



Newsletter

CATHOLIC PARISHES

Clayfield ● Hendra ● Hamilton ● Northgate



Thirty-second Sunday in Ordinary Time

10 NOVEMBER 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

I personally find holidays quite revealing about what really matters to me. It was wonderful to get away for a few weeks and to engage in some recreational activities. The twin themes of my break were motorbike riding and bushwalking. Happily, I was able to do a good deal of both. I love spending time in nature and enjoying God's beautiful creation, so it was a joy to visit the Snowy Mountains, the Blue Mountains, Sydney Harbour, and many other beautiful places. Nevertheless, as I always do, towards the end of my break, I found myself joyfully anticipating a return to our parish community and to the life and ministry that I know God has called me to. Holidays are important, but they don't fulfil the deepest desires of my heart.



In this weekend's second reading, the author of the Letter to the Hebrews points us to the person of Christ, who offers Himself as the sacrifice of our salvation. This is the mystery we celebrate and proclaim at each Eucharist. It is this mystery which sits at the heart of my life and ministry; to share in that mystery with you is the most important thing in my life. All of that is to say, "it's good to be back!"

Dear brothers and sisters, we can become so familiar with the mystery we celebrate that it can feel mundane. Let us remember what a beautiful truth it is that we proclaim. God loves us so much, and He enters into our brokenness with healing and mercy. He gives us the sacrament of the Eucharist as an enduring testimony of His love and a perpetual pledge of His enduring presence with us.



Blessings,
Fr. Michael.



REMEMBRANCE
DAY
Lest We Forget
11th NOVEMBER



St Agatha's Church
52 Oriol 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

10 November 8.00am Family Mass
Morning Tea following Mass
Hosted by Community and Mission Council Team
Sarah Fraser and Brooke Gordon
5.30pm Mass

St Agatha's Parish Messages....

- ◆ **No Children's Liturgy** this Sunday. Please join us for our last **Family Mass** for the year.
- ◆ The **Parish offices of St Agatha's and OLHC** will be closed on **Tuesday 12th November**. The office staff are attending a Parish Office Professionals Day.

Help Needed: Pizza Setup for St. Agatha's on 17th November

St Agatha's are seeking a parishioner/s from the 5.30pm Mass to set up the pizzas on Sunday 17th November, for the monthly gathering.

What's Involved?

Setting up the pizzas: The pizzas will be ordered and delivered directly to the church. We just need someone to arrange them for the gathering.

Cleanup: After, throw away any rubbish and pack away tables and chairs. If you're available and willing to lend a hand, please contact the parish office - clayfield@bne.catholic.net.au

Thank you for considering. Community and Mission Council



In our prayers we remember. . .

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

Those whose anniversaries occur at this time:
Hazel O'Hagan, Paul Luxton, Paula Whitman, Nikolaj Kure Snr, Joe & Elizabeth Majerle



What's happening in MOM Parish this week

Sun 10 Nov **Confirmation of George Mackay** during 9.30am Mass (OLHC)
Morning tea after 9.30am Mass (Parish courtyard OLHC)
11.00am *Lectio Divina* (Parish Centre)

MOM Parish Messages....

- ◆ **THANK YOU—All Saints' Day celebration Sunday 3 Nov:** Thank you to everyone who contributed to a happy and memorable All Saints' Day morning tea in the parish last Sunday. Well done to all the children (and adults!) who came dressed up as their favourite saint—see pics below!
- ◆ **ANNUAL CATHOLIC CAMPAIGN—THANK YOU:** Parishioners are sincerely thanked for their generous contribution to the ACC this year. The parish donated \$2,575 to support the campaign...THANK YOU!!
- ◆ **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 most warmly welcome and congratulate **George Mackay** as he receives the Sacrament of Confirmation in Mother of Mercy Parish this weekend. We ask God's blessings for George and his family.*



WE PRAY FOR....

The Recently Deceased: Carmel Rashford, Brian Warren

Anniversaries: Monsignor James Lynch, Laurel Maud Hall, John "Jack" Cannan, Thomas Joseph Robertson, Desmond James McGee, Michele Pierro, Joan Ashton, Sesirita Bishop, Julie Ann Ryan, Cyril Francisco Conan

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

All Saint's Day—Sunday 3 Nov!



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)

- ◆ **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 10 November
11-11.45am Parish Centre, Hendra All very welcome!!



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- Training provided
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- 24 hour Employee Assistance Program

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Tamara Black Ph: 0417 733 640

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!



FR. MICHAEL GRACE

NOW NEARING HIS FIRST ANNIVERSARY AS OUR PARISH PRIEST, IT'S HIGH TIME WE COME TOGETHER AND CELEBRATE BY HEARING FR MICHAEL TELL HIS STORY. FR MICHAEL GREW UP IN A FAITH FILLED ENVIRONMENT. BY NATURE HE IS A WELL-TRAVELLED AND INTREPID ADVENTURER. HE TRAINED AND WORKED AS AN ELECTRICIAN BEFORE ENTERING THE PRIESTHOOD. ABOVE ALL, HE HAS A STRONG DETERMINATION TO RESPOND TO THE CALL OF GOD. ALL THESE LIFE EXPERIENCES EMPOWER HIM TO LEAD AND INSPIRE OTHERS IN FOLLOWING JESUS.

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

Limited vacancies in 2025 Prep – Year 6

For details phone 3326 9222

or visit 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.

Contact Email: PCLAPnFCentenary@bne.catholic.edu.au
Instagram: @stagathasschool Facebook: stagathasclayfield



Parish 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 we had Orientation Day for our 2025 Prep students. The pre-preps have been visiting us for the past two terms on a regular basis and they felt right at home playing in the new playground and getting to know their teachers for next year. A **BIG** thank you to the Mother of Mercy Parish who hosted our Grandparents Day morning tea - it was such a lovely way to connect our school and parish families and serve our community together. Have a great week everyone.

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 at St Agatha's welcomed our Prep 2025 students with a 'Get Set for Prep' morning. The morning was delightful with students meeting their teacher, classmates and seeing their classroom. Our Prep 2025 parents also had a morning of learning as they joined our Primary Learning Leader Samantha Knight for a phonics and word knowledge parent workshop. Our new parents learnt about how we teach literacy skills in the early years and what they can do at home to support.

Our new canteen build is fully underway and this week we launched our naming competition where students will provide suggestions to our P&F as to what we should call our new canteen. The new name will be unveiled as part of our Centenary celebrations in early 2025.

Have a great 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
10 November	Family Mass	Chris Begley Joel Perkins	George, Clara and Sylvie Shillington	Barbara Nelson Robyn Jaynes
17 November	Jane Arkinstall Amanda Bell	Declan Harte Amelia Marino-Cebulski	Angela Devereux Cutella Dias	Louise Nott 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

NEXT WEEK'S READINGS

17 NOVEMBER 2024

THIRTY-THIRD SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

First Reading: Dan 12:1-3

Second Reading: Heb 10:11-14, 18

Gospel: Mk 13:24-32



Commemoration of Saints November 2024

Mon 11 St Martin of Tours, bishop **MEMORIAL**

Tue 12 St Josaphat, bishop, martyr **MEMORIAL**

Fri 15 St Albert the Great, bishop, doctor

Sat 16 St Gertrude, virgin

St Margaret of Scotland

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/>

A VOCATION VIEW: We are called to be apostles of unity, ourselves living in, and calling others to, communion with Christ in His Body, the Church. May we seek out opportunities to proclaim this message.



To talk to someone about your vocation,
Contact Vocation Brisbane.

P: (07) 3336 9392

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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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