



# Newsletter

## CATHOLIC PARISHES

Clayfield ● Hendra ● Hamilton ● Northgate



**Thirty-third Sunday in Ordinary Time**

**17 NOVEMBER 2024**

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**PARISH SCHOOLS:**

**St Agatha's Catholic Primary School**

6 Hunter Lane Clayfield Phone: 3326 9222

**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

This week we warmly welcome **Charles Nguyen**, seminarian at Holy Spirit Seminary, who commences a placement in our parishes from this weekend through Advent and Christmas. Charles introduces himself to us:



*My name is Phu Gia Bao Nguyen (Charles Nguyen – my Confirmation Saint is Charles Borromeo) and I was born and raised in Vietnam, Saigon for 15 years before coming to Australia in 2018. I studied High School at Corinda State for 3 years, 10-12, and graduated in 2021.*

*I went on NET Ministries in 2022 and was placed in Wollongong to serve for that whole year, bringing young people closer to Jesus. That year was a year of true growth, as I was challenged to move out of my comfort zone, meet strangers and be the conversation starter, and live with people who were from different cultures and backgrounds but shared the same, one true Faith, and soon became my team brothers and sisters.*

*I joined the Seminary in 2023 and am currently a second year Seminarian. NET has shaped me and prepared me to enter the Seminary more than I expected, because I would soon realise how the skills I have acquired became my tools to serve the community better and the community would then continue to encourage me to grow and challenge me to be 'who I am' – the best of myself in the image of God.*

*Last year, I was appointed to the Cathedral, under Father Anthony Mellor, to learn more about the liturgies, especially to learn how the theocratical meanings and ideas I had learned met reality.*

*This year, with the help of Father Michael Grace, I am looking forward to learning more on the skills of accompaniment. This is a matter which I understand to be very crucial to a life of a Priest and in my current state, I see myself in need to learn this more practically and see it being done in the every day parish life.*

*Please pray for me as I continue to grow as a Seminarian and as a person who is a child of God.*



**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 17 Nov 8.00am Family Mass**

Morning Tea following Mass

Hosted by Gloria Lee, Mel Lillicrap, Karlie Keating

**5.30pm Mass PIZZA NIGHT**

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

- ◆ No Children's Liturgy this Sunday 17th November.
- ◆ **Annual Catholic Campaign - Thank You::** Parishioners are sincerely thanked for their generous contribution to the ACC this year. St Agatha's parish donated \$6,550 to support the campaign...THANK YOU!!
- ◆ St Agatha's **Parish office** will be closed on Tuesday 19th November.
- ◆ **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.

### Baptismal Joy!!

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

George Tosh, son of Patrick and Gabrielle

Rufus Claxton, son of Benjamin and Lillian

Grace Visagie, daughter of Hendrik and Lauren

Madeleine Hood, daughter of Brenden and Elizabeth.

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

**Limited vacancies in 2025**

**Prep – Year 6**

For details phone 3326



## What's happening in MOM Parish this week

**Sun 17 Nov** Morning tea after 9.30am Mass (Parish courtyard OLHC)

11.00am *Lectio Divina* (Parish Centre)

**Tues 19 Nov** 9.30am Final Gospel Reflection Group for 2024

1.00pm Final Prayer Engine for 2024

### MOM Parish Messages....

- ◆ **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.
- ◆ **Tues 19 November—Final Prayer Engine 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 will continue throughout the Christmas and holiday seasons as usual, from 6 am to 4 pm every Saturday. All very welcome!
- ◆ **NOVEMBER MASSES — BOOK OF REMEMBRANCE:** Books of Remembrance are placed 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.
- ◆ **CONGRATULATIONS GEORGE MACKAY:** George was confirmed last Sunday 10 November at OLHC, Hendra. Blessings to George and his family!



### Save the Date

### Christmas Carols on the Green

From 5.00pm on Sunday 15th December  
On the oval behind the OLHC church, Hendra  
More details to follow!



### In our prayers we remember. . .

#### Those who have died recently

Susanna Myers, Michael Comerford

#### Those whose anniversaries occur at this time:

Hazel O'Hagan, Paul Luxton, Paula Whitman



### WE PRAY FOR....



**Anniversaries:** Archbishop Patrick O'Donnell, Joyce Ethel Rodgers, Marie Ann Wall, Christene Helen Stapleton

**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



### 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



### 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.

### LECTIO DIVINA Continues this Sunday 17 November

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



#### Interested in becoming a school crossing supervisor?

Make a difference to the lives of school children in your area.

- Casual employment with TMR
- Training provided
- Fortnightly pay
- 24 hour Employee Assistance Program

**To apply, contact your local Road Safety Officer:**

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!



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

**GUEST SPEAKER: Fr Michael Grace**

## DATE CLAIMER

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

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

More details to follow shortly!

Children and non-parishioners welcome.



**Looking for creative, fun and faith-filled ways to engage your children and families into the upcoming liturgical seasons of Advent and Christmas?**

Evangelisation Brisbane has just released their 2024 collection of free resources for the Advent and Christmas seasons... [https://evangelisationbrisbane.org.au/advent-and-christmas-with-kids/?mc\\_cid=17a5f20c72&mc\\_eid=9767e4d895](https://evangelisationbrisbane.org.au/advent-and-christmas-with-kids/?mc_cid=17a5f20c72&mc_eid=9767e4d895)



## 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! **Resumes 4/2/25.**

**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 recognise the importance of wellbeing in our daily lives and those of our families and students. With activities across the week, our focus is to take time to recharge, reflect and revitalise our health, building habits that serve us through these busy periods of the school term. Our faith too is another tool in our kit of resilience. When we are faced with so many challenges and uncertainties at this time of year, we are buoyed by the words of Mary MacKillop - Whatever troubles may be before you, accept them bravely, remembering Whom you are trying to follow. Do not be afraid. Love one another, bear with one another, and let charity guide you all your life. God will reward you as only He can.

**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 we recognised those who died in the wars and those who work for peace through our Remembrance Day liturgy.

On Wednesday evening we welcomed Rebecca Sparrow and Madonna King who presented an insightful Q&A on their new book 'Out of the Box'.

On Friday we celebrated our last 'Fun Friday' for the year with free dress, a special lunch, colour run and disco. Thank you to the team at Rochele Painting for sponsoring this event.

Swimming starts again next week for our students and runs until the end of the year.

We cannot believe how quickly our weeks are slipping by and whilst we are excited for Christmas, we are sad to see the end of the school year.

Our students continue to demonstrate **'Growth, Friendship, Faith'** everyday through their schoolwork, friendships and connection with God.

**Anne-Marie Maw** (Principal)



# Sunday Mass Rosters

| Date        | Reader<br>Clayfield 8am Mass        | Reader<br>Clayfield 5:30pm Mass        | Reader<br>OLHC 9:30am Mass         | Eucharistic Minister<br>OLHC 9:30am Mass |
|-------------|-------------------------------------|--|------------------------------------|--|
| 17 November | Jane Arkinstall<br><i>Volunteer</i> | Declan Harte<br>Amelia Marino-Cebulski | Angela Devereux<br>Cutella Dias    | Louise Nott<br>Dona Rotolone             |
| 24 November | Dianne Eden<br>Nick Eden            | Karen Birtles<br>Louis Currie          | Neville Canham<br><i>Volunteer</i> | Pat Shine<br>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](mailto:finance.hendra@bne.catholic.net.au) after your payment has been made.

**TAP N GO—DONATION tap point:** Our parish has installed new donation terminals, located at the door of the churches. Please follow the prompts to activate the device then select your donation and tap your card or mobile.

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

24 NOVEMBER 2024

**OUR LORD JESUS CHRIST, KING OF THE UNIVERSE (S)**



**First Reading:** Dan 7:13-14

**Second Reading:** Rev 1:5-8

**Gospel:** Jn 18:33-37

## Commemoration of Saints November 2024

**Mon 18** Dedication of the Basilicas of Saint Peter and Paul

**Thur 21** Presentation of The Blessed Virgin Mary **MEMORIAL**

**Fri 22** St Cecilia, *virgin, martyr* **MEMORIAL**

**Sat 23** St Clement I, *pope, martyr*

St Columban, *abbot*

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/>



To talk to someone about your vocation,  
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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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