



Newsletter

CATHOLIC PARISHES

Clayfield ● Hendra ● Hamilton ● Northgate



Twenty-Fifth Sunday in Ordinary Time

22 SEPTEMBER 2024

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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

Wherever there is community, there will always be difference: differences of opinion, vision, method, personality, priority, and so on. This is normal and should not be seen as a problem. Difference doesn't necessarily lead to disharmony, though it can. This is the essence of the warning issued by St. James in this weekend's second reading, and it is worth paying attention to. Disharmony and disunity do real damage to the Body of Christ.



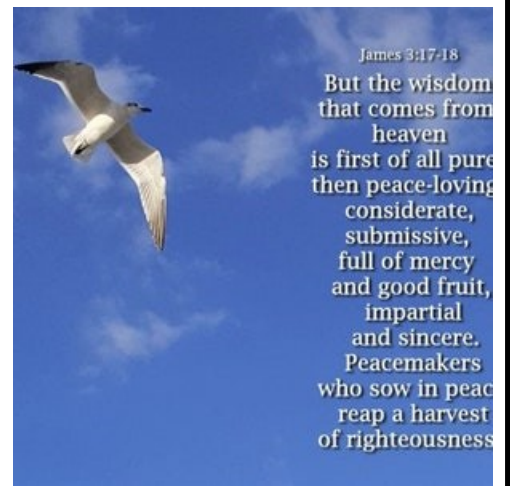
St. James calls us to embrace a number of virtues essential for community life. Firstly, he urges us to pursue wisdom rather than simply what we want. This is where our diversity can be a great strength, as we bring together the wisdom of the whole community in pursuit of the common good and the mission of the Church. It's important for each of us to remember that no one person has all the wisdom, and when a diversity of opinions is brought to the table, it usually leads to a better outcome.

Inevitably, there will be some issues where complete agreement is not possible. Here, St. James calls us to be peacemakers. Sometimes we must give way and accept. We should focus on the core, central things we do agree on, and not get hung up on peripheral issues.

Finally, we should pray. Prayer is vital—both at a personal level and as a community. This is what it means to pray "properly"; we pray as Jesus taught us: "Thy will be done, Thy kingdom come, on earth as it is in heaven."

Let us continue to pray for our community, that the Holy Spirit of wisdom will guide us. May we grow in our commitment to love one another, forgive, and pursue our mission in a spirit of unity and peace.

**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

22 September **8.00am Mass** Morning tea following Mass
Hosted by Linett & Grevin, Biju & Dani, Mary & Josy

5.30pm Mass

What's happening in MOM Parish this week

Sun 22 Sept Morning tea following 9.30am Mass
(Parish courtyard OLHC)

11.00am *Lectio Divina* (Parish Centre)

St Agatha's Parish Messages....

- ♦ **Children's Liturgy** will resume **Sunday 6 October**, at the 8am Mass.
- ♦ **Clayfield Parish office** will be closed on **Friday 27 September**.
- ♦ **Thank you:** Many thanks to everyone who help in anyway with the morning teas and 5.30pm Pizza evenings. Your assistance is greatly appreciated and the parish is blessed to have such wonderful support from you all!!
- ♦ If anyone has lost a "Spriggy" VISA card, please contact the Clayfield Parish office 3262 2859.



Baptismal Joy!!

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

- Jack Maguire*, son of Mark and Danielle
- Sullivan Gibson*, son of Ross and Courtney
- Henry Moloney*, son of Shannon
- Addison O'Connor*, daughter of Glenn and Kaitlyn
- Thea Tran*, daughter of Khai and Phuong.

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

MOM Parish Messages....

- ♦ **WELCOME AND THANKS:** We warmly welcome Fr Frank O'Dea who is celebrating Friday (27/9) morning's Mass with us at St John's. We thank him for his kind assistance to Mother of Mercy Parish.
- ♦ **Parish Birthdays:** The next celebration for our October birthdays is **Sunday 26 October**, so please come along and join us! The Birthday Book is at the Coffee Spot in the Parish Centre Courtyard—please add your name!



DATE CLAIMER

Parish Women's Catch-up—Sat 12 October 2024

Would you like to get to know some more women from our parish?

More details to follow shortly!

Children and non-parishioners welcome.



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

In our prayers we remember. . . .

Those who have died recently:

Ryan Batchelor, Malcolm Mulcare

Those whose anniversaries occur at this time:

Frank Maguire



WE PRAY FOR....



The Recently Deceased: Terry Eagle

Anniversaries: Bishop Henry Kennedy, Emma and John Curtin, Mary Bridget "Maureen" Byrne, Maureen Ann O'Connor, Marie Clare Fisher

The Sick: Patrick (Paddy) Ryan, Rosaria Fazio, 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

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 **NEXT 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.

Info: [Have Open Conversations about the Christian Faith, Try Alpha](#)

Promo Video: [afs_australian_edition_trailer \(with subtitles\) \(540p\) 61sec.mp4 - OneDrive](#)

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.



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!

Men's Dinner: Saturday 12th October 2024

Mother of Mercy Parish Centre (9 Bowman St, Hendra)

Dinner from 6pm : Guest Speaker from 7pm—**Paul Nannes**, from **Real Talk**

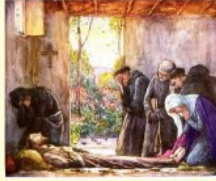
Cost: \$15 to cover chicken and salad (BYO limited alcohol provided)

RSVP: Monday 7 October

JOEL PERKINS: 0438 241 624
BILL NOTT ON 0418 183 400



You are invited to the celebration of the Vigil Feast of The Transitus of St Francis with the Franciscan Family



Ceremony commences at 6.30 pm
Thursday 3rd October 2023
At St Therese and St Anthony Church
"The Little Flower"

80 Turner Road, Kedron
If you have any questions, please contact the
Parish Office on 32674825
or Email: kedron@bne.catholic.net.au

ANNUAL PARISH PILGRIMAGE TO MARIAN VALLEY

Date: Saturday, 05 October 2024.

Place: The Shrine of Our Lady Help of Christians
(Marian Valley, Canungra). GPS: 2541 Beechmont Rd, Witheren

Our annual parish pilgrimage to Marian Valley falls on the Feast Day of Saint Faustina. This year it is more significant and memorable with the blessing and opening of the newly built Divine Mercy Chapel. This event will help strengthen the Divine Mercy devotion that Holy Spirit Catholic Parish has been doing for more than 10 years. You are invited to this memorable occasion.

Celebrant & Homilist
Bishop Columba Macbeth-Green OSPPE
Wilcannia-Forbes Diocese



10.00am Holy Hour, Exposition, Rosary, Confession
11.00am Solemn Mass at the Divine Mercy Chapel
for the blessing & opening of the Chapel
12.30pm Lunch (available at the Shrine)
1.30pm Eucharistic Procession to Fatima Grotto
for the 1st Saturday Devotions
3.00pm Divine Mercy Hour

If you have any questions or need further information, feel free to contact
Jan at 0438 721 447 or Maureen at 0413 136 544.
Cost \$30. RSVP 27 September

Blessing & Opening
DIVINE MERCY CHAPEL

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.

Date Claimer: Invitation to attend.

Fr Mark Raper SJ Talk - 'The Escalating Crisis in Myanmar and the Role of the Church'

will be held on Thursday 10 October at 7.00pm in St Ignatius Church, Kensington Tce, Toowong. Entry is free, however donations will be collected for Jesuit Mission's work in Myanmar. All are welcome to join us or alternatively view online at St Ignatius Parish YouTube Channel - https://youtube.com/live/i8JXjQNLvgE?feature=share&fbclid=IwZXh0bgNhZW0CMTAAAR3x-nCeQ4v8VJ_g8HxdmRYvhOyIQgL5AlkxSap2Tr3SB8K3ciKn3fADltc_aem_DKAwsHwwDSbEMAiqfgjxqQ

EMERGENCY EVACUATION PLAN

We ask all parishioners to please make themselves familiar with the Emergency Evacuation Plans that are located at the Church doors. In the unlikely event of the need for an emergency evacuation of the Church, please immediately and calmly proceed to the nearest exit and gather at the meeting point as outlined in the plan.



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

NEWS FROM OUR PARISH SCHOOLS

Our Lady Help of Christians Catholic Primary School

It has been a busy term, filled with many successes for our students and school, including our Choir at QCMF, Book Week, Zone 6 Gala Sports Day, P and F Long Lunch, Father's Day Breakfast and Liturgy and Dance Concert, just to name a few!



Term 4 brings the culmination of lots of great work achieved by the students, staff, parents and community of OLHC this year. Next term, we look forward to continuing our transition program for our Prep 2025, opening our newly renovated building, celebrating World Teacher's Day, Grandparents Day, our Christmas Carols Concert and lots more.

We wish all families a great term break, full of rest and relaxation in preparation for another fruitful term.

Amanda Steer (Acting Principal) OLHC School Hendra

From Kym Waters APRE: I am going to be taking long service leave for weeks 1 and 2 of next term. I wish everyone a safe and life-giving break so you can bring all the good vibe energy back into our final term for 2024.

Kym Waters APRE (OLHC School Hendra)

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



St Agatha's Catholic Primary School

* 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.



Sunday Mass Rosters

Date	Reader Clayfield 8am Mass	Reader Clayfield 5:30pm Mass	Reader OLHC 9:30am Mass	Eucharistic Minister OLHC 9:30am Mass
22 Sept	Dianne Eden Nick Eden	Karen Birtles Louis Currie	Neville Canham Volunteer	Lorelei Gozzard Dona Rotolone
29 Sept	Annette Riba Paul Bartles	Andre Marino Amelia Marino-Cebulski	Serena Varendorff Bill Nott	Louise Nott Kate McLean

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.

MASSES 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: When Jesus says, "If you wish to rank first, you must remain the last one of all and the servant of all", many people could immediately turn and walk away. Are you willing to serve as Jesus did?



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

29 SEPTEMBER 2024

TWENTY-SIXTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME



First Reading: Num 11:25-29

Second Reading: James 5:1-6

Gospel: Mk 9:38-43, 45, 47-48

Commemoration of Saints September 2024

- Mon 23** St Pius of Pietrelcina, *priest* **MEMORIAL**
Thur 26 Sts Cosmas and Damian, *martyrs*
Fri 27 St Vincent de Paul, *priest* **MEMORIAL**
Sat 28 St Wenceslaus, *martyr*
 Saints Lawrence Ruiz and companions, *martyrs*
 Saturday Mass of the Blessed Virgin Mary



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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