



Newsletter

CATHOLIC PARISHES

Clayfield ● Hendra ● Hamilton ● Northgate



THIRD SUNDARY IN ORDINARY TIME

26 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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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



Fr Michael Grace

One of the great strengths of parish life is the spirit of community and volunteering that has prevailed. Let me thank each of you who help to make our community what it is, especially our volunteers! Some have been part of the community here for many years; others have joined more recently. Each one of you is deeply valued; a parish simply isn't a parish without the people of God - the Church gathered.

We live in a world where a sense of community - and, even more so, a sense of actively participating in and contributing to the life of that community - cannot be taken for granted. Across many sectors of society, the rate of participation in community events and volunteering is declining. This reflects the pressures of modern life but also a more individualistic way of understanding and living our lives.

In today's second reading, St Paul reminds us of the essential nature of belonging to the community:

"If the foot were to say, 'I am not a hand, and so I do not belong to the body,' would that mean it is not a part of the body...?"

By our very nature, we are wired for community and participation in community life. When we withdraw from that, we simply do not thrive.

I would like to encourage each one of you to be an active part of our parish community and to contribute - either formally or informally. Each of us can do something, however small, and that something is vital to the health of the whole body. Indeed, if each person did their one thing, that would be more than enough!

In my life, I have found the following to be true: however much I might give, I receive more than I can give. The more I have given, the more I have received.

Blessings,
Fr. Michael

We welcome back all of our Parish Schools staff, students and their families and wish them every blessing for the new school year.



What's on at St Agatha's

Sunday 26 January

- 8.00am Mass** Morning tea following Mass
Hosted by Community and Mission Council members
- 5.30pm Mass** Pizza evenings will resume Sunday 16th February 2025.

St Agatha's Parish Messages....

- ♦ **Children's Liturgy** will resume NEXT Sunday 2nd February
- ♦ **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:

Sr Kathleen Helen Thygesen rsj, Sr Eileen Bolger rsj, Edward "Ted" Rees



Those whose anniversaries occur at this time:

Tom McCormack, Joyce Speakman

What's happening in MOM Parish this week

Sunday 26 January

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

Volunteer at Hendra Parish Morning Tea

26 January: Kate McLean, Kathryn Bourke

2 February: Rosemary Woods

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).
- ♦ **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: Ann Hoban, Peter Kelly, Anton "Tony" Slivar, Fr Anthony Loth, Sr Carmel rsj, Br Michael Ryan cfc, David Boldemann, Darren Kayrooz, Fr John Begg SM

Anniversaries: Cardinal George Pell, Bishop John Torpie, 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.



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.



**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

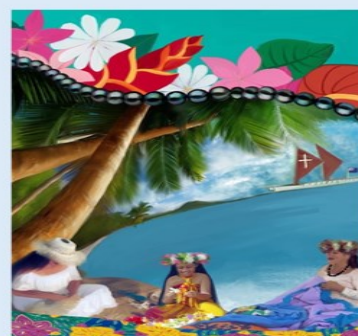
WORLD DAY OF
PRAYER
SERVICE 2025



The Cook Islands

'I made you
wonderful'

www.worlddayofprayeraustralia.org



AWAKEN IN CHRIST

'Call to Me, and I will answer you, and show you great and mighty things, which you do not know.'
Jeremiah 33:3

Join us for
Miracle Night

WORSHIP, PRAYER & HEALING
Facilitated by Steffanie Le & the Awaken Team

Testimonies
"I could not walk properly but after the pray over by Steff the pain in my back disappeared and I was able to walk normally."
Danny
"Felt the presence of the Holy Spirit in a massive way. Overwhelming sense of peace and love."
Emily

January 25 2025
6:30pm - 10:00pm
Our Lady of the Southern Cross Parish
58 Opperman Drive
Springfield Lakes 4300

adminawaken.org.au Ellen 0488 220 606 Lana 0412 421 247

ARCHDIOCESAN CENTRE FOR
CATHOLIC FORMATION

MODULE 1

CATHOLIC THEOLOGY IN CONTEXT


Presenter: **DCN. PETER PELLICAAN PHD**
Executive Director
Archdiocesan Ministries

Guest presenter: **ARCHBISHOP MARK COLERIDGE**
Archbishop of Brisbane

Host: **VANESSA COMINOS**
Project Officer - Adult Formation
Archdiocesan Ministries

REGISTER NOW Starting 3 February

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



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

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 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.

Contact
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100 YEARS 1925 - 2025



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
26 January	Beth Casey Andrew Pippia	Declan Harte Joel Perkins	Serena Varendorff Bill Nott	Pat Shine Louise Nott
2 February	Terry Manso Scott Fitzpatrick	Chris Begley Louis Currie	George, Clara, Sylvie Shillington	Kate McLean Dona Rotolone



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.

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.

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

2 February 2025



THE PRESENTATION OF THE LORD

First Reading: Mal 3:1-4

Second Reading: Heb 2:14-18

Gospel: Lk 2:22-40

Commemoration of Saints

January 2025

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

February 2025

Wed 5 St Agatha, *virgin, martyr* MEMORIAL

Thurs 6 St Paul Miki and companions, *martyrs* MEMORIAL

Pray for us....



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

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