



# Newsletter

## CATHOLIC PARISHES

Clayfield ● Hendra ● Hamilton ● Northgate



**SIXTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME (YEAR C)**

**16 FEBRUARY 2025**

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**Gospel reflection: Finding True Happiness in Trust and Faith**

The readings for the 6th Sunday in Ordinary Time Year C guide us to find true happiness by trusting in God and believing in Jesus' resurrection. Jeremiah warns us not to rely only on human strength.

Those who trust in people are like dry shrubs in the desert, without life or growth. But those who trust in God are like trees planted by water. They are always green, bearing fruit. This image shows that only God can give us the support and strength we need.

In the second reading, Paul emphasizes the hope of the resurrection. He teaches that if Jesus did not rise from the dead, our faith would be empty. But because Jesus is alive, we have hope for eternal life. This hope in the resurrection gives us strength and purpose, even in hard times.

The Gospel of Luke contrasts the blessings of the poor and hungry with the woes of those who are rich and satisfied now. Jesus warns that those who find their joy in earthly comforts may miss true happiness. Instead, Jesus calls us to look beyond this life and seek happiness in God.

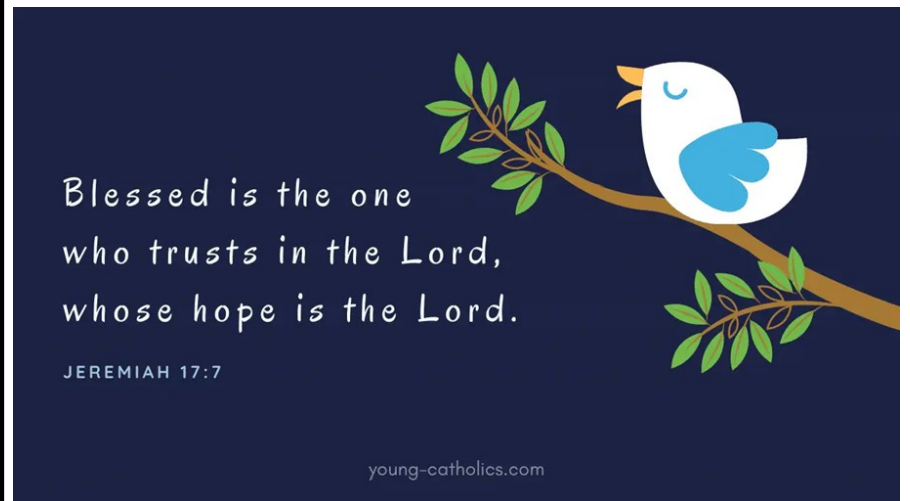
The 6th Sunday in Ordinary Time Year C encourages us to rely on God, find hope in the resurrection, and remember that true happiness lies in Him. Each reading invites us to put our trust in God's care and seek His lasting joy.

As you reflect on the 6th Sunday in Ordinary Time Year C, think about where you place your trust. Do you lean on your own strength, or do you rely on God? The readings remind us of the hope found in Jesus' resurrection and the call to find true happiness in Him.

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Fr Michael Grace



**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 16 February

- 8.00am Mass Morning tea following Mass  
 Hosted by Gloria Lee, Mel Lillicrap, Anna Chetcuti
- 5.30pm Mass **PIZZA NIGHT TO FOLLOW MASS**

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

- ♦ **Children's Liturgy for Prep to Year 4 this Sunday 16 February** at the 8am Mass. We invite children to come along to learn more about Jesus and the gospel through child-friendly, engaging activities.
- ♦ **Pizza night** this Sunday 16 February after 5.30pm Mass. All welcome!



### Baptismal Joy!!

This Sunday at St Agatha's we welcome with great joy three new members of Christ's faithful people:

*Finnley and Lewin Gray*, sons of John and Kerry  
*James Dowel*, son of Logan and Debora

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

## What's happening in MOM Parish this week

### Sunday 16 February

- 9.30am Sundays Morning tea after 9.30am Mass (Parish courtyard OLHC)
- Volunteer at Hendra Parish Morning Tea**  
 16 February: Ashley D'Penha, Lynn Rogers  
 23 February: Jen Cridland

### MOM Parish Messages....

- ♦ **REMINDER BOARD GAMES SOCIAL EVENT THIS SUNDAY:** All welcome to join the board games social event at 2.30pm this Sunday 16 Feb in the Parish Centre. BYO drinks & optional snacks to share.
- ♦ **Lectio Divina** continues this Sunday 16 February 11.00-11.45am Parish Centre, Hendra. All very welcome.



WORLD DAY OF PRAYER SERVICE 2025

The Cook Islands

'I made you wonderful'

www.worlddayofprayeraustralia.org



**DATE CLAIMER: Friday 7 March, 10am**  
 Our Lady of Help of Christians Church, Hendra

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

#### Those who have died recently:

Dr Ailbhe Cunningham, Frank Battistin

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

Patrick Gallagher, Veronica Gallagher, Renee Ramaekers, Sarina Caruso

**Those who are ill:** Abby Hernandez



### WE PRAY FOR....



**Recently deceased:** Ailbhe Margaret Cunningham, Fr Joseph Truong, op, Sr Margaret Mary rsj, Sr Annette O'Connor, Maria Girgenti, Br Ralph Arnell

**Anniversaries:** Mabel Ellen Fogarty, Betty Friedman, Mary Mabel Hutchinson, Brian Hazell

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

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

### PRAYER SUPPORT—First and Third Sundays of the month

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.



### DATE CLAIMER

100 year anniversary of St Agatha's Church.  
**Saturday 5 April 2025 - 11am Mass**  
 followed by a light lunch.

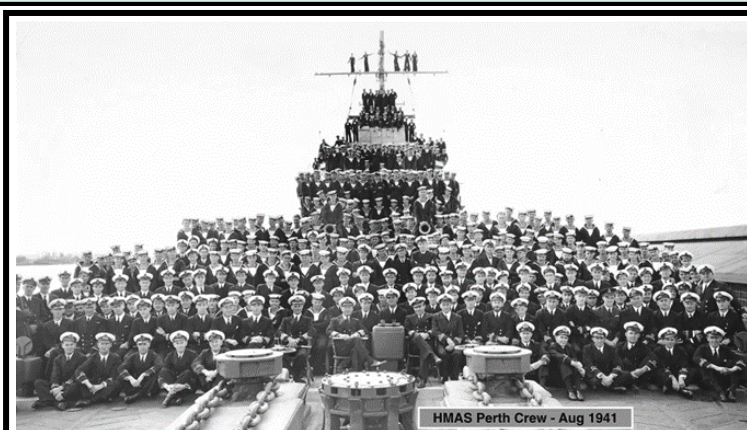


**Prep to Year 6  
 OPEN DAY**  
**Friday 28 February**  
**8:45-10:00**

St Agatha's School  
 CLAYFIELD

An education to believe in

A Brisbane Catholic Education School



HMAS Perth Crew - Aug 1941

### MEMORIAL SERVICE—ST JOHN'S CHURCH—FRIDAY 28 FEBRUARY

On 1 and 4 March 1942 in the vicinity of Java, Indonesia HMAS Perth (see photo), HMAS Yarra and HMS Anking were sunk in battle with the Japanese Navy. Hundreds died from those ships, including 61 Queensland sailors who are commemorated on the Honour Board at St John's War Memorial Church, Northgate.

**At this anniversary time, a short memorial service will take place at the start of the 9.00am Mass at St. John's on Friday 28 February 2025. There will be Morning tea and pictorial display following Mass. All very welcome.**

*St. John's Church the only civilian church in Australia that is an official war memorial to the Royal Australian Navy. It is also Heritage Listed.*

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

## Father Frank O'Connell St Agatha's Foundation Parish Priest 1921-1939

Father O'Connell, born in Dublin, educated by the Christian Brothers, was an excellent singer and handy soccer player. In 1914, he was ordained and set sail for Brisbane. He spent time in Gympie and Ipswich before arriving in Clayfield in March 1921. He was the first Parish Priest of the newly formed parish, which had been part of the parish of Woolloowin.

Clayfield Parish, the Archbishop thought, was the 'Jewel in the Crown.' The initial church was a timber construction finished in 1918. Father immediately saw a need for a catholic school. It was apparent straightaway that the Church was not large enough. So that same year, the Church we know now was commissioned and completed in 1925. For 10 000 pounds. It could hold 500 people.

The old timber Church became St Agatha's School. Years before, Archbishop Duhig had approached the Presentation Sisters to come to Brisbane. On the completion of the present Church Father Frank again approached this order. St Agatha's School opened, 27 January 1925, with 120 students under the guidance of the Presentation Sisters.

Father Frank was courageous. He built a beautiful Church, presbytery, St Agatha's School and looked after the Sisters. He was also the key to the establishment of the development of St Rita's (a high school for girls) and St Columban's, for boys. During the War, he hired relief gangs to dig into the stone hill to build tennis and basketball courts. It was the Great Depression, these people would not have jobs otherwise.

Father Frank was known for his kind manner, great sermons, warm smile and being zealous. "He was a man of extraordinary organising ability, supported by a strong faith and reliance on prayer."

Fr Frank died in the year of his silver jubilee, on 28 December 1939. He had played golf the day before.



### The Sacrament of EUCHARIST

2025 St Agatha's and Mother of Mercy Sacrament of Eucharist Program

**DATES**      **SESSIONS AND ACTIVITIES**

<b>12/13 March</b>	<b>Enrolment and Family Workshop</b> 1.5hr Workshop for parent and child to receive instructions and materials to begin their Eucharist journey.
<b>15/16 March</b>	<b>Rite of Enrolment Mass</b> 1hr Mass (1 of 4 required for the Mass Passport) to hand in 'Pray for Me' Card and be blessed on your journey. Bring the whole family!
<b>14/15 May</b>	<b>Reconciliation, Review and Rehearse</b> 1.5hr session to receive the Liturgy of God's Mercy (2nd Rite Reconciliation) to be in a state of Grace to receive Communion. Review of workbook materials and rehearsal for the Communion Masses.
<b>18/25 May</b>	<b>First Communion Mass</b> 1hr Mass to receive First Holy Communion. Pews reserved for your family and Professional Photography available.



**St Agatha's Clayfield**  
<https://clayfieldparish.org.au/eucharist/>

**Mother of Mercy Hendra, Northgate, Hamilton**  
<https://www.motherofmercyparish.org.au/eucharist.html>

## NEWS FROM OUR PARISH SCHOOLS

### Our Lady Help of Christians Catholic Primary School

Many thanks to Mrs Stolberg for preparing and Fr Michael for leading our opening school Mass on Tuesday. A wonderful celebration of our student leaders and the year ahead. It was fantastic to join with parents, grandparents, and members of the parish to celebrate Mass together.

A reminder that the 2026 Prep enrolment processes have begun. Please go to our school website to complete an online enrolment form asap.

**Adam Bennie** (Principal)

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

### St Agatha's Catholic Primary School

If you have been in the Year 2 classroom this week, you might have seen something that is spiny and leafy. Spiny Leaf Insects have been welcomed into the Year 2 classroom as part of the students' latest cycle of learning. Our Year 2 students were excited to learn about the spiny leaf insects including their favourite foods, how we can care for them and all about their lifecycles.

This week our school community gathered for the annual beginning of year Parent Information Evening and Meet the Teacher night. It was wonderful to see how many people in attendance and share our annual improvement plan and explicit improvement agenda for 2025. Teachers walked parents through what to expect this year in the curriculum and how to best support their children as learners. We look forward to a great year of learning ahead!

**Anne-Marie Maw** (Principal)

*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
16 February	Erin Bledsoe Scott Fitzpatrick	Giselle Hossinger <i>Volunteer</i>	Mary Nicholls Rosemary Woods	Pat Shine Robyn Jeynes
23 February	Jane Arkininstall Andrew Pippia	Andre Marino Amelia Marino-Cebulski	Andrew Devereux Cutella Dias	Louise Nott Barbara Nelson



**ST JAMES COLLEGE, SPRING HILL is a progressive multicultural Catholic Coeducational Secondary College for Years 5 - 12 in the Edmund Rice tradition.** The college reintroduced Year 5 and Year 6 in 2023 and welcomes students from all backgrounds and abilities so they can flourish in their learning and realise their potential. **Bursaries available.**

**ENROLMENT INFORMATION EVENING on Monday, 17 February from 6:00pm.**  
**ENQUIRIES to Maria Young, Enrolments Officer, [MYoung@stjamescollege.qld.edu.au](mailto:MYoung@stjamescollege.qld.edu.au), 3230 8600. Register at [JTA.link/SJC](https://www.stjamescollege.qld.edu.au).**



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## 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



## NEXT SUNDAYS' READINGS

23 FEBRUARY 2025

### SEVENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

**First Reading:** 1 Sam 26:2, 7-9, 12-13, 22-23

**Second Reading:** 1 Cor 15:45-49

**Gospel:** Lk 6:27-38

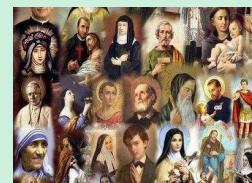
### Commemoration of Saints

February 2025

**Mon 17** The Seven Founders of the Order of Servites

**Fri 21** St Peter Damian, *bishop, doctor*

**Sat 22** The Chair of St Peter, *apostle*  
FEAST



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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