



# Newsletter

## CATHOLIC PARISHES

Clayfield ● Hendra ● Hamilton ● Northgate



**SECOND SUNDARY IN ORDINARY TIME**

**19 JANUARY 2025**

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**PARISH SCHOOLS:**

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**Our Lady Help of Christians Primary School**

23 Bowman St, Hendra **Phone:** 3268 3070

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In our culture, faith is often considered a 'personal' matter - something deeply private and individual. This is true to a certain extent because our faith does touch upon our identity and informs our deeply held values and ideals. Furthermore, our faith must be 'personal' in the sense that it is 'I' who believe it and follow it. However, our faith ought not to be 'personal' in the sense that it is closed off from being informed by the experience of others or expressed and lived as part of a faith community.



Fr Michael Grace

In this weekend's second reading, St Paul reflects on the way in which God has provided for the Church. The Spirit is poured out on each of the baptised, dwelling ever so intimately and personally within our souls. Yet, while it is the same Spirit, the gifts and their expressions are different, so that no one person has all the gifts.

Without wanting to sound greedy, one might well ask - why doesn't God give me all the gifts of the Spirit? The answer is because He wants us to belong to the Body - the Church. The gifts of the Spirit are lived corporately so that my gifts may benefit others and theirs may benefit me.

Reflecting on this reality, we can draw two conclusions. Firstly, faith is not meant to be lived alone. Christ calls us to belong to His Church and to experience faith and worship together. Secondly, if I have been given a gift (however modest or developed it may be), I am called to express it and share it within the life of the faith community.

What gift has God given you to share with our parish community?

**Blessings, Fr. Michael**



**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 19 January

- 8.00am Mass Morning tea following Mass  
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.
- ◆ 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, 19 January at St Agatha's, we welcome with great joy one new member of Christ's faithful people:

*Vincent Scott McGrath*, son of Scott and Ashley

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

### In our prayers we remember. . . .

#### Those who have died recently:

Edward "Ted" Rees

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

Tom McCormack, Joyce Speakman, Craig Andrews,  
Eric O'Hagan

Those who are ill: Nick Eden



## What's happening in MOM Parish this week

Sunday 19 January

- 9.30am Sundays Morning tea after 9.30am Mass (Parish courtyard OLHC)
- Assisting at the Hendra Parish Coffee Spot  
19 January: Lynn Rogers, Dave Rogers

### MOM Parish Messages....

- ◆ Lectio Divina: *Lectio Divina* sessions will recommence on Sunday 2<sup>nd</sup> February 2025.
- ◆ Prayer Engine: Prayer Engine will resume on Tuesday 4 February 2025. (OLHC, 1 - 2.15pm).
- ◆ MORNING TEA AFTER FRIDAY MORNING MASS AT ST JOHN'S, NORTHGATE  
After the 9.00am Anointing Mass on the second Friday of the month, there will be a morning tea at St John's.  
The next date is **Friday 14 February**. All are very welcome.

### WE PRAY FOR....



**Recently deceased:** Fr Anthony Loth, Sr Carmel rsj, Br Michael Ryan cfc, David Boldemann, Darren Kayrooz, Fr John Begg SM

**Anniversaries:** Archbishop Robert Dunne, Monsignor Cornelius Roberts, 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

## 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.



### REFLECTION FOR YOUNG PEOPLE

*by Lisa-Marie Calderone-Stewart*

Jesus isn't interested in listening to his mother at first. But he seems to rethink the situation. After some thought, he goes ahead and does something that she probably would approve of.

When was a time that your mother or father or some older relative was trying to get you to consider an option, and you just didn't want to go along with their idea? But later, when you thought about it, you came to understand his or her point of view and did what he or she wanted you to do? How did it work out?

Jesus' first miracle wasn't very splashy. Most people didn't even know what had happened. The waiters kept it low-key and didn't make a big deal about the wine that had just been water in the six jars only moments before. Mary doesn't seem to say anything more about it, and Jesus also plays it cool. Yet the needs were met – without a lot of fuss.

When was a time that you took matters into your own hands to take care of a pressing need, but did it in a very low-key way?

Was there a kind of delight to such a secret act of kindness – a kind of self-satisfaction that comes from inside? Why is that?

### Save the date for this year's World Day of Prayer Service on Friday 7 March, 10am

**Our Lady of Help of Christians Church,  
Hendra**

WORLD DAY OF  
PRAYER  
SERVICE 2025



The Cook Islands

'I made you  
wonderful'

[www.worlddayofprayeraustralia.org](http://www.worlddayofprayeraustralia.org)



**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:** God's Spirit is given to each person for the common good. What are your gifts? Be willing to share them for the good of others. (1 Corinthians 12:4-11)



**To talk to someone about your vocation, Contact Vocation Brisbane.**  
P: (07) 3336 9392



**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.

**Gardener/Grounds Person – Mother of Mercy Parish**

Experienced Grounds or Maintenance person competent in mowing, gardening, weeding, pruning, cleaning/rubbish removal, basic repairs and safe operation of associated tools and equipment. Assist with setup and pack down for various parish activities and celebrations. Strong understanding of workplace health and safety practices. Positive Notice Blue Card for child related employment must be applied for before the employee commences work. Must perform duties and observe a standard of behaviour that supports the values and mission of the Mother of Mercy Parish that reflects the beliefs and teachings of the Catholic Church community. Part time position but hours may be varied and arranged accordingly to the operational requirements of the Parish.

For more information, please contact (07) 3268 3040 or email: [hendra@bne.catholic.net.au](mailto:hendra@bne.catholic.net.au)


**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

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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.olchendra.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 Clayfield 8am Mass	Reader Clayfield 5:30pm Mass	Reader OLHC 9:30am Mass	Eucharistic Minister OLHC 9:30am Mass
19 January	Phil Ryan Amanda Bell	Catie Kelly Louis Currie	Trish Dunn Rosemary Woods	Robyn Jeynes Dona Rotolone
26 January	Beth Casey Andrew Pippia	Declan Harte Joel Perkins	Serena Varendorff Bill Nott	Pat Shine Louise Nott

## St Agnes - Feast day January 21

St. Agnes is widely known as the patron saint of young girls. She is also the patron saint of chastity, rape survivors and the Children of Mary. She is often represented with a lamb, the symbol of her virgin innocence, and a palm branch, like other martyrs. She is shown as a young girl in robes holding a palm branch with the lamb either at her feet or in her arms. Her feast day is celebrated on January 21.

On her feast day, it is customary for two lambs to be brought in to be blessed by the Pope. On Holy Thursday the lambs' wool is removed and woven into the pallium the Pope gives to a newly consecrated archbishop as a sign of his power and union with the pope.

### 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

9.00 am Friday - St John's, Northgate

### 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.

## NEXT SUNDAYS' READINGS

26 January 2025

### THIRD SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

**First Reading:** Neh 8:2-6, 8-10

**Second Reading:** 1 Cor 12:12-30

**Gospel:** Lk 1:1-4, 4:14-21



### Commemoration of Saints

January 2025



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....*

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

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