



Newsletter

CATHOLIC PARISHES

Clayfield ● Hendra ● Hamilton ● Northgate



Twenty-Fourth Sunday in Ordinary Time

15 SEPTEMBER 2024

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Our Lady Help of Christians Primary School

23 Bowman St, Hendra Phone: 3268 3070

School Principal: Mr Adam Bennie

APRE: Kym Waters

The very heart of our Christian faith is the mystery of the Incarnation. God didn't simply say nice things to us or merely offer a few hollow sentiments of encouragement. Rather, God acted on our behalf, becoming one of us in the person of Jesus.



In Christ, the goodwill of God, expressed in the words of Scripture, becomes a living word—flesh and blood—and is expressed in the more powerful language of good works. We see this in Christ's acts of healing, compassion, and mercy, but, above all, we witness this upon the Cross, where Jesus offers himself, in tangible, concrete action, on our behalf.

Given this example of Christ, it's little wonder, then, that St James insists our faith, if it is to be truly faith, must be more than simply words or kind sentiments. Good sentiments are useless unless they are incarnated in good works. As Christians, we are called to be disciples of Jesus, which is to say, we study and learn from the life of the teacher. This discipleship doesn't take on the shape of purely scholarly study; rather, it's more like an apprenticeship, implying an imitation of Christ. Jesus affirmed this when he taught: "The disciple will be like his master." To live out the Christian faith is to follow Jesus, not simply in name, but in the manner of our lives.

To be clear, St James is not speaking to the later church debate surrounding the idea of 'salvation by faith alone vs good works'. For sure, works by themselves are not the source of our salvation. It is faith in Christ that is necessary, and that faith finds its necessary expression in our good works. Therefore, let us live what we believe.

Blessings,

Fr. Michael.



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

15 September 8.00am Mass Morning tea following Mass
 Hosted by Mel Lillcrap, Anna Chetcuti & Karlie Keating
5.30pm Mass
PIZZA NIGHT TO FOLLOW MASS

What's happening in MOM Parish this week

Sun 15 Sept Morning tea following 9.30am Mass (Parish courtyard OLHC)
 11.00am *Lectio Divina* (Parish Centre)
Wed 18 Sept EB Parish Retreat 2024 *"In Conversation with Jesus"*
 9.00am—12noon (Parish Centre)

St Agatha's Parish Messages....

- ◆ **TAP N GO—DONATION TAP POINT:** Our parish has installed a new donation terminal, located at the door of the church. Please follow the prompts to activate the device then select your donation and tap your card or mobile. **Thank you for your generous support of the Parish.**
- ◆ **Children's Liturgy for Prep to Year 4 this Sunday 15 September** at the 8am Mass. We invite children to come along to learn more about Jesus and the gospel through child-friendly, engaging activities.
- ◆ **St Agatha's Parish Census:** Thank you to everyone who completed a Parish Census form. The winner of the \$250 Norman Hotel voucher will be drawn soon!!



Baptismal Joy!!

This Sunday at St Agatha's we welcome with great joy two new members of Christ's faithful people:

George Hood, son of Millar and Zahlia
Sullivan Bradbury, son of Caitlin.

May they always know God's love and the support of this Christian Community.

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- ◆ **THANK YOU— BIRTHDAYS CELEBRATION:** A very special thank you to our MOM Community Life team who beautifully coordinate the birthday celebrations for parish birthdays each month. Last Sunday the combined August and September birthdays of our Parish family members were celebrated in great style! The morning tea and cake for October birthdays will be held on Sunday 26 October after the 9.30am Mass at OLHC. **All most welcome!!**



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

In our prayers we remember. . . .

Those who have died recently:

Malcolm Mulcare, Jan Power

Those whose anniversaries occur at this time:

Frank Maguire, Jim Cuming, Jim Duncan, Robert Maguire



WE PRAY FOR....

The Recently Deceased: Nil

Anniversaries: Ines Ambrosini, Mary Adams, Paul Richard Pawlowski, Mary Elizabeth Kelly, Callum Brian McKerr, Judith Ann Bakhsh, Dr Bernard Raymond Mason, John Joseph Bein, Fr Ben Macajes SVD, Sarah Marley, Paula and George Ferguson

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



"In Conversation with Jesus" Parish Retreat 2024

Wednesday, 18th September
9am to 12noon
Parish Centre, Hendra

Take time to step away from the demands of everyday life and immerse yourself in the presence of God. The morning will provide opportunity for prayer, input and fellowship.



Discover the Treasures of the Gospel of John!

Are you ready to embark on a transformative journey through one of the most profound books of the New Testament? Join us for an enlightening course on the **Gospel of John** and begin to unlock its mysteries, deepen your faith and transform your life.

Course Highlights:

- Dive into the themes, symbols, and narratives that make the Gospel of John unique.
- Understand the historical and cultural backdrop of John's writings.
- Explore this Gospel's profound spiritual messages and their relevance to our lives today.
- Engage in thought-provoking discussions with fellow learners.

◆ **Course runs over four sessions: October 9, October 16, October 23, October 30.**

Each session will run twice: at **9.30am – 11am**, and repeated at **7pm – 8.30pm**.

◆ **Location:** Mother of Mercy Parish centre, 9 Bowman St, Hendra.

◆ **Cost:** Your time and openness!

We look forward to journeying with you!



How might YOU contribute to our 18-35's ALPHA?

- Pray for participants and team
- Drop off baked food or sandwiches, or **donate \$**

Our next Alpha starts **Sunday 29/9 at 6.30pm.**

St Agatha's Church, Clayfield

Who will you invite?

Whilst weekly participation is the ideal we can work around absences. We will share some food @6.30pm, watch a video, discuss in small groups and finish by 8.30pm.

We hope that you will invite some of the 18-35 year olds you know to join us.

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Pilgrimage to Marian Valley on Saturday, 28 September 2024
celebrating the Feast of St. Lorenzo Ruiz and St. Pedro Calungsod. Bus transport is available for \$30pp return. Pick-up time/venues: 6:30am Holy Spirit church, Bray Park; 7:00am Sacred Heart church, Sandgate; 7:15am Bus Stop along Handford Rd opposite St. Flannans church, Zillmere; 7:30am Bus Stop along Appleby Rd. opposite Queen of Apostles church, Stafford. For booking and further info, Jima 0432374239

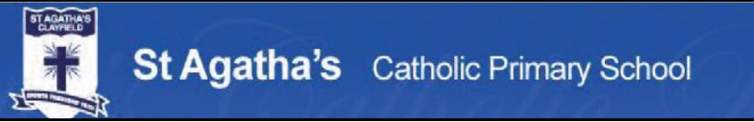
Men's Dinner: Saturday 12th October 2024

Mother of Mercy Parish Centre (9 Bowman St, Hendra)
Dinner from 6pm : Guest Speaker—**Paul Nines** from 7pm
Cost: \$15 to cover chicken and salad (BYO limited alcohol provided)
RSVP: Monday 7 October

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

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.



St Agatha's Catholic Primary School

St Agatha's School has *limited vacancies* in 2025

Prep – Year 6

For details phone 3326 9222 or visit www.stagathasclayfield.qld.edu.au/enrolments



DATE CLAIMERS

St Agatha—Patron Saint of Breast Cancer
October 2024



Breast Cancer Awareness Month

- Sunday 6th October 8.00am Mass**
Special Blessing in Mass & Longest Morning Pink Tea following Mass
- Sunday 13th October 8.00am Mass—Family Mass (wear pink)**
- Sunday 20th October 8.00am Mass**
Morning Tea following Mass at both of these 8am Masses
- 5.30pm Mass**
Pink Delights and Pizza following Mass
- Sunday 27th October 8.00am Mass**
Morning Tea following Mass

RETREAT DAY

SATURDAY 28th SEPTEMBER

(Sponsored by the Knights of the Southern Cross)



An annual retreat day is being held, open to all adults, on Saturday 28th September in the Parish Centre, adjacent to Corpus Christi Church Nundah.

Fr. Chris Hanlon will conduct the retreat.

The day begins with morning tea (supplied) at **10am**. The first session is from 10.30 until 11.30am followed by Mass at noon. Lunch follows, with the second session from 1.30 until 2.30pm.

After summing up and questions the day concludes before 3pm.

BYO lunch. Tea and coffee provided. For info and booking contact:

John James 0459 950 070 or Tom Cusack 0419 643 987

NEWS FROM OUR PARISH SCHOOLS

Our Lady Help of Christians Catholic Primary School

Another busy term has flown by and we are ready to rest and reset during the Spring holidays, so we can be ready to take on our final term for the 2024 school year. The renovations to the Early Years building (aka old administration building) are progressing well and works are planned to be completed by October.



We warmly welcome our parishioners to get a table together for our OLHC Trivia Night on Saturday the 12th October, which will be a great evening for the community. See more information on flyers at the church notice boards or on the school and parish websites.

Go gently in the next couple of weeks.

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 final week of Term 3 was vibrant and fun at St Agatha's Clayfield. On Monday our Year 5 and 6 students took part in BCE's STEM MAD showcase at the Brisbane Convention Centre. On Tuesday our Year 2 students took part in an excursion to the Qld Museum and GOMA. On Wednesday, our Year 4-6 students enjoyed a visit from author Carla Fitzgerald and our Year 3 students enjoyed an excursion to Portside to see whether 'Runt' the movie was better than the book! On Thursday our Prep students took part in a beautiful liturgy and on Friday we celebrated our 'Growth, Friendship, Faith' of the term in our 'Spotlight on Learning' captured in the newsletter. On behalf of our entire community, we thank our families for another wonderful term. Be safe in the holidays and we will see you in Term 4!



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

** There are limited vacancies in some year groups for 2025 at St Agatha's.

** **Open Day** will be held on Friday 1st November from 8:45am - 10:15am.

<https://www.stagathasclayfield.qld.edu.au/Pages/default.aspx>

Growth, Friendship, Faith.

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.

Sunday Mass Rosters

Date	Reader Clayfield 8am Mass	Reader Clayfield 5:30pm Mass	Reader OLHC 9:30am Mass	Eucharistic Minister OLHC 9:30am Mass
15 Sept	Andrew Pippia Nik Kure	Catie Kelly Giselle Hossinger	Trish Dunn Rosemary Woods	Barbara Nelson Robyn Jeynes
22 Sept	Dianne Eden Nick Eden	Karen Birtles Louis Currie	Neville Canham Volunteer	Lorelei Gozzard Dona Rotolone

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

- **TAP N GO—DONATION tap point:** Our parish has installed a new donation terminal, located at the door of the church. Please follow the prompts to activate the device then select your donation and tap your card or mobile.
- Place your offerings in the collection plate at Mass
- Direct Debit (please contact Parish Office)
- 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



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.

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Another way to donate easily is via the **PARISH GIVING APP:** Scan the QR code (*shown here, or the code attached to the 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.

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

A VOCATION VIEW: We do not promote an easy life. But then no life worth living is an easy life. Jesus said, "If you wish to come after me, you must deny your very self, take up your cross and follow me". Pray for the gift of being able to accept our vocation.

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

NEXT WEEK'S READINGS

22 SEPTEMBER 2024

TWENTY-FIFTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

First Reading: Wis 2:12, 17-20

Second Reading: James 3:16 - 4:3

Gospel: Mk 9:30-37



Commemoration of Saints September 2024

Mon 16 Sts Cornelius, *pope, martyr* and Cyprian, *bishop, martyr*
MEMORIAL

Tues 17 St Hildegard of Bingen, *virgin, doctor* and St Robert Bellarmine, *bishop, doctor*

Thur 19 St Januarius, *bishop, martyr*

Fri 20 **Sts Andrew Kim Taegon, priest, martyr, Paul Chong Hasang and companions, martyrs**
MEMORIAL



Sat 21 St Matthew, *apostle, evangelist* **FEAST Pray for us....**

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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