



# Newsletter

## CATHOLIC PARISHES

Clayfield ● Hendra ● Hamilton ● Northgate



### THE BAPTISM OF THE LORD 12 JANUARY 2025

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**Our Lady Help of Christians Primary School**  
23 Bowman St, Hendra **Phone:** 3268 3070  
**School Principal:** Mr Adam Bennie  
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This weekend, we celebrate the Feast of the Baptism of the Lord. This feast brings to an end the celebration of Christmas, and it is indeed very much related to Christmas. For baptism is our birth into the life of grace and our participation in the mystery of Christ, who became one with us so that we might become one with God.



*Fr Michael Grace*


In this weekend's second reading, from the book of Acts, Peter, in addressing Cornelius, reflects upon just how extensive God's offer of mercy and reconciliation is. "God does not have favourites," he says, "but anybody... who does what is right is acceptable to him." God desires the salvation of all and so calls each one to profess faith and share in the grace that He offers us through the sacraments, the most fundamental of which is baptism.

Jesus was baptised by John—this is what we commemorate in today's feast. Yet, as the Fathers of the Church write, this was not for the forgiveness of His sins - for He had none. Nor was He baptised to be made holy - He is the Holy One of God. Rather, He was baptised to make holy the waters of baptism and sanctify the Church.

It's all too easy to assume that everybody reading this newsletter has already been baptised, but that is not necessarily the case. So, if you are not yet baptised, let me first underscore the sacrament's importance. Baptism is the sacrament of salvation, a sharing in the death and resurrection of Christ. Baptism (ordinarily speaking) is necessary for salvation. Therefore, I invite you, if you are not baptised, or if your children are not, to reach out to the parish and seek the gift of baptism.

**Blessings, Fr. Michael**

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**THANK YOU**

We would very much wish to thank everyone who helped in any way making our Christmas Masses so meaningful, at both parishes.

Thank you also to Raffaele Pierno and Leonie Rixon for their special performances at St Agatha's Vigil Mass.

You are all a blessing to us!

**THANK YOU!**



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**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 12 January

- 8.00am Mass Morning teas will resume NEXT Sunday 19th January.  
Hosted by Gloria Lee, Mel Lillicrap, Anna Chetcuti
- 5.30pm Mass Pizza evenings will resume Sunday 16th February 2025.

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

- ◆ Children's Liturgy will resume Sunday 2nd February 2025.
- ◆ Christmas Raffle: Congratulations to our raffle winner Jane Arkinstall. Many thanks to everyone who assisted in selling tickets, purchased tickets and to the parishioners who kindly donated items for the raffle.  
**A total of \$787.00 was raised. Thank you everyone!!**
- ◆ Columban Art Calendars 2025 are still available for sale at the Piety Stall for \$10.00 each. Please see Liz at the 8am Mass to purchase your copy.

## Baptismal Joy!!

This Sunday, 12 January at St Agatha's, we welcome with great joy four new members of Christ's faithful people:

*Lincoln & Lucian Grassi, sons of Stephen and Natalie*  
*Elijah and Enzo Otieno, sons of Bobby and Maureen*

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

## In our prayers we remember. . . .

Those whose anniversaries occur at this time:

Craig Andrews, Eric O'Hagan

Those who are ill: Nick Eden



## What's happening in MOM Parish this week

Sunday 12 January

- 9.30am Sundays Morning tea after 9.30am Mass (Parish courtyard OLHC)
- Assisting at the Hendra Parish Coffee Spot**  
12 January: Ashley D'Penha, Lorelei Gozzard  
19 January: Lynn Rogers, Dave Rogers

## MOM Parish Messages....

- ◆ Lectio Divina: *Lectio Divina* sessions will recommence on Sunday 2nd February 2025.
- ◆ Prayer Engine: Prayer Engine will resume on Tuesday 4 February 2025. (OLHC, 1 - 2.15pm).

## WE PRAY FOR....



**Recently deceased:** Darren Kayrooz, Fr John Begg SM

**Anniversaries:** James John McNulty, Nola Mary McNulty, Denise Lillian Clifford, Cecil Kenneth Menzies, Anthony Paul Norris, Nathaniel Thomas Scanlan-North, Colin Arthur Dobbie, Alfia Tornabene, Michael James Kelso, Berta Ximena Alarcon Cordova, Bishop John Gerry, Fr John Gowen, Kathleen and Mary Kerchin, Therese (Tess) Claffey

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

What happens in **Baptism** is the  
**beginning** of a process that embraces  
**the whole** of our life: it makes us fit for  
**ETERNITY... Benedict XVI**

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

### DATE CLAIMER

100 year anniversary of St Agatha's Church.

**Saturday 5 April 2025 - 11am Mass** followed by a light lunch.



## HISTORICAL CONTEXT

### Baptism

John makes clear to the people that the baptism he performs is with water but the baptism by Jesus is with the Holy Spirit. John preached a baptism of repentance. In keeping with his Jewish tradition, John called upon the people to make a public declaration of their wrongdoing and commitment to be washed clean of this sinfulness and desire to live in right relationship with God and others. The baptism to which he refers is the complete change of heart and mind that comes through the Holy Spirit and results from a person accepting the message of Jesus.

"He saved us through the  
**washing of rebirth and renewal**  
by the Holy Spirit." (Titus 3:5)

Baptism



**SINULOG FESTIVAL**  
2025  
and  
**Feast of The Holy Child Jesus**  
**SEÑOR STO. NIÑO**



**FEAST DAY CELEBRATION**  
Sunday, 19 January 2025

**AT THE CATHEDRAL OF ST. STEPHEN**  
**249 ELIZABETH ST, BRISBANE CITY QLD 4000**

1:30pm - Novena to Sr. Sto Niño  
2:00pm - Holy Mass  
3:15pm - Cathedral Grounds Parade  
3:45pm - Sinulog Cultural Presentation  
4:45pm - Refreshments

BRING A PLATE TO SHARE

**VIVA SEÑOR STO. NIÑO. VIVA PI SEÑOR!**

FROM QUEENSLAND AUSTRALIA DEVOTEES OF STO NIÑO



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**A VOCATION VIEW:** Come on, continue your Baptism by baptising others in the Holy Spirit and fire. "You are my beloved child," says the Lord!



To talk to someone about your vocation,  
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### 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.



### 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](mailto:qldbookings@wwme.org.au)

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### St Agatha's Clayfield

Limited Vacancies Prep to Year 6

#### Growth Friendship Faith

- Co-Educational Catholic School from Prep – 6
- Dedicated, caring teaching staff
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- Welcoming Community

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### 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.

### NEWS FROM OUR PARISH SCHOOLS

#### Our Lady Help of Christians Catholic Primary School

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.

**Adam Bennie, Principal**

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

#### St Agatha's Catholic Primary School

##### 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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Growth, Friendship, Faith.

# Sunday Mass Rosters

Date	Reader	Reader	Reader	Eucharistic Minister
	Clayfield 8am Mass	Clayfield 5:30pm Mass	OLHC 9:30am Mass	OLHC 9:30am Mass
12 January	Annette Riba Luke Sutton	Chris Begley Karen Birtles	Neville Canham <i>Volunteer</i>	Louise Nott Lorelei Gozzard
19 January	Phil Ryan Amanda Bell	Catie Kelly Louis Currie	Trish Dunn Rosemary Woods	Robyn Jeynes Dona Rotolone

## THE BAPTISM OF THE LORD

Drawing from the Eastern tradition of Epiphany, the West has remembered the baptism of the Lord on the octave of the Epiphany since the eighth century. Formally introduced into the Roman calendar in 1960 on the Sunday after the Epiphany, it now concludes this Christmas season. Commemorates the revelation of Jesus as God's beloved Son, the Christ, anointed by the Spirit.



### 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 here*) 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

### 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.

## MASSES IN THE PARISHES

### 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



## NEXT SUNDAYS' READINGS

19 January 2025

### SECOND SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

First Reading: Is 62:1-5

Second Reading: 1 Cor 12:4-11

Gospel: Jn 2:1-11

### Commemoration of Saints

January 2025

- Fri 17 St Anthony *MEMORIAL*
- Tue 21 St Agnes, virgin, martyr *MEMORIAL*
- Fri 24 St Francis de Sales, bishop, doctor *MEMORIAL*
- Sat 25 The Conversion of ST Paul, apostle *FEAST*
- Tue 28 St Thomas Aquinas, priest, doctor *MEMORIAL*
- Fri 31 St John Bosco, priest *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.



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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