



# Newsletter

## CATHOLIC PARISHES

Clayfield ● Hendra ● Hamilton ● Northgate



### Thirty-first Sunday in Ordinary Time 3 NOVEMBER 2024

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 School Principal: Mr Adam Bennie  
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On the 31st Sunday in Ordinary Time Year B, we reflect on key teachings from Deuteronomy, Hebrews, and the Gospel of Mark. These readings guide us in understanding love, obedience, and Jesus' eternal priesthood.



- **Love of God:** In Deuteronomy, we are commanded to love God with all our heart, soul, and strength. This shows the importance of putting God first in our lives.
- **Obedience to Commandments:** Deuteronomy also calls us to keep God's commandments. Obeying these commandments brings us closer to God and guides our actions.
- **Jesus' Eternal Priesthood:** Hebrews emphasizes that Jesus is our eternal high priest. His priesthood is perfect and unchanging, unlike the priests of the old covenant.
- **Perfect Sacrifice:** Jesus offers himself as the perfect sacrifice for our sins. This sacrifice is once and for all, showing his great love and mercy.
- **Greatest Commandments:** In Mark, Jesus teaches that the greatest commandments are to love God and love our neighbor. These two commandments summarize the entire law and the prophets.
- **Unity of Love and Law:** Jesus' teaching in Mark unites love and law. True love for God naturally leads to loving others and keeping God's commandments.

Reflecting on these themes for the 31st Sunday in Ordinary Time Year B helps us grow in our faith and understanding. On the 31st Sunday in Ordinary Time Year B, we are reminded of God's love and our call to love him and others. © 2024 Young Catholics



**THANK YOU:** As we prepare to warmly welcome Fr Michael back from his annual leave this week, we extend a very sincere thank you to Monsignor John Grace, Fr Tom Elich, Fr John Zhao, Fr Frank O'Dea and Fr Neil Muir for assisting with Masses and funerals in the parish during this time. We warmly thank them for blessing our communities in faith.

**All Souls' Day Masses**

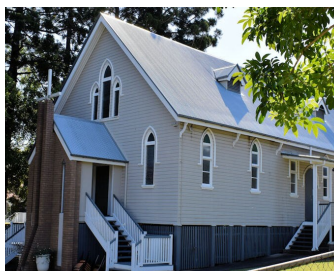
<b>All Souls</b>	Saturday 2 November	9.00am St Agatha's, Clayfield
		4.30pm St Cecilia's, Hamilton



**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

**3 November** 8.00am Mass  
Morning Tea following Mass  
Hosted by Marie Deuble, Judy & Paul Bartels and Jane Cameron  
5.30pm Mass

### St Agatha's Parish Messages....

- ♦ **Children's Liturgy for Prep to Year 4 this Sunday 3 November** at the 8am Mass. We invite children to come along to learn more about Jesus and the gospel through child-friendly, engaging activities.



Monthly  
It's the Mass- made for children!  
The second Sunday of the month,  
during school terms

# Family Mass and Morning Tea

@ Aggie's  
10th November, 2024

Bring a packet of biscuits/  
plate to share  
for after!

Would your child like to have a  
role/reading? Roles are open to all  
children!  
Please email Sandy  
[cantarutti@bne.catholic.net.au](mailto:cantarutti@bne.catholic.net.au) or  
scan this QR Code

Scan to email

### In our prayers we remember. . .

**Those who have died recently**  
Br. Owen Brown cfc, Jolyn Dodsworth



**Those whose anniversaries occur at this time:**  
Nikolaj Kure Snr, Joe & Elizabeth Majerle

## What's happening in MOM Parish this week

**Sun 3 Nov** **All Saints' Day celebration** after 9.30am Mass (morning tea in the Parish courtyard OLHC)  
11.00am *Lectio Divina* (Parish Centre)

### MOM Parish Messages....

- ♦ **All Saints' Day celebration after 9.30am Mass this Sunday 3 Nov:**  
To celebrate All Saints' Day there will be morning tea in the Parish courtyard at OLHC. Children (and adults!) are encouraged to come dressed up as their favourite saint. All very welcome!
- ♦ **Thanksgiving Morning tea—Friday 8th November—9am:** Our Parish 9.00am Anointing/Healing Mass at St John's Church, Northgate will be followed by a **Thanksgiving morning tea**. Please come along with your expressions of gratitude and a plate to share. All most Welcome!
- ♦ **EXTRA SESSIONS FOR COURSE ON THE GOSPEL OF JOHN:** There will be one extra day for the course on the Gospel of John this **Wednesday 6 November at Mother of Mercy Parish centre, 9 Bowman St, Hendra**. The session will run twice: at 9.30am – 11am, and repeated at 7pm – 8.30pm. *Sincere thanks to Vicki Ward for these excellent presentations.*
- ♦ **GOSPEL REFLECTION GROUP—LAST MEETING FOR 2024:**  
The last "Gospel Reflection Group" gathering for 2024 will be held on **Tuesday 19 November at 9.30am** in the Parish Centre Meeting Room, Hendra. All are most welcome.
- ♦ **NOVEMBER MASSES — BOOK OF REMEMBRANCE:** Parishioners are invited to write the names of their dearly departed family and friends in the Books of Remembrance found near the altar at each of the churches during the month of November. The names listed will be prayed for at each of the Masses during the month of November.



**WE PRAY FOR....**

**The Recently Deceased:** Carmel Rashford, James Power

**Anniversaries:** Maria Rotolone, Molly Oliver, Joyce Neilson, Norah Ellen Smith, John Luka Radovic, Judith Louise Shaw, Fr Michael McKeaton, Fr Edward Ryan OMI, John Metzoro

**The Sick:** 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

Please pray for the children who will be receiving their **First Reconciliations** this Wednesday 6 November at St Agatha's and Thursday 7 November at Our Lady Help of Christians. Congratulations to their parents for guiding and forming their children to participate in this wonderful sacrament of healing and of God's love.



### Mother of Mercy Parish Prayer Corner Training Day



A half-day of training will be provided for those interested in joining a team of volunteers to pray for the needs of parishioners following the OLHC 9.30am Sunday Mass. Training will be conducted by Catholic Charismatic Renewal Brisbane at the OLHC parish centre on **Saturday, 30th November** from 9.30am to 1pm. Morning tea provided.

Training will include how to provide prayer support and prayer decorum. There is no cost; however, a small donation on the day will be gratefully accepted. To register your interest, contact Lorraine 0409 999 932.

### News from the Prayer Engine and Adoration teams

**Prayer Engine (OLHC Church, Tuesdays 1-2.15pm)**

- No Prayer Engine (PE) on Melbourne Cup Day—Tuesday 5 November.
- **Tues 12 November—special commemoration of Holy Souls:**  
At the PE gathering on Tuesday, 12 November we will honour the Holy Souls. Attendees are encouraged to bring photos of dear deceased loved ones to be put on the altar. Prayers, candles and sprigs of rosemary will be shared.
- **Tues 19 November—Final PE for 2024:** On 19 November, we will have a carols Christmas theme PE. This will be our final PE in the Church for 2024. PE will resume on Tuesday 4 February 2025.

### Adoration

Adoration, however, will continue throughout the Christmas and holiday seasons as usual, from 6 am to 4 pm every Saturday. All very welcome!

**LECTIO DIVINA** Continues this Sunday 3 November  
11-11.45am Parish Centre, Hendra All very welcome!!

### Weathering the Storm

#### A Couples Workshop

Embracing psychology and Christian faith  
to help you enhance your relationship

### Weathering the Storm:

A couples workshop to be held on **23 November 2024** at Darra Jindalee Parish Hall, 111 Yallambee Road, Jindalee.

This workshop will help couples enhance their relationship through embracing psychology and Christian faith. Tickets are essential for attendance as places are limited. Please email Ella at [ella.mizzi@outlook.com](mailto:ella.mizzi@outlook.com) for more information and to book tickets.

## Thank You for Supporting Breast Cancer Awareness

We extend our heartfelt gratitude for your participation in raising awareness for breast cancer throughout October. Your commitment to this cause—whether by wearing pink, staying after Mass to share morning tea or pizzas, writing intentions, or bringing delicious plates to share—has made a meaningful impact. As we honour St. Agatha, the patron saint of breast cancer, it is fitting that we come together to support those affected by this illness in our community. Your efforts have not only raised awareness but also provided comfort and solidarity to those who need it most.

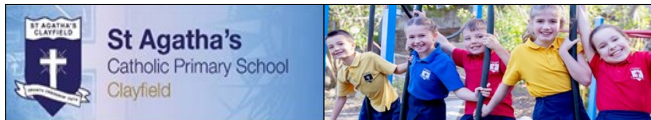
At the back of the church, you can find a photo board that beautifully captures our community gatherings following Mass. We invite you to take a moment to reflect on these shared experiences.

A special thank you goes to Sandy for her artistry in creating the lovely, knitted covering for our umbrella pillar. Your time and dedication, along with the heartfelt prayer, have touched many and truly embody the spirit of our community. The Community and Mission Council (CMC) deeply appreciates your enthusiasm and looks forward to sharing many more meaningful celebrations with you in the future.

Next year we will be celebrating 100th of St Agatha's Church. Thank you for your support and empathy.

With blessings,

Members of the Community and Mission Council



### Limited vacancies in 2025

#### Prep – Year 6

For details phone 3326 9222

or visit [www.stagathasclayfield.qld.edu.au/enrolments](http://www.stagathasclayfield.qld.edu.au/enrolments)

## 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. Morning tea after Mass. 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.

## St Agatha's Primary School Centenary

On 27 January 1925, St Agatha's School opened with 120 students. The founding Principal was Mother Patrick Madden and her staff consisted of Sisters Ignatius Kelly and Bernadette Hayman, later being joined by Sister Rita Martin.

In 2025, we look forward to a significant and exciting milestone for our school, parish and local community as we celebrate 100 years of growth, friendship and faith by honouring the past, celebrating the present and embracing the future of St Agatha's.

A Centenary Committee has been established and planning is already underway. Stay tuned for updates on events, publications, displays, merchandise and more in the lead up to this historic year.

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## Community Jumble Sale

Saturday 16 November

9am till 1.00pm

St John's Church Hall

688 Nudgee Road, Northgate

Huge selection of quality clothing, brickabrack, books, toys, plants etc. Many treasures! **CASH ONLY**



**menALIVE** is a National Catholic Ministry to Men, the purpose of which is to bring men together, to renew their faith in God and to encourage them to become an active force within the church. Through a variety of events and programs, men are invited to explore what God would want for their lives and how they might come to experience the fullness of life that God wants for us all.

**Brochures on the program / registration forms can be found on the tables in the church foyers.**

**RSVP by Monday 25th November 2024**

**Enquiries:** Tim Jones 0420 799 876

Chris Scharf 0411 127 576

## NEWS FROM OUR PARISH SCHOOLS

### Our Lady Help of Christians Catholic Primary School

This week marks the half way point of our final term for the 2024 school year! It is certainly flying by! On Friday we celebrated the Grandparents of our OLHC community with a beautiful liturgy led by our Middle Years Green class, followed by classroom visits and morning tea enjoyed down at the parish centre.

Our older students have enjoyed learning about the religious beginnings of Halloween (or "All Hallows Eve") as the festive precursor to the celebration of the Church's public commemoration of All Saints Day.

Have a great week everyone

Kym

**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

Last week St Agatha's Clayfield celebrated World Teachers' Day with a lovely assembly, coffees from the coffee van and a delicious lunch provided by our P&F. On Wednesday at Assembly we acknowledged Year 4 student Bella Emery who has received national awards for athletics.

This week the excitement of a Teddy Bears' Picnic for Catholic Mission Month along with the commencement of our canteen build and classroom refurbishment saw the school buzzing with activity.

Wishing you all a wonderful week!

**Anne-Marie Maw** (Principal)

*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
<b>3 November</b>	Nik Kure Matthew Crossley	Andre Marino Amelia Marino-Cebulski	Robyn Jeynes Roselyn Rayappan	Pat Shine Kate McLean
<b>10 November</b>	<b>Family Mass</b>	Chris Begley Joel Perkins	George, Clara and Sylvie Shillington	Barbara Nelson Robyn Jeynes

## 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](mailto: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 pray for the souls gone before us, priests, religious and lay – those who have taken their vocation of Christian service seriously. May the Lord's merciful love purify them completely, that they may look upon the face of God and rejoice forever. A Vocation dwells within us, with the powerful possibility to transform our lives and make us saints.



To talk to someone about your vocation,

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## NEXT WEEK'S READINGS

10 NOVEMBER 2024

THIRTY-SECOND SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

First Reading: 1 Kg 17:10-16

Second Reading: Heb 9:24-28

Gospel: Mk 12:38-44



## Commemoration of Saints November 2024

Mon 4 St Charles Borromeo, bishop MEMORIAL

Sat 9 The Dedication of the Lateran Basilica FEAST

*All Holy men and women*

*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/>



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.

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

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