



Newsletter

CATHOLIC PARISHES

Clayfield ● Hendra ● Hamilton ● Northgate



FIRST SUNDAY OF ADVENT

1 DECEMBER 2024

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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

Gospel Reflection (Charles Nguyen—seminarian)



As we celebrate the First Sunday of Advent, we are met with an interesting reading that presents a heartfelt teaching from Saint Paul the Apostle. As I reflected on the prayer of thanksgiving from Saint Paul to the Thessalonian community, I understood that we are also invited to pray the same prayer for one another. Lord Jesus has come into our world for the first time in Bethlehem, and He promised that He would come again. In Greek, this is called Parousia, meaning 'The coming of the Lord'.

For each of us, the coming of the Lord—the End Time—is the moment of death. Father Michael said, in one of his homilies, that there are two attitudes when approaching the Lord: joyfulness and fear. The Lord is unchanging in His love for us; it is we who constantly change our choices, whether by removing ourselves from such love because of sin, or by embracing love through leaning on the Lord for strength and faith against temptations.

Just like the Thessalonian community, who at the time were waiting for the imminent second coming of Lord Jesus Christ, we too must prepare ourselves earnestly so as "to be blameless in holiness" as we await Lord Jesus in exultation and hopefulness, not in fear or worry. Advent is the time of waiting for the coming of the Lord, and we wait, according to Saint Paul, by loving one another and loving more than we already have.

Lord Jesus has said: "Whoever listens to you listens to me" (Lk 10:16) and "If anyone loves me, he will keep my word" (Jn 14:23). As Saint Paul reminds the community of the instructions and teachings they have been given, we too are reminded that we have been given the same instructions, teachings, and expectations. We must strive to uphold them, even in our weaknesses.

Thus, we must hold one another accountable—not in a condemning manner, but lovingly and encouragingly as neighbours and as a community. Let us challenge each other to live as children of the Father in this season of Advent, so that we may better prepare ourselves to welcome the coming of Christ, both at Christmas and when He comes again in glory.



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

- Sunday 1 Dec** 8.00am Mass Morning Tea following Mass
Hosted by Marie Deuble and Jane Cameron
5.30pm Mass
- Monday 2 Dec** 9.00am St Agatha's End of School year Mass

St Agatha's Parish Messages....

- ♦ **Children's Liturgy** this Sunday 1st December.
- ♦ **St Agatha's Choir practice for Christmas, Thursday 5 Dec 6-7pm.** New members are always welcome. If you would like to be a part of the choir, please contact Robyn Cuming on 0414 861 988.
- ♦ **St Agatha's SVDP Christmas Appeal:** The St Agatha's Clayfield SVDP Conference is commencing its **Christmas Appeal** this Sunday 1st December. Please give generously to this Appeal, so that the Conference can continue to provide critical support to those who request assistance. **Appeal envelopes can be found on the pews.** The **SVDP Giving Tree** is loaded with gift ideas which will help bring a smile to others on Christmas Day. You are encouraged to take a tag and return the gift and leave it at the base of the tree. Gifts to be in by **Sunday 22nd December**, so that gifts/hampers can be distributed for Christmas. You may also leave the gift at the Parish Office.
- ♦ **Christmas Raffle:** Tickets for the Christmas Raffle will be on sale next **Sunday 8th December**. Tickets are \$2 each or 3 for \$5. Raffle will be drawn on Sun 22nd Dec at the 8am Mass.



DATE CLAIMER—100 year anniversary of St Agatha's Church.
Saturday 5 April 2025 - 11am Mass followed by a light lunch.



- ♦ **Columban Art Calendars 2025** are available for sale at the Piety Stall for \$10.00 each. Please see Liz at the 8am Mass to purchase your copy or contact Rosemary at the Parish Office.

Kate Leighton will be received into Full Initiation into the Catholic Church next Sunday 8 December at St Agatha's 5.30pm Mass. Please join Kate and her family on this wonderful occasion.



In our prayers we remember. . . .

Those who have died recently:

Paul Lillicrap, Ivan Prgomet, Marc Milleret

Those whose anniversaries occur at this time:

Len Williamson, Joseph Juan Riba

Those who are ill: Nick Eden



What's happening in MOM Parish this week

- Sun 1 Dec** Morning tea after 9.30am Mass (Parish courtyard OLHC)
11.00am *Lectio Divina* (Parish Centre)
- Wed 4 Dec** 8.45am OLHC End of School year Mass

MOM Parish Messages....

- ♦ **REMINDER: MEN'S EVENT AND WOMEN'S CATCH-UP:** These events will be held next Friday evening—see notices next page.
- ♦ **Hendra Branch of St Vincent de Paul—Christmas Appeal weekend and Giving Tree:** The Hendra SVDP Branch is commencing its Christmas Appeal with an Appeal weekend on **8—9 December**. Parishioners are also invited to donate to our **Christmas Giving Tree**. Non-perishable goods for SVDP Christmas hampers would be welcomed. The tree will be in the churches from this weekend 1 Dec. All support is greatly appreciated.
- ♦ **ADVENT & CHRISTMAS REFLECTION BOOKS AVAILABLE:** The EB booklet "Hope Reigns—Group and Individual Reflections for Advent 2024" is available at the church doors. A \$5.00 donation can be placed in the donation boxes nearby.



Festive Treats Competition

Get ready for the Festive Treats Showdown!

When: December 8th, after 9.30am OLHC Mass.

Want to join the fun? Just scan the QR code to register your delicious goodies! Kids and grown-ups alike are welcome to whip up some holiday magic!



LECTIO DIVINA for Advent—This Sunday 1 December
11-11.45am Parish Centre, Hendra All very welcome!!

WE PRAY FOR....

Recently deceased: Edward McKerr, Lewis Hemon

Anniversaries: Margaret Plumley, Thelma Manwaring, Helen May Riley, Angela Sturges, Audrey Catherine Ryan, Antoinette Ira Moss, Carmel Holt, Monica Nugent, Brody Erwin, Fr Owen Oxenham, Margaret Murphy, Kirstin and George Boldemann, Sr Mary Stanislaus rsm

Sick: Louise Canham, Angela Krista, Rosaria Fazio, Elizabeth Cook, Wendy Tunin, Anita Kelley, Wayne O'Toole, Michael Hardy, Maria Ward



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

15th Anniversary of Ordination—Fr Michael Grace

Fr Michael celebrates the 15th anniversary of his Ordination next Sunday 8 December. We warmly invite parishioners to join Fr Michael in some celebratory refreshments after Masses:

- ♦ 4.30pm Vigil Mass at St Cecilia's, Hamilton (Sat 7 Dec)
- ♦ 8.00am Mass at St Agatha's, Clayfield (Sun 8 December)



Our Lady Help of Christians Church
invites you to

"Christmas on the Green"

5pm

(finish approx. 6.30pm)

Sunday 15 December 2024

On the lawn behind the church, Bowman Street, Hendra.

Come and join us for Christmas Carols at a joyous Christmas celebration.

Wear festive gear in **red** or **green**!

Sausage sizzle provided

Just bring all your family – and a blanket or chairs for your comfort, your esky, drinks, and extra food or snacks you may wish to bring for your family.

Role Nominations!



Calling all children to be part of the Christmas Eve Nativity Performance! We are looking for...

**Mary ~ Joseph ~ Three Wise Men ~
Shepherds ~ Angel Gabriel**

St Agatha's Church Children's Nativity Performance
24th December. **5:55pm start.**
Christmas Vigil Mass starts at 6:00pm.

No rehearsal required!
The performance is a simple procession down the aisle to a song.
Copy the actions!
Please wear your home-made costume.

Interested? Email Sandy your child's name, age and your phone number by
Thursday 12th December.
cantaruttis@bne.catholic.net.au



All children and parents are invited to come to Mass dressed as an angel, shepherd, wise man or farm animal! All children shall be included in the performance!

MENS DINNER

DETAILS

WHEN: FRIDAY 6TH
DECEMBER 2024
DINNER FROM 6PM
FR MICHAEL FROM 7PM

COST: \$15 TO COVER
CHICKEN & SALAD
[BYO - LIMITED ALCOHOL
PROVIDED]

WHERE: OLHC PARISH
CENTRE
[9 BOWMAN ST, HENDRA]

RSVP: FRIDAY 29TH NOVEMBER
SMS TO JOEL OR BILL

MEGAVOLTS,
MONSTER BIKES
AND MINISTRY.



BRING YOUR MATES & SONS!



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

GUEST SPEAKER: Fr Michael Grace

Parish Women's Catch-up—Friday 6 December 2024

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

We'll be meeting at **Hu Tong Li**, 7 / 188 Nudgee Rd, Ascot from 5.45pm

RSVP and vote for the venue now via this link

[Women's Friday 6th December catchup venue RSVPs and Lift info.docx](#) or by speaking with Mary G or Louise N this weekend, or by contacting Monica in the Parish Office on 3268 3040 or emailing hendra@bne.catholic.net.au.

Children and non-parishioners welcome.



A School Holiday Fun & Faith Day

Thursday December 19th, 2024

Young parishioners aged 6-10 yrs are invited to the **Mother of Mercy Parish Centre, Hendra** for a day of fun, faith and fellowship.

The cost is... free!

Time: Sign in from 8:30am - Pickup at 4:30pm.

Fruit & popcorn morning tea is provided. Bring own lunch. Parent attendance is valued but not required.

Booking is essential. Please indicate your interest by emailing Sandy cantaruttis@bne.catholic.net.au

by **Thursday 12th December. Limited places available!**
A booking form will be emailed to you

Volunteers make this day possible.

Please see Louise Nott, (from OLHC) or Sandy (from St Agatha's) if you are able to donate some time.

Christmas Masses 2024

St Agatha's Parish and
Mother of Mercy Parish

Christmas Vigil Masses—Tuesday 24 December

St Cecilia's, Hamilton

4.00pm Carols and 4.30pm - Christmas Vigil Mass

Our Lady Help of Christians, Hendra

5.30pm Carols and 6.00pm - Christmas Vigil Mass

St Agatha's, Clayfield

5.30pm Carols and 6.00pm - Christmas Vigil Mass

St Agatha's, Clayfield

Midnight - Christmas Mass

Christmas Day Masses—Wednesday 25 December

St Agatha's, Clayfield

8.00am - Christmas Day Mass

Our Lady Help of Christians, Hendra

9.30am - Christmas Day Mass



St Agatha's Clayfield Limited Vacancies Prep to Year 6

Growth Friendship Faith



- Co-Educational Catholic School from Prep – 6
- Dedicated, caring teaching staff
- Outside School Hours Care
- Wide range of technology
- Welcoming Community

Phone: 07 3326 9222 | Email: pclaenrolments@bne.catholic.edu.au

INVITATION TO A HEALING MASS

Are you in need of healing prayer for you or your family?

All are invited to a **Healing Mass at St. Mary Magdalene's Church, 51 Cecil Rd, Bardon, Friday, 6th December, 2024 at 7.30pm.**

Fr. Neville Yun, PP Our Lady of the Southern Cross Parish, Springfield, will be the celebrant. The Sacrament of Healing will be administered during Mass together with a short 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

THE CATHEDRAL OF ST STEPHEN

Advent Concert Series

1st December

Featuring Christopher
Trikilis & Kevin Gomez

8th December

Vespers of the
Immaculate Conception

15th December

Featuring Dominic
Perissinotto & D'Arne
Sleeman

For more
information on
each event contact
the Cathedral office
or check out our
Facebook page

22nd December

Annual Carol Service



All concerts will be held at 5pm | Free Admission | Parking available | Everyone is welcome

NEWS FROM OUR PARISH SCHOOLS

Our Lady Help of Christians Catholic Primary School

This week saw end of year celebrations and traditions that herald the beginning of the advent season. We had our annual OLHC hot Christmas lunch on Wednesday that is always the most uplifting celebration of community spirit and generosity. Seminarian Charles was present to set the tone with grace before our meal and we gave thanks for our volunteers who help us throughout the year. Our Year 4 students were joined by Fr Michael as we shared a final blessing as a cohort for the school year. **Kym Waters AP-RE (OLHC School Hendra)**

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

St Agatha's Catholic Primary School

This week our Prep students hosted assembly on Wednesday afternoon. It is amazing to see just how far our students have come and how their confidence has grown in the last four terms.

On Thursday our students met their teachers and 2025 class group through the annual 'Moving Up Afternoon'. Our students had a great time connecting and learning more about their next year of schooling.

Our students have worked very hard on preparing for the Christmas Concert on Friday night, sharing the music and magic of Christmas movies. Finally, thank you to our families who have been very generous collecting a range of beautiful gifts for St Vincent de Paul Christmas Hamper Appeal. We know that the contributions will bring a smile to the face of those in need. Have a lovely week! **Anne-Marie Maw (Principal)**

St Agatha's Primary School Centenary 2025

Contact Email: pclapncentenary@bne.catholic.edu.au

Instagram: @stagathasschool

Facebook: stagathasclayfield



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 December	Terry Manso Nik Kure	Andre Marino Amelia Marino-Cebulski	Robyn Jeynes Roselyn Rayappan	Barbara Nelson Lorelei Gozzard
8 December	Eileen Duncan Erin Bledsoe	Chris Begley Karen Birtles	Mary Nicholls Cutella Dias	Robyn Jeynes Pat Shine

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: Be on the watch! Allow God to lead you in the ways of truth and justice. God is calling you to serve. (Jeremiah 33:14-16)



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

8 DECEMBER 2024

SECOND SUNDAY OF ADVENT

First Reading: Baruch 5:1-9

Second Reading: Phil 1:4-6, 8-11

Gospel: Lk 3:1-6



Commemoration of Saints December 2024

Tues 3 St Francis Xavier, priest MEMORIAL

Wed 4 St John Damascene, priest, doctor

Fri 6 St Nicholas, bishop

**Sat 7 St Ambrose, bishop, doctor
MEMORIAL**



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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