



Newsletter

CATHOLIC PARISHES

Clayfield ● Hendra ● Hamilton ● Northgate



Twenty-Second Sunday in Ordinary Time

1 SEPTEMBER 2024

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St Agatha's Catholic Primary School

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School Principal: Ms Anne-Marie Maw

APRE: Mr Jake Knowles

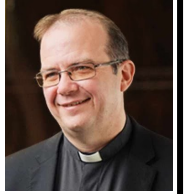
Our Lady Help of Christians Primary School

23 Bowman St, Hendra Phone: 3268 3070

School Principal: Mr Adam Bennie

APRE: Kym Waters

Living as we do amidst the constant change of this world; it is a worthwhile occupation to occasionally pause and consider that which is truly permanent. There is something within us that longs for stability, even as we sometimes chafe for change. We are made for the permanent, indeed the eternal, and yet we live in the world of time and change.



In his letter to the early church, James writes in praise of the goodness of God, in whom there is no "alteration, no shadow of a change." In God, we find one who is to be the anchor of our souls, the Truth and Life which animates us, and our rock of stability.

God is unchanging, and God's truth is eternal. We, however, while clinging to the truth, cannot afford to fall into paralysis. The call for us is to balance necessary and good change while remaining "uncontaminated by the world." We need to employ different methods to communicate the same unchanging truth and to invite others to come into a relationship with the Eternal God.

We have all been through a time of considerable change, and we should indeed pause and take a breath. If we are unsettled by that change, let's raise our minds to God and find the stability we desire. But then we are called to press on with the mission entrusted to us by Christ.

Let me take this opportunity to acknowledge and thank the fathers in our community. Their ministry of support, encouragement, provision, and stability in our changing world is invaluable. Fathers impact their children in a singular way. May each of you be good guides, both practical and spiritual, for your children as they navigate the shifting sands of life.

Blessings,
Fr. Michael

Happy Father's Day to all the wonderful fathers, grandfathers and father figures in our Parish. Many blessings today and always!



2024
SEASON OF
CREATION

Each year from Sept 1 to Oct 4, the Christian family unites for the Season of Creation, a worldwide celebration of prayer and action to protect our common home. Our wellbeing is interwoven with the wellbeing of the Earth and we rejoice in this opportunity to safeguard our common home and all who share it. This year, the theme for the season is "To hope and act with Creation".

NATIONAL CHILD PROTECTION WEEK

1 - 7 September 2024



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

What's on at St Agatha's

1 September 8.00am Family Mass
 Morning tea following Mass
 Hosted by CMC, Sarah Fraser, Brooke Gordon
5.30pm Mass

St Agatha's Parish Messages....

- ◆ This Sunday we welcome Fr John Zhao at our 8am Mass at St Agatha's.
- ◆ **No Children's Liturgy this Sunday 1st Sept.** Please join us for the 8am Family Mass.
- ◆ **St Agatha's Parish Census:** A sincere thank you to everyone who has completed the Parish Census either paper form or via the link. Please place any completed paper census forms in the box provided at the entrance of the Church. **Thank you...**



**This Sunday
1 September**

REMINDER

Win a \$250 Norman Hotel voucher by completing the St Agatha's Parish Census

The St Agatha's Community & Mission Council are undertaking a Parish Census. A Parish Census serves as a vital tool for understanding the makeup of our Church community. Paper census forms will be available at Masses. The census can also be completed online at www.surveymonkey.com/r/7M7BZ8Q

Every census entry goes into the draw to win a \$250 Norman Hotel voucher kindly donated by the Norman Hotel.

In our prayers we remember. . . .

Those who have died recently:

John Mammino, Jim Killoran, Vince Vitali, David Parker, Campbell McKerrow, Sr Leonie Stortenbeker R SJ

Those whose anniversaries occur at this time:

Kathleen McVeigh, Jim Duncan, Robert Maguire, Rory Schuh, Chaille Lansell



What's happening in MOM Parish this week

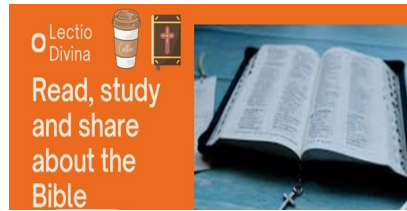
Sun 1 Sept Morning tea following 9.30am Mass (OLHC)
 11.00am *Lectio Divina* (Parish Centre)
Tues 3 Sept Spirituality Discussion Group (Parish Centre)
Thur 5 Sept 1.30pm Sacrament of Penance Information Session (OLHC)
 OR 5.00pm Sacrament of Penance Information Session (OLHC)

MOM Parish Messages....

Parish Birthdays

Have you entered your birthday in our Parish Birthday Book?

Each last Sunday of the month, we celebrate the birthdays of our Parish family members with a Birthday cake after the 9.30am Mass at Hendra. The next celebration is **Sunday 29 September**, so please come along and join us! The Birthday Book is at the Coffee Spot in the Parish Centre Courtyard—please add your name!



Continues this Sunday
 1 September
 11-11.45am
 Parish Centre, Hendra
 All very welcome!!

ST VINCENT DE PAUL—ITEMS WANTED:

SVDP Hendra Conference is in need of good working **mobile phones and laptops** for needy clients. Donations would be gratefully appreciated. Please contact Mike on 0419 027 430.



WE PRAY FOR....

The Recently Deceased: Graham Hardy, John Gebbett, Fr Terrance Keliher

Anniversaries: Gerda Janssen, Fr Brian Harris OMI, Paul Ginnivan, Andrew Gregory "Greg" Walsh, Vladislava Kozlovskis, Veronica Standfield, Nancy Joan Hockings

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



ST AGATHA'S PARISH AND MOTHER OF MERCY PARISH COMMUNITY NEWS



Many thanks to Fr Michael, Fr John Zhao, Deacon Peter, Sandy, Alex, Anne-Marie Maw, Jake Knowles, Amanda Steer, Kym Waters, Peter Bowden, MOM Community Life hospitality team, musicians, choir members and everyone who assisted in any way with the First Communion Masses at St Agatha's and OLHC. Congratulations to all the children and many thanks to the parents who supported them during their faith journey.



Thank you for your generous support of the Annual Catholic Campaign! Your gift helps educate our future priests, care for unwell priests, ensures children from families in hardship have access to Catholic education, and reaches out to our neighbours in vulnerable circumstances.



Alpha announcement

Our next Alpha will be for 18 to 35 year olds and will run after the 5.30pm Mass at **St Agatha's from 29/9/24**. More info to follow.

Enrolments for the

Sacrament of

PENANCE

Closing soon!

Also known as Reconciliation in the 1st Rite or Confession.

(Open to all children **Year 5 and up** who have already received Baptism, Confirmation and First Eucharist!)

ENROLMENTS CLOSE THURSDAY SEPTEMBER 5TH 2024

For preparation schedule and enrolment form please visit one of the following websites:

St Agatha's Parish

Clayfield
<https://clayfieldparish.org.au/penance/>



Mother of Mercy Parish

Hamilton, Hendra, Northgate
<https://www.motherofmercyparish.org.au/penance-reconciliation.html>



Couples celebrating their 50th Wedding Anniversary or more are invited to attend, together with family and friends

Golden Wedding Anniversary Mass

Saturday 28th September 2024 11:30am

RSVP: Wednesday 25 September
 Email: cathedral@bne.catholic.net.au
 Phone: 3324 3030
 The Cathedral car park will be available

To be celebrated by Archbishop Mark Coleridge

In every direction from our parish, there are families—often unseen and unheard—struggling to keep a roof over their heads. Our local St. Vincent de Paul members are the hands behind the help for these families and individuals. **We are looking for new members.** Your level of involvement can be flexible, allowing you to contribute as much or as little time as you can spare. For information on how you can become involved, please contact Monica Johnson in the Parish Office.

Stop the anti-faith Anti-Discrimination Bill

The “*Respect at Work and Other Matters*” Bill is set to go before Parliament in the week of September 8th, the last sitting days before the election. This bill, in its current form, will have serious impact on all churches and faith-based organisations:

Our Church leaders have sought meetings with the Government, to address our concerns and offer solutions. To date, they have not met with us.

We know that politicians respond when they receive lots of letters from people in their electorate. We need both sides of politics to commit to opposing or fixing this bill.

The Archdiocese has created a website to make it easy to find and write to your MP: <https://contactyourmp.org.au/qld>

There is further information on sheets at the church doors.

Please take 5 minutes to write to your MP today.



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.



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,

MENS DINNER

DETAILS

WHEN: SATURDAY 12TH
OCTOBER 2024
DINNER FROM 6PM
PAUL FROM 7PM

COST: \$15 TO COVER
CHICKEN & SALAD
(BYO - LIMITED ALCOHOL
PROVIDED)

WHERE: OLHC PARISH
CENTRE
(9 BOWMAN ST, HENDRA)

RSVP: MONDAY 7TH OCTOBER
SMS TO JOEL OR BILL

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JOEL PERKINS: 0438 241 524
BILL NOTT ON 0418 183 400

Guest Speaker: Paul Ninnes—Real Talk: Paul is the Managing Director of **Real Talk Australia**. Real Talk is Australia's largest human persons and relationships education organisation, presenting over 5000 speaking sessions over the last 10 years, reaching over 300,000 people live. Paul uses his powerful life story and builds on 15 years youth ministry experience to present a life-changing message to thousands of young people every year.

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, 6th Sept, 2024 at 7.30pm.**

For more information, contact Len Airey on 0421 977 849 or by email to lenpatairey@gmail.com

A Catholic Mental Wellbeing morning is held weekly on a **Wednesday morning at 58 Morgan Steet, The Valley.**

Participants who would enjoy a morning of companionship, reflection and prayer, and to celebrate Mass followed by a light lunch are most welcome to attend. For more details please contact Judy Norris Ph 3324 3193 or email: judy.norris@bne.centacare.net.au



NEWS FROM OUR PARISH SCHOOLS

Our Lady Help of Christians Catholic Primary School

Our OLHC Long Lunch was a great success on Saturday and so lovely to have some of our parishioners in attendance.

The school was abuzz again on Thursday morning as we celebrated the Dad and dad figures in our lives with a BBQ breakfast followed by a beautiful whole school liturgy led by our Early Years students.

Have a great week ahead!

Kym Waters APRE (OLHC School Hendra)

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



St Agatha's Catholic Primary School

Our new mural has been installed at St Agatha's to celebrate our centenary! Thank you to the Hayes family whose winning auction bid secured a beautiful piece installed by the artist Drapl. On Monday our senior students held a cupcake stall to raise funds for the RSPCA. Thank you to our families for supporting this cause and to our families for baking the sweet treats.



This week we acknowledged our fathers, grandfathers and special father figures through a Father's Day Liturgy. Every blessing to our amazing Dads for Sunday!

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

Growth, Friendship, Faith.

Sunday Mass Rosters

Date	Reader Clayfield 8am Mass	Reader Clayfield 5:30pm Mass	Reader OLHC 9:30am Mass	Eucharistic Minister OLHC 9:30am Mass
1 Sept	<i>Family Mass</i>	Declan Harte Giselle Hossinger	Robyn Jeynes Roselyn Rayappan	Robyn Jeynes Kate McLean
8 Sept	Amanda Bell Matthew Crossley/ Julia Dixon	Louis Currie Joel Perkins	George, Clara and Sylvie Shillington	Pat Shine Dona Rotolone

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



MASSSES IN THE PARISHES (FROM 1 SEPTEMBER 2024)

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

NEXT WEEK'S READINGS

8 SEPTEMBER 2024

TWENTY-THIRD SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

First Reading: Is 35:4-7

Second Reading: James 2:1-5

Gospel: Mk 7:31-37



Commemoration of Saints September 2024

Tues 3 St Gregory the Great, pope, doctor **MEMORIAL**

Fri 6 **SPRING EMBER DAY** (Ember Days mark the beginning of each of the four seasons. These are special days of prayer and penance, focussing on the environment, the seasons and God's providence.)



Sat 7 Saturday Mass of the Blessed Virgin Mary

Pray for us....

A VOCATION VIEW: Thank God our struggles of faith can be ultimately overcome through prayer, perseverance, and love. 'Do what the word tells you'. Be doers of the word.



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



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/>

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

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