



# Newsletter

## CATHOLIC PARISHES

Clayfield ● Hendra ● Hamilton ● Northgate



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

**23 FEBRUARY 2025**

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**Gospel Reflection: Mercy and Forgiveness**

The 7th Sunday in Ordinary Time Year C teaches us about being faithful to Jesus' call. Jesus tells us to love our enemies, which goes against the way our world usually works. Today, we often see competition, especially in politics and on social media, where getting ahead seems most important. Imagine how different things could be if we truly loved our enemies and showed forgiveness and mercy to everyone.

Jesus' message is clear. We are called to a life of mercy, just like David showed mercy to Saul. Mercy means choosing kindness over revenge. It means forgiving others, even when it is hard. This path is not easy, but it brings us closer to living like Jesus.

Forgiveness is something we all need. We might think it is just for those who have wronged us, but we also need it for ourselves. Holding grudges can harm us and prevent us from finding peace. Jesus reminds us that we should forgive to be forgiven.

Healing from wounds takes time. When someone hurts us, the pain doesn't disappear overnight. We can pray for God's help in healing our hearts. Asking for the strength to let go of our need for revenge and for the desire to forgive can lead us to true peace.

On this 7th Sunday in Ordinary Time Year C, let's remember Jesus' teachings. By choosing love and mercy over revenge, and by seeking forgiveness, we can live a life that reflects Jesus' love. This change in our hearts can make the world a better place.

**Prayer**

Lord, help us to follow Your example of love and mercy. Teach us to avoid judging others and to show compassion instead. Give us the strength to live like Jesus, spreading kindness and forgiveness. Amen.

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**St Agatha's Church**  
52 Oriol 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 23 February

**8.00am Mass** Morning tea following Mass  
Hosted by Linett, Grevin, Biju, Dani, Mary, Josy

**5.30pm Mass**

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

- There will be **NO children's liturgy** this Sunday 23 February.
- 9.00am Mass Thursday 27 February:** St Agatha's years 5 and 6 students will be attending the Mass on Thursday 27 February. All welcome.



### Baptismal Joy!!

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

Thomas Thynne, son of Jonathan & Lindsey

Willow Crawford, daughter of Brent & Kelli

Fergus & Molly Smith, children of Matthew & Emma

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



## What's happening in MOM Parish this week

### Sunday 23 February

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

### Volunteer at Hendra Parish Morning Tea

**23 February:** Jen Cridland

**2 March:** Kathryn Bourke

### MOM Parish Messages....

- Lectio Divina** continues this Sunday 23 February 11.00-11.45am Parish Centre, Hendra. All very welcome.
- Board Games:** Last Sunday's games event was enjoyed by the 9 people who attended and who are keen to reconvene. Should you be interested in future games events please talk with Lynn / Dave / Ash / Kathleen / Louise after Masses.



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

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

#### Those who have died recently:

Wally Olszewski, Pauline Chandler, Dr Ailbhe Cunningham

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

Betty McKenzie, Patrick Gallagher, Veronica Gallagher, Renee Ramaekers

**Those who are ill:** Abby Hernandez



### WE PRAY FOR....



#### Recently deceased:

Dr Ailbhe Margaret Cunningham, Fr Finian Perkins ofm, Br Matt McKeon cfc, Br Reg Pritchard msc

**Anniversaries:** Francis Thomas Heeney, Trevor Thomas Hennessey, Minnie Mavis Pinkey, John Franco Arba, Lyle and Gerald Reed, Fr Vincent Harkins osm

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

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

### NAVY MEMORIAL SERVICE —FRIDAY 28 FEBRUARY—St John's Church

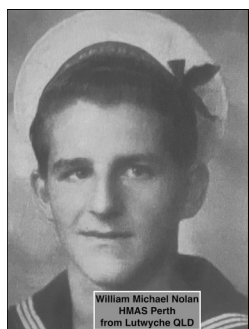


On 1 and 4 March 1942 in the vicinity of Java, Indonesia HMAS Perth, HMAS Yarra and HMS Anking were sunk in battle with the Japanese Navy. Hundreds died from those ships, including 61 Queensland sailors who are commemorated on the Honour Board at St John's War Memorial Church, Northgate.

**At this anniversary time, a short memorial service will take place at the start of the 9.00am Mass at St. John's Church, 688 Nudgee Rd, Northgate, this Friday 28 February 2025. There will be morning tea and a pictorial display following Mass.**

We warmly welcome the families of three of the RAN servicemen (William Michael Nolan, Paul Sebastian Doneley and Ronald George Meikle—see photos below) who will be attending the service.

**All very welcome.**



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

**DATE CLAIMER: Jumble Sale**, First Sunday of the month, 2 March 2025, St John's Hall, 688 Nudgee Rd Northgate .

**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.



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

**An education to believe in**  
A Brisbane Catholic Education School



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

St Agatha's 2nd Parish Priest 1940-1968

**Monsignor John English**

**Scholar and Administrator**

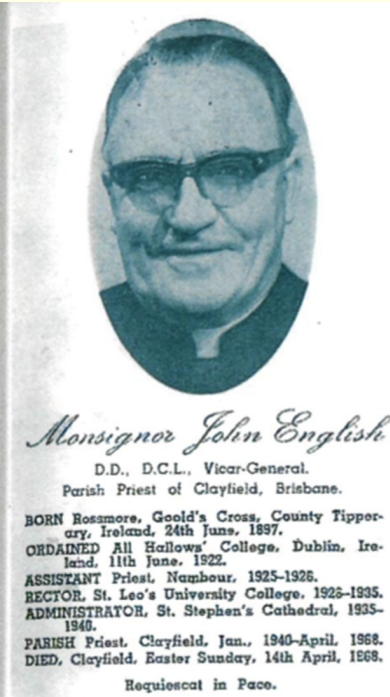
John English was born in Rossmore, Tipperary, Ireland, in 1897. He was the youngest of 10. He was educated by the Jesuits. He completed his post ordination studies in Rome, where he topped every class.

In 1925, he was sent to Nambour. In 1926, he became foundation Rector of St Leo's College. He lectured in the US, and then came back to the Cathedral in Brisbane.

In January, 1940, Monsignor English was appointed St Agatha's Parish Priest. He was a great orator, giving captivating sermons. Monsignor English was extremely witty. He loved to play practical jokes. These 'jokes' were reported to be many and varied.



Monsignor English (left)  
Bishop O'Connell (Right)



In 1846, he accompanied the Bishop and clergy from St Agatha's, St Rita's and St Columban's to the USA to research higher education.

**"He was a shy, very private person and a very holy man."**

**Loved**

his dogs  
conversations  
reading, naps and entertaining  
smoking

**Disliked**

confetti  
gossips  
leaving Mass early: *"If you leave the Mass early you are like Judas. He left the Last Supper before it was finished"*

Monsignor English arranged for funds to be raised to finish the sanctuary. St Agatha's Church was influenced by the Italian Romanesque architecture; had a marble altar, brass pulpit and stain glass windows from Dublin. He engaged the curator of the art gallery to choose colours. Apparently, the initial gold dome was far more spectacular than the present blue.

Monsignor was an intellectual, practical joker, orator but it was his warmth and welcoming nature that his parishioners loved.



Compiled by Anne-Marie Quinn

**World Day of Prayer Service 2025**

**Friday 7 March 2025**

**Our Lady Help of Christians Church  
Hendra**

**Kia Orana** Parishioners of St Agatha's, Clayfield and Mother of Mercy Parish (Hendra, Hamilton and Northgate). This year World Day of Prayer celebrates and prays for the Cook Islands, neighbors to Australia in the Pacific Ocean with the theme **"I made you wonderful" – Psalm 139:14.**

Please join the World Day of Prayer group of Clayfield/Hamilton/Hendra/Northgate at our Service at **Our Lady Help of Christians at 10 am on Friday 7<sup>th</sup> of March 2025.** Morning tea held afterwards at Parish Hall.

If you are proud Cook Islander or this is your Heritage and you would like to share family stories, historical knowledge and contemporary information, artistry, artefacts and other cultural aspects of the Cook Islands we would very much value your involvement in the Service.

We are always looking for volunteers to assist in presentation of the Service and to help with providing and sharing food, as well as clean up. If you can assist, please contact Mary Nicholls on 0408080723 or via email [marynix56@icloud.com](mailto:marynix56@icloud.com).



**NEWS FROM OUR PARISH SCHOOLS**

**Our Lady Help of Christians Catholic Primary School**

Thank you to all parents, students, and staff for a great start to the 2025 school year.

**P&F Meeting:** The next P&F meeting is on Wednesday 26th February at 6pm.

**2026 Enrolment Process:** Enrolments are open for 2026 Prep until the end of Term 1 and Prep interviews will be conducted during March. If you have friends at kindy looking for schools in 2026, please encourage them to apply online and/or call the office to book into a school tour ASAP.

**P&F Welcome Disco and BBQ:** I am looking forward to seeing many this Friday evening at our welcome disco. Our friends from Creative Dance Industries will have the music and dancing sorted. Thank you to those who have been able to volunteer some time to assist.

**Adam Bennie** (Principal)

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

**St Agatha's Catholic Primary School**

This week our students put their best swim skills to the test with the St Agatha's Swimming Carnival held on Friday at Clayfield College. Thank you to our many volunteers who helped with various roles such as timekeeping, marshalling and of course, the selling of treats for our hungry swimmers. A reminder that our Open Morning will be held on Friday 28th February from 8:45am until 10:30am with performances from our choir, student-led school tours and an opportunity to talk to students, staff and parents about our amazing school. We hope to see you there!

**Anne-Marie Maw** (Principal)

*Growth, Friendship, Faith.*



The Sacrament of  
**EUCCHARIST**

Open to all children Year 4 and above who have completed Baptism and Confirmation.  
For preparation schedule and enrolment form please visit one of the following websites:



**St Agatha's  
Clayfield**

<https://clayfieldparish.org.au/eucharist/>



**Mother of Mercy  
Hendra, Northgate, Hamilton**

<https://www.motherofmercyparish.org.au/eucharist.html>



# Sunday Mass Rosters

Date	Reader Clayfield 8am Mass	Reader Clayfield 5:30pm Mass	Reader OLHC 9:30am Mass	Eucharistic Minister OLHC 9:30am Mass
23 February	Jane Arkinstall Andrew Pippia	Andre Marino Amelia Marino-Cebulski	Andrew Devereux Cutella Dias	Louise Nott Barbara Nelson
2 March	<i>To be confirmed</i>	<i>To be confirmed</i>	Robyn Jeynes Roselyn Rayappan	Pat Shine Kate McLean

## EMERGENCY EVACUATION PLAN

We ask all parishioners to please make themselves familiar with the Emergency Evacuation Plans that are located at the Church doors. In the unlikely event of the need for an emergency evacuation of the Church, please immediately and calmly proceed to the nearest exit and gather at the meeting point as outlined in the plan.



## ST VINCENT DE PAUL—ITEMS WANTED

SVDP Hendra Conference is in need of good working **mobile phones and laptops** for needy clients. Donations would be gratefully appreciated. Please contact Mike on 0419 027 430.



## 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.

**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

## NEXT SUNDAYS' READINGS

2 MARCH 2025

**EIGHTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME**

**First Reading:** Sirach 27:4-7

**Second Reading:** 1 Cor 15:54-58

**Gospel:** Lk 6:39-45



## Commemoration of Saints

February 2025

**Thur 27** St Gregory of Narek, abbot, doctor

**Sat 29** Saturday Mass of the Blessed Virgin Mary



*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.



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