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ENROLMENT PACK – THE SACRAMENT OF EUCHARIST 2025 St Agatha's Parish and Mother of Mercy Parish Combined Sacramental Program

January 16th, 2024

Dear Parents and Guardians,

With a heart of gladness I welcome parents to enrol your children in the **Sacrament of Eucharist (First Holy Communion)** at the **Parishes of St Agatha's, Clayfield and Mother of Mercy, Northgate, Hendra and Hamilton**. As you may be aware, our parishes operate a combined sacramental program across both communities.

In keeping with the sacramental policy of the Archdiocese of Brisbane, your child is eligible for this Sacrament if she or he is in Year 4 or above and has already received the Sacraments of Baptism and Confirmation.

Eucharist is the final sacrament of Christian initiation and marks the child's full participation in Holy Mass; your child will receive the body and blood of Christ for the first time.

Preparation for the Sacrament of Eucharist requires commitment from your family to attend all preparation sessions outlined in the attached Preparation Schedule. Please peruse these dates carefully. I pray you are able to prioritise these sessions. If so, please **register to the first session by Sunday 9th of March** using the links provided on the next page. An Online Enrolment Form shall be emailed to you following the completion of your booking.

If you feel you are unable to fully commit to this program, please consider deferring your enrolment to another year.

At your first session, you shall receive a workbook, Mass Passport and 'Pray-for-me' card. You are most welcome to visit one of our churches now to collect a Mass Passport if you wish to get an early-start on recording your Mass attendance.

I joyfully pray that you help to foster this Sacrament as an ongoing gift for your child. If you have any questions, please contact Alex Atkins, Parish Families Administration Assistant at sacramental.clayfield.net.au or call the St Agatha's and Mother of Mercy Parish Office on 07 3268 3040.

I also wish to inform you that the office for both parishes is now located on Bowman Street, Hendra.

Blessings,

Fr Michael Grace

Parish Priest | Mother of Mercy Parish, Hendra, Hamilton, Northgate
Parish Administrator | St Agatha's Parish, Clayfield





Sacrament of Eucharist (First Holy Communion) Preparation Schedule 2025

Open to Year 4 and Up (children who have already received Baptism and Confirmation)

Contact Person: Alexandria Atkins, Parish Families Administrative Assistant (for both parishes)

Email: sacramental.clayfield@bne.catholic.net.au | Work Mobile: 0411 930 794

St Agatha's Parish and Mother of Mercy Parish Office (Located at Bowman St, Hendra) Ph: 07 3268 3040

Session 1: Enrolment and Family Workshop

Child+ at least one parent/guardian to attend. 1 hr duration. Cap of 30 families per session.

Choose a time! You may attend **any** of the following (no matter what parish you belong to!)

\$76 enrolment fee per child payable when you register below.

You will receive a workbook, pray-for-me card and Mass Passport. Session will be facilitated by Sandy (Pastoral Associate).

Register for a session by clicking links below. Registration necessary!

You shall be emailed an Online Enrolment Form, which must be completed strictly by Wednesday 11th of March.

Wed 12th March 3:30pm St Agatha's Church, Clayfield	Wed 12th March 5:00pm St Agatha's Church, Clayfield	Thurs 13th March 4:30pm Our Lady Help of Christians Church, Hendra	Thurs 13th March 6:30pm Our Lady Help of Christians Church, Hendra
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Monday 17th March may open in the event of illness/latecomer enrolments. Please contact Alexandria.

Please note that **both** parents or legal guardians must sign the Online Enrolment Form; otherwise please attach relevant legal documentation.

Session 2: Rite of Enrolment Mass

1 hr compulsory Mass (child + at least one parent/guardian to attend)

Come to **any** Mass below (no matter what parish you belong to) for your child to receive a prayerful commissioning to prepare for the Sacrament of Eucharist. **Please hand in your 'pray-for-me' card** and get your **Mass Passport** stamped.

No registration required! Just come along with the whole family!

Don't forget that your Online Enrolment Form must be completed strictly by Wednesday 11th of March.

Saturday 15 th March 4:30pm St Cecelia's Church, Hamilton	Sunday 16 th March 8:00am St Agatha's Church, Clayfield	Sunday 16 th March 9:30am Our Lady Help of Christians Church, Hendra	Sunday 16 th March 5:30pm St Agatha's Church, Clayfield
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Ongoing preparation: Do your workbook at home and complete your Mass Passport

Please attend any Mass 4 times at either St Agatha's, our Lady Help of Christians, St John's or St Cecelia's church. Why? Because the best way children can prepare for the Sacrament of Eucharist is to enter into the Eucharistic celebration (i.e. attend Mass).

Please check Mass times at St Agatha's Parish and Mother of Mercy Parish. [Click here for Mass times.](#)

Please note: Mass Passports are available at all churches if you would like to start completing your Mass Passport earlier.

Session 3: The Liturgy of God's Mercy (2nd Rite Reconciliation), Book Review and Practice

Registration required (25 students cap per session) 1.5 hr approx.

Child + at least one parent/guardian.

Choose a time! You may attend **any** of the following (no matter what parish you belong to)

Child **MUST** bring the **completed** booklet and Mass passport. Children will also rehearse how to receive Communion.

Registrations will be sent on **Monday 31st March** and shall close on **Sunday 11th May**.

If your child does not attend this session, s/he will be unable to receive First Holy Communion because all children must be in a state of grace through Confession to receive Communion. A make-up session is not offered.

Wednesday 14 th May 3:30pm St Agatha's Church, Clayfield	Wednesday 14 th May 5:30pm St Agatha's Church, Clayfield	Thursday 15 th May 4:30pm Our Lady Help of Christians Church, Hendra	Thursday 15 th May 6:30pm Our Lady Help of Christians Church, Hendra
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FIRST HOLY COMMUNION MASS

Registration is required in order to reserve a pew. See more information on the next page.

Registration links shall be emailed only to parents who have completed the Online Enrolment Form as mentioned above.

Registrations will be sent on **Monday 31st March** and shall close on the **Sunday 11th May**.

Please attend the church of your parish as indicated on your enrolment form. Places limited.

Sunday 18 th May 9:30am Our Lady Help of Christians Church, Mother of Mercy Parish	Sunday 18 th May 5:30pm St Agatha's Parish Church	Sunday 25 th May 8:00am St Agatha's Parish Church	Sunday 25 th May 5:30pm St Agatha's Parish Church
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FIRST HOLY COMMUNION MASS INFORMATION

- It is traditional to wear white, however this is not a requirement.
- Please practise fasting from food or flavoured drinks for one hour before you receive Communion.
- Please come early to collect gift upon entry.
- Professional family photography is available one hr before Mass and for some time afterwards. A professional photo will also be taken of your child's First Holy Communion and as s/he receives the certificate. Consent will be required for the photographer to take these photos and we will have a visual cue for the children who have not given consent for photography. Alexandria shall email the link to purchase the photo approximately one month later.
- If your child is **gluten intolerant**, please may your child be last in line. When s/he approaches Fr Michael for Communion, simply say straight away 'Hello Father, I am gluten free' and he will provide a low-gluten host very easily.
- Please be aware that Catholic Hosts are very low gluten. They are endorsed by the Australia Coeliac Association. Please click [here](#) for our supplier's information. If you are still concerned about this small amount of gluten, please contact Alexandria to arrange your child to receive the precious blood only.
- *St Agatha's Parish*: After mass you shall collect a boxed cupcake. Dietary requirement cakes will be labelled with child's name.
- *Our Lady Help of Christians Church, Mother of Mercy Parish*: After Mass there shall be a large cake-cutting and refreshments. Dietary requirement cakes are separate and labelled with the child's name.
- Your family will have access to **one** pew. Pews will be not be labelled by name so please observe a 'first in, first served' approach.
- On this day, children focus on receiving the Blessed Sacrament and thus children are not allocated readings/extra jobs on this day.
- **Digital Safety**: If you take photos on this day, please ensure that you obtain the express permission of the child and his/her parents before posting images of children (persons under 18) to social media.
- St Agatha's Church and Our Lady Help of Christians Church has street parking only.

