



Newsletter

CATHOLIC PARISHES

Clayfield ● Hendra ● Hamilton ● Northgate



THE PRESENTATION OF THE LORD

2 FEBRUARY 2025

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This weekend, we celebrate the feast of the Presentation of the Lord. It commemorates the moment when, soon after his birth, Mary and Joseph take the child Jesus and present him in the temple. They offer a 'redemptive sacrifice' on his behalf.



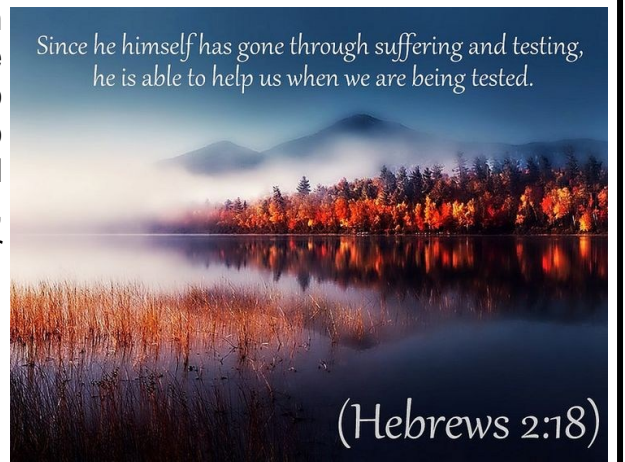
Fr Michael Grace

According to the Torah, the firstborn male of every creature belongs to God and must be offered in sacrifice. The firstborn son, however, must be redeemed; a sacrifice is offered in place of the son - normally a lamb. However, an accommodation is made for those who cannot afford a lamb, allowing them to offer either a pair of turtledoves or two young pigeons.

Here, we see Jesus presented as one of us. He stands with all humanity, sharing in our weakness and mortality. As the Son of the Father, Jesus obviously does not need to be redeemed. Rather, this action prefigures his own sacrifice for our redemption. He is the 'Lamb who takes away the sin of the world.' However, in the Incarnation, he enters fully into our condition and makes himself obedient to the Law.

The author of the Letter to the Hebrews, in this weekend's second reading, places great importance on Jesus' full sharing in our human weakness. It is precisely because he is one like us that we can have confidence in his mercy. Jesus, having shared in our humanity, has walked the way before us. As one who "has himself been through temptation," he is an example for us as we strive to hold fast to God's law. He is also the High Priest who, full of compassion for us, has offered himself for our redemption.

Since he himself has gone through suffering and testing, he is able to help us when we are being tested.



(Hebrews 2:18)

Have a blessed week,

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 2 February

- 8.00am Mass** Morning tea following Mass
Hosted by Marie Deuble, Jane Cameron
- 5.30pm Mass** Pizza evenings will resume Sunday 16th February 2025.

St Agatha's Parish Messages....

- ♦ **Children's Liturgy for Prep to Year 4 this Sunday 2 February** at the 8am Mass. We invite children to come along to learn more about Jesus and the gospel through child-friendly, engaging activities. 
- ♦ **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. 

Help Needed Pizza setup for St. Agatha's every third Sunday of each month.

St Agatha's are seeking a parishioner/s from the 5.30pm Mass to set up the pizzas on the third Sunday of each month.

What's Involved?

Setting up the pizzas: The pizzas will be ordered and delivered directly to the church. We require someone to meet the delivery driver and arrange the pizzas for the gathering.

Clean-up: Throw away any rubbish and pack away tables and chairs. If you're available and willing to lend a hand and be part of a roster, please contact Rosemary 3268 3040 or email - clayfield@bne.catholic.net.au.

Thank you for considering. Community and Mission Council

In our prayers we remember. . . .

Those who have died recently:

Sheila McVeigh, Sr Kathleen Helen Thygesen rsj, Sr Eileen Bolger rsj,

Those whose anniversaries occur at this time:

Thomas McVeigh



What's happening in MOM Parish this week

Sunday 2 February

9.30am Sundays Morning tea after 9.30am Mass (Parish courtyard OLHC)

Volunteer at Hendra Parish Morning Tea

2 February: Rosemary Woods, Kathryn Bourke

9 February: Jen Cridland

MOM Parish Messages....

- ♦ **Lectio Divina:** *Lectio Divina* sessions recommence THIS Sunday 2nd February 2025.
- ♦ **Prayer Engine:** Prayer Engine will resume next 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.

In today's gospel passage, it is the devout Simeon and the prophetess, Anna, who declare the greatness and far-reaching influence of the child that has been brought to the Temple. This is a common feature of the gospel accounts. It is not Jesus himself who proclaims his greatness but those who have observed him and recognised the revelation of God's presence amongst the people. It is a role that continues today. Those of us who believe and recognise the presence and influence of God in the world are challenged to proclaim it in both our actions and our words.

WE PRAY FOR....



Recently deceased: Cardinal Angelo Amato SDB

Anniversaries: Mervin Doyle

Sick: Angela Krista, Rosaria Fazio, Michael Hardy, Maria Ward

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



To all St Agatha's Parishioners/Community, a note from a very grateful Clayfield St Vincent de Paul Team.

We were overwhelmed with the generosity for our Christmas hampers. It was such a perfect combination of items that you supplied for this annual event and in total, we delivered 37 hampers to people in need in our conference area.

The first group of 17 hampers, was provided by St Agatha's school community to those families with children and delivered at the end of the school year. It was especially pleasing that such thoughtful attention was given to the selection of toys with children's gender and age being carefully considered.

The second group of 20 hampers, provided by the parish collection, were given to individuals whom we have flagged as being in need of extra care and compassion at this time of the year.

Every year, we are so proud to be able to deliver the hampers donated by our wonderful St Agatha's community.

PRAYER SUPPORT

Sunday 2 February and Sunday 16 February

A team of volunteers will be available to pray for the individual needs of parishioners following the 9.30am Mass at Hendra. Everything shared with the prayer team will remain confidential.



Board Games Social Event

You are invited to join a group of parishioners who will meet at the MoM parish centre at 2.30pm on Sunday 16 February to play games such as Balderdash/Pictionary/Articulate and depending on interest possibly even some cards. BYO drinks & optional snacks to share. No need to RSVP. If you have questions ask Lynn / Dave / Ash / Kathleen / Louise.



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

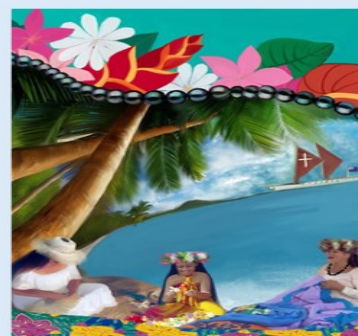
WORLD DAY OF PRAYER SERVICE 2025



The Cook Islands

'I made you wonderful'

www.worlddayofprayeraustralia.org



St Agatha's Church – The Last 100 Years 1925 – 2025

On 5th April, the St Agatha's community will gather to celebrate the 100th Anniversary of our beloved Church. To help everyone appreciate the rich history, the CMC will be sharing segments of this journey with the parishioners over the coming months.

Part 1: The Need for a Church in Clayfield

In the early 1920s, as Brisbane's Catholic population continued to grow, the need for new places of worship became increasingly apparent. One such place was Clayfield, one of Brisbane's most picturesque suburbs. Situated on Widdop's Hill, with sweeping views of the Brisbane River and Moreton Bay, this would soon be the site of a new church: St Agatha's Catholic Church. This church would not only serve as a place of worship but also become a cornerstone of the community.

A Parish Is Born

The story of St Agatha's began in 1917, when Archbishop James Duhig, recognizing the expanding Catholic population in Clayfield, purchased three acres of land to build a new church. Prior to this, Catholic families in the area had to travel to nearby suburbs like Wooloowin, Nundah, or Hamilton to attend Mass. However, as the community grew - particularly during the challenging years of World War I - the need for a church of their own became more urgent.

The Archbishop's vision was clear: a vibrant Catholic presence in the rapidly developing suburb of Clayfield.

In 1918, a timber church-school designed by T.R. Hall was opened on the land, marking the first step towards what would eventually become St Agatha's Church. While this timber structure served as a temporary solution to accommodate the growing community, it quickly became evident that a more permanent building was needed to meet the demands of the faithful.



The initial St Agatha's Church



Father Frank O'Connell and
Archbishop Sir James Duhig

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.

Saint Agatha

God of all strength and hope.

St Agatha, your daughter, endured the pains of anguish and suffering.

May her steadfast virtue comfort those who face the anxiety of illness and bear the distress of sickness.

Give them strength to overcome every difficulty and disappointment, surround them with the tenderness of family and friends, and support them through the companionship of those who care for them.

Healer of our every ill, renew us in Your Love and restore us to life. Amen.

St Agatha, pray for us.



MODULE 1

CATHOLIC THEOLOGY IN CONTEXT

Presenter: DCN. PETER PELLICAN PHD

Guest presenter: ARCHBISHOP MARK COLERIDGE

Host: VANESSA COMNINOS

**REGISTER
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Starting 3 February

Scan to find out more and register
or visit catholicformation.au



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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100
YEARS
1925 - 2025



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
2 February	Terry Manso Luke Sutton	Chris Begley Louis Currie	George, Clara, Sylvie Shillington	Kate McLean Dona Rotolone
9 February	Eileen Duncan Joseph O'Brien	Declan Harte Joel Perkins	Paul McLean Kathryn Bourke	Barbara Nelson Lorelei Gozzard



JOIN THE GUIDES & WELCOMERS TEAM

Could you be the face of St Stephen's Cathedral that greets and welcomes our many visitors? If you have an interest in history and like being a part of a good team - this could be for you!

We are holding an Information Day at the Cathedral on Thursday February 6th for prospective Guides and Welcomers. To find out more and register, please email CathedralGandW@bne.catholic.net.au or contact the office on 3324 3030.



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 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



NEXT SUNDAYS' READINGS

9 February 2025

FIFTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

First Reading: Is 6:1-8

Second Reading: 1 Cor 15:1-11

Gospel: Lk 5:1-11

Commemoration of Saints

January 2025

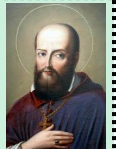
Fri 31 St John Bosco, priest MEMORIAL

February 2025

Wed 5 St Agatha, virgin, martyr MEMORIAL

Thurs 6 St Paul Miki and companions, martyrs 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.



**To talk to someone about your vocation,
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