



Newsletter

CATHOLIC PARISHES

Clayfield ● Hendra ● Hamilton ● Northgate



THIRD SUNDAY OF ADVENT

15 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)



Fr Michael Grace

Today is already the 3rd Sunday of Advent, and the reading from Saint Paul's letter shows us how we can live in the joy of the Lord (verse 4): living with a generous and gentle heart (verse 5), without worries by leaning on the Lord (verse 6), and with a mind always in communion with Lord Jesus Christ (verse 7). This joy is not just a fleeting emotion but comes from within. It is present even during times of suffering and pain because it flourishes and blossoms from the way we live our lives and from our attitude toward our neighbors and God—treating others with kindness and generosity, praying to God in all circumstances without worries, and living peacefully by relying on God and His plans for us. This is the joy Saint Paul refers to, and it is not because we feel like doing good things, but because we choose to do them, even when it puts us at a disadvantage or brings us no benefit. We then give thanks to God for all that He has given us, not because God needs our thanks, but because we are invited to live with humility and a close connection with God.

Through thanksgiving, our prayer and our thinking slowly align with God's will for us. In this way, our thanksgiving benefits us because we, again, 'choose' to follow the will of the Lord, even when we don't fully understand or when we seem to experience difficulties. Let's pray for each other, as Saint Paul prayed for his community, and live according to his teachings so that we would rejoice and live in the peace of the Lord through prayer and thanksgiving. Let's also encourage one another to always choose to follow the will of the Lord, even during times of trials and hardships, as we wait for the Lord in the upcoming Christmas season.



Our Lady Help of Christians Church
invites you to

"Christmas on the Green"

5pm

(finish approx. 6.30pm)

THIS 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.



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 15 Dec 8.00am Mass Morning Tea following Mass
 Hosted by Gloria Lee, Mel Lillicrap and Anna Chetcuti.
[Please note this will be last morning tea for the year.](#)
[Morning teas will resume Sunday 19 January 2025.](#)
 5.30pm Mass

St Agatha's Parish Messages....

- ◆ **Children's Liturgy** this Sunday 15th December.
- ◆ **Parish office Christmas/New Year closure:** St Agatha's Parish office will be closed from Monday 23rd December and will reopen Monday 6th January 2025.
- ◆ **St Agatha's Choir practice for Christmas, Thursday 19 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:** 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 again this Sunday 15th December. Tickets are \$2 each or 3 for \$5. Raffle will be drawn **NEXT** Sun 22nd December at the 8am Mass. 
- ◆ **Pizza evenings:** There will be no pizza evenings in December or January. Pizza evenings will resume Sunday 16th February 2025.
- ◆ **Columban Art Calendars 2025** are available for sale at the Piety Stall for \$10 each. Please see Liz at the 8am Mass to purchase your copy or contact Rosemary at the Parish Office.

In our prayers we remember. . . .

Those who have died recently:
 Don Gardiner, Jože (Joe) Kozelj, Oswin Viegas
 Those whose anniversaries occur at this time:
 Peter, Noel and Eve Turnbull, Alice Mary Shun Wah, Tatiana and Inacio Pais
 Those who are ill: Nick Eden



What's happening in MOM Parish this week

Sun 15 Dec Morning tea after 9.30am Mass (Parish courtyard OLHC)
 11.00am *Lectio Divina* (Parish Centre)
Christmas on the Green—5pm, on the lawn at back of OLHC
Thur 19 Dec **ADVENTures in Bethlehem**—Children's activity day
 (Parish Centre, Hendra)

MOM Parish Messages....

- ◆ **REMINDER—CHRISTMAS ON THE GREEN:** 5.00pm, this Sunday 15th December on the lawn behind OLHC Church. All very welcome!!
- ◆ **Parish office Christmas/New Year closure:** Mother of Mercy Parish office will be closed from Wednesday 25 December and will reopen Monday 6th January 2025.
- ◆ **THANK YOU—Hendra Branch of St Vincent de Paul—Christmas Appeal weekend and Giving Tree:** Hendra SVDP Branch **sincerely thanks** everyone who generously donated to the Christmas Appeal last weekend 8—9 December. Further donations can still be placed on the collection plate. Parishioners are also invited to continue to donate to our **Christmas Giving Tree**. Final items will be collected and placed into hampers by Friday 20 December. All support is greatly appreciated. 
- ◆ **Festive Treats Competition:** The festive treat baking competition was held last Sunday and great entries were admired by all. Congratulations to young Thomas, who was our winner with his Christmas puddings! Special thanks to Katy and Sharon for organising this event! 
- ◆ **ADORATION:** Adoration continues throughout the Christmas and holiday seasons as usual, from 6am—4pm every Saturday. All welcome!
- ◆ **ADVENT & CHRISTMAS REFLECTION BOOKLETS AVAILABLE:** "Hope Reigns—Group and Individual Reflections for Advent 2024" is available at the church doors—\$5.00 donation welcomed.

LECTIO DIVINA for Advent—This Sunday 15 December
 11-11.45am Parish Centre, Hendra All very welcome!!

WE PRAY FOR....

Recently deceased: Michael Lee
Anniversaries: Nicholas John Campbell, Sergio Mario Baruzza, Shirley Patricia Stewart, Bernice Horn, Janine Margaret Kingston, Carol Anne Robertson, Fr Peter Grice, Peter Murphy
Sick: Louise Canham, Angela Krista, Rosaria Fazio, Wendy Tunin, Anita Kelley, Wayne O'Toole, Michael Hardy, Maria Ward



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

INVITATION to all children of Mother of Mercy Parish

Dear Parents,
 During the 6.00pm Mass on Christmas Eve at Our Lady Help of Christians Church at Hendra, it has been traditional for children to participate in the Gospel narration of the Nativity.



Your child (or children – all ages accepted!) could play the roles of Mary, Joseph, the Kings, the Angel and the shepherds as the beautiful story of the birth of Jesus is narrated. We would love as many children as possible to be involved.

No acting experience necessary, and simple costumes are provided at the beginning of Mass. *Children are also most welcome to come to Mass dressed as angels, shepherds or kings and join in the Nativity play.*

It is a delightful experience for everyone at the Mass, and we invite you and your family to be part of it.

If you would like your child (children) to be part of the Nativity experience, please see or contact Robyn Miller, mob 0413 662 609 or just turn up during the singing of the Christmas Carols before Mass (from 5.30pm) on Tuesday evening, 24 December, to join the cast!

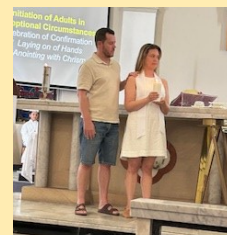
Baptismal Joy!!

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

Margot Hollamby, daughter of Mitchell and Eloise
Aurelius Delahunty, son of Bridget

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

Kate Leighton was received into Full Initiation with the Catholic Church last Sunday 8 December in a beautiful spiritual Mass at St Agatha's celebrated by Fr Michael. *Congratulations Kate!*



DATE CLAIMER

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





Marriage Encounter Mini Retreat The Beatitudes - 18th Jan 2025

The Beatitudes Mini Retreat is presented by Fr Nev Yun from Marriage Encounter

When: Saturday 18th January 2025 from 10am to 12pm followed by lunch

Where: St Oliver Plunkett Church hall, Beauvardia St Cannon Hill

RSVP: David and Maria

Email: qldbookings@wwme.org.au

Ph: 0481 307 821

Lunch: Please advise any dietary requirements for lunch.



Our Lady Help of Christians Hendra



Enrol Now for 2025 and 2026

Our Lady Help of Christians School is a Prep - Year 6 primary school. We are currently accepting enrolment applications for 2025 and beyond. We encourage you to visit our website: <https://www.olhchendra.qld.edu.au/Pages/default.aspx> to catch a glimpse of life and learning at Our Lady Help of Christians and enrol online.

Advent Adventures

Tuesday, 17 December

9am- 3pm (Prep - 6)

Parish Centre, Cnr Bage St and Buckland Rd, Nundah

There will be an exciting program of fun activities -craft, bible stories, songs, prayer and games.

Children to bring their own lunch, water bottle and hat.

Cost \$10 per child

RSVP to Angela Greathead
sc.nundah@bne.catholic.net.au
by Monday 16 December

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: pclapnfcenatary@bne.catholic.edu.au

Instagram: @stagathasschool Facebook: stagathasclayfield



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: pclaelnrolments@bne.catholic.edu.au

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

22nd December

Annual Carol Service

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

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

As the school year comes to a close, I wish to take this opportunity to acknowledge the staff, students and families that make this a truly inspiring and vibrant community. ...I also thank Fr. Michael and the Parish for their support of the school.....I take this opportunity to thank you for all the support and the warmth you have shown me this semester. It has been a blessing and a privilege to lead this great school. I look forward to watching from afar as the OLHC community continues to thrive in faith, courage and action in 2025 and beyond. Wishing you every blessing for the future.

Amanda Steer, Acting Principal

I am excited to return to our wonderful school community after my secondment. It has been an enriching experience, and I am eager to reconnect with all of you and our amazing students. A huge thank you to Amanda Steer for her work as Acting Principal during Semester 2, and I wish her every success as she commences as Principal at St Andrew's Ferny Grove.Merry Christmas and Happy New Year to all. Have a safe and happy school holidays.

Adam Bennie, Principal

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

St Agatha's Catholic Primary School

We wish all our families a wonderful Christmas and look forward to seeing you all for another year of 'Growth, Friendship, Faith' in 2025!

Anne-Marie Maw (Principal)

Growth, Friendship, Faith.

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



Sunday Mass Rosters

Date	Reader Clayfield 8am Mass	Reader Clayfield 5:30pm Mass	Reader OLHC 9:30am Mass	Eucharistic Minister OLHC 9:30am Mass
15 December	Erin Bledsoe Scott Fitzpatrick	Catie Kelly Louis Currie	Serena Varendorff Bill Nott	Louise Nott Kate McLean
22 December	Beth Casey Phill Ryan	Declan Harte Joel Perkins	Trish Dunn Rosemary Woods	Lorelei Gozzard 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

A VOCATION VIEW: "What ought we to do?" Let joy and gladness show forth in you. You are called to be the presence of Jesus. (Luke 3:10-18)



vocation

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

22 DECEMBER 2024

FOURTH SUNDAY OF ADVENT

First Reading: Micah 5:1-4

Second Reading: Heb 10:5-10

Gospel: Lk 1:39-44



Commemoration of Saints December 2024

Sat 21 Saint Peter Canisius, priest, doctor

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/>

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

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