyrings, Biography cards of various saints.

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.

Mother of Mercy Parish Prayer Engine: 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 and Parish Office. The Prayer Engine will meet at OLHC Church, Hendra every Tuesday, from 1:00-2:15pm. All are welcome to join in prayer!

Saturday Adoration: The Blessed Sacrament is exposed every Saturday, 6am—4:00pm at OLHC Hendra for personal prayer. For any enquiries, contact Julie Anne 0418 193 235 or Pat 0411 597 781.

Parish Spirituality Group: The group meet at 9:30am on the first Tuesday of the month in the Parish Centre at Hendra to discuss the gospel reading for the next Sunday.

Portofino Mass: Fourth Wednesday of the month at 11am. Due to safety and security reasons, only residents of Portofino attend. Eucharistic Ministers of Holy Communion distribute Holy Communion to residents every Sunday.

Parish Playgroup: Currently operating each week (in school terms). Held every Friday 9:00am-11:30am (babies to Prep) in the OLHC Primary School OSHC, 23 Bowman St, Hendra. For enquiries, call Parish Office 3268 3040.

NEWS FROM OUR PARISH SCHOOLS

Our Lady Help of Christians Catholic Primary School

This week was Book Week in schools around Australia and on Tuesday - there was not a student to be found - only book characters parading the grounds! Thank you to Mrs Keaveney-Jones (school librarian) for the wonderful week of reading and literature.

Thank you to P and F who will successfully hold our annual OLHC Long Lunch on Saturday. It is lovely to have parishioners join us for this fundraising community event. Have a wonderful week everyone!

Kym Waters APRE (OLHC School Hendra)

We must teach more by example than by word. St Mary MacKillop

St Agatha's Catholic Primary School

Week Seven of each term is 'Wellbeing Week' throughout Brisbane Catholic Education Schools. This week's Wellbeing Week at St Agatha's consisted of a range of activities, events and experiences supporting the mental health and wellbeing of our community.

On Wednesday 'St Agatha's Got Talent' was held with a range of talented students sharing their skills. On Thursday our student entrepreneur representatives competed at the Interschool Pitch Competition. This competition, held at St Agatha's showcased a range of ideas to solve a problem facing society today. Heidi, Isla, Marloe and Amelia presented their solution to the problem of loneliness and homelessness. Their idea of an interactive website to vote on monthly family fun events was very well received by the audience and judges. This week finished with Fun Friday – thank you Gavin Sutherland and Roxy DiPietro for co-ordinating a wonderful celebration of fun, food and free-dress.

Anne-Marie Maw Principal (St Agatha's School Clayfield)

Growth, Friendship, Faith.

MULTICULTURAL MASS

"God walks with His People" Pope Francis

2.00pm, 25 August 2024, Queen of Vietnamese Martyrs Catholic Church, 54 Flint St, Inala

FIND OUT MORE




Women of The Way Retreat
Holy Spirit Set my Heart on Fire!
11th—13th Oct 2024
337 Old Gympie Rd, Dakibin Q 4503
Contact: Rosa Montegrando 0400 755 516
Women of The Way: wowqld@gmail.com

Long Term Volunteer Opportunities in the Australia-Pacific Region - The Cagliero Project, Salesians of Don Bosco

We are seeking long term (6-12 month) volunteers for departure in January 2025 to work with young people in our Salesian communities in Samoa, Cambodia, Timor Leste, Solomon Islands and Mongolia. Applications close October 31st, 2024.

Send us an enquiry - www.cagliero.org.au or lhichaaba@salesians.org.au

REGISTER NOW!!!

IGNITE CONFERENCE 2023: RISE UP!

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

"In the name of Jesus Christ of Nazareth, RISE UP and WALK." Acts 3:6-7.

Please register your interest via the link <https://forms.gle/CyLEZF5ontdsG7dh9> or by using the QR code.



NEXT WEEK'S READINGS

1 SEPTEMBER 2024

TWENTY-SECOND SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

First Reading: Deut 4:1-2, 6-8

Second Reading: James 1:17-18, 21-22, 27:

Gospel: Mk 7:1-8, 14-15, 21-23

Commemoration of Saints August 2024

Tues 27 St Monica MEMORIAL

Wed 28 St Augustine, bishop, doctor MEMORIAL

Thurs 29 The Passion of Saint John the Baptist MEMORIAL

Sat 31 Saturday Mass of the Blessed Virgin Mary *Pray for us....*



A VOCATION VIEW: Jesus teaches us about life everlasting. "Your words, Lord, are spirit and life..." This gives us hope when we despair, a way of living when we stray from God's way. "The words I have spoken are spirit, and they are life". It is God's words that we need to hear to lift our spirits and give life. Pray for vocations.



To talk to someone about your vocation, Contact Vocation Brisbane. P: (07) 3336 9392
E: vocation@bne.catholic.net.au
W: www.catholicpriesthood.com



Votive Candles at St Agatha's Church, Clayfield (accessible on Sundays before and after Masses only)

The votive candle stand is located in the Mary MacKillop Chapel at St Agatha's Church. 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.



Items for inclusion in this Newsletter—Cut Off 1:00pm Tuesday.

Please email or write out to: hendra@bne.catholic.net.au OR clayfld@bne.catholic.net.au

Sunday Mass Rosters

Date	Reader Clayfield 8am Mass	Reader Clayfield 5:30pm Mass	Reader OLHC 9:30am Mass	Eucharistic Minister OLHC 9:30am Mass
25 Aug	Eileen Duncan Phill Ryan	Andre Marino Amelia Marino-Cebulski	Andrew Devereux Kathryn Bourke	Barbara Nelson Lorelei Gozzard
1 Sept	<i>Family Mass</i>	Declan Harte Giselle Hossinger	Robyn Jeynes Roselyn Rayappan	Robyn Jeynes Kate McLean

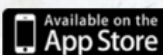
SUPPORT MOTHER of MERCY PARISH

We very much appreciate your continued financial assistance and donations to the Parish are most warmly welcomed. This can be best achieved by direct debit to the following account:

Mother of Mercy Parish Account BSB 064 786 Acc—100007977

Please note "Donation" and your name as a reference. Please send your receipt to: finance.hendra@bne.catholic.net.au after your payment has been made.

<http://parishgiving.brisbanecatholic.org.au>



Another way to donate easily is via the **PARISH GIVING APP**: Scan the QR code above, or the code attached to the church collection plates, to your mobile telephone and follow the prompts to complete your giving donation.

Do you have a Family Trust? Did you know that making your weekly gift to the Parish through dividend income from your trust reduces your tax obligations? Additionally, these gifts are not counted against your family tax benefit payments. Contact your financial advisor for details on how you can save taxes and help build our Parish community at the same time.

SUPPORT ST AGATHA'S PARISH

We very much appreciate your continued financial assistance and donations to the Parish are most welcome.

Ways to financially support your parish

- Direct Debit (please contact Parish Office)
- Place your offerings in the collection plate at Mass
- Planned Giving Envelopes
- The Parish Giving App (scan the QR code—attached to the collection plate or shown below— to your mobile telephone and follow the prompts to complete your giving donation).

You can also contribute via internet banking direct to the Parish -

Account name: Clayfield Parish

BSB number: 064 786

Account number: 100006157

Reference: PGDonation + your surname



MASS TIMES

WEEKEND MASSES

Saturday 4:30pm	St Cecilia's, Hamilton
Saturday 5:00pm Vigil:	Our Lady Help of Christians, Hendra
Sunday 7:30am	St John's, Northgate
Sunday 8:00am Mass:	St Agatha's, Clayfield (Families Mass)
Sunday 9:30am Mass:	Our Lady Help of Christians, Hendra (Families Mass)
Sunday 5:30pm Mass:	St Agatha's, Clayfield (Youth Mass)

WEEKDAY MASSES

Wednesday 8.45am	Our Lady Help of Christians, Hendra
Thursday 9:00am	St Agatha's, Clayfield
Friday 9:00am	St John's, Northgate

CHANGES TO MASS TIMES FROM WEEKEND OF 31ST AUGUST / 1ST SEPTEMBER:

WEEKEND MASSES

Saturday:	4:30 pm - Vigil Mass, St Cecilia's, Hamilton
Sunday:	8:00 am - St Agatha's, Clayfield
	9:30 am - OLHC, Hendra
	5:30 pm - St Agatha's, Clayfield

WEEKDAY MASSES

8:45 am	Wednesday - OLHC, Hendra
9:00 am	Thursday - St Agatha's, Clayfield
9.00 am	Friday - St John's, Northgate



We acknowledge the traditional owners and custodians, who have walked upon and cared for this land for thousands of years. We acknowledge the continued deep spiritual attachment and relationships of Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander peoples to this country and commit ourselves to the ongoing journey of reconciliation.

SAFEGUARDING CHILDREN & VULNERABLE ADULTS PREVENTION AND PROTECTION POLICY

The Archdiocese of Brisbane holds that children, young people and vulnerable adults are a gift from God with an intrinsic right to dignity of life, respect and security from physical and emotional harm. They are to be treasured, nurtured and safeguarded.

For information: <http://www.brisbanecatholic.org.au/safeguarding/>