



Newsletter

CATHOLIC PARISHES

Clayfield ● Hendra ● Hamilton ● Northgate



FIFTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME (YEAR C)

9 FEBRUARY 2025

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There are various voices in our Church that call for change and renewal, though what they mean by that tends to vary greatly. Some call for a more progressive Church—one in touch with the values of our own times, something more inviting and relevant for modern people. Others say the Church must return to its traditions, especially the traditional liturgy.



Fr Michael Grace

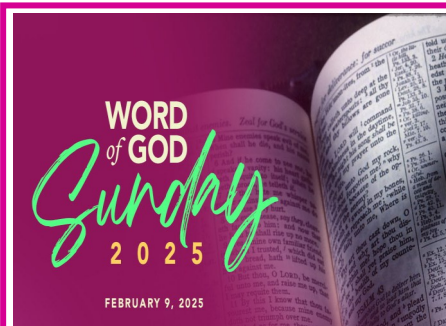
There is, of course, and always has been, a third way—the so-called *via media*, the way between the two extremes.

Does our Church need change and renewal? Undoubtedly! The Church should always be in a process of renewal, yet that renewal is grounded in Christ. Christ is always 'new'. The 'newness' of Christ should be a potent reality in each of our lives. Furthermore, we proclaim Christ into a new context—the one created by our culture.

When St Paul, in this weekend's second reading, warns the Church in Corinth that they must "believe exactly what I preached to you," he is not warning them against any change whatsoever. The methods of evangelisation change, adapting to what is most fitting for the present moment. New questions arise, which require new answers. This has always been the case. The Gospel, however, does not and cannot change.

If we are to be effective in our mission, we must be grounded in both tradition and the Gospel. But we must also be grounded in Christ and His Church, which gives a living expression of the Gospel. May we be both old and ever new.

Blessings,
Fr Michael



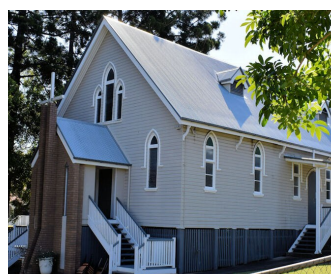
The Church in Australia celebrates the Sunday of the Word of God on **February 9**. Pope Francis established the day, which is devoted to "the celebration, study and dissemination" of the Word of God. Visit www.catholic.org.au/wordofgodsunday to access resources to help commemorate the day and for suggestions on how to better engage with Sacred Scripture in various ways and settings.



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 9 February

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

St Agatha's Parish Messages....

- ♦ **Children's Liturgy for Prep to Year 4 this Sunday 9 February** at the 8am Mass. We invite children to come along to learn more about Jesus and the gospel through child-friendly, engaging activities.



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

What's happening in MOM Parish this week

Sunday 9 February

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

Volunteer at Hendra Parish Morning Tea

9 February: Jen Cridland

16 February: Ashley D'Penha, Lynn Rogers

MOM Parish Messages....

- ♦ **Lectio Divina (change of venue for Sunday 9 February):** Lectio Divina will meet in the Parish Office meeting room this Sunday instead of the Parish Centre.
- ♦ **Prayer Engine:** Prayer Engine on Tuesday 11 February. (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.



Georgia Pasini was received into Full Communion with the Catholic Church last Sunday 2 February in a beautiful spiritual Mass at OLHC celebrated by Fr Michael.
Congratulations Georgia!

In our prayers we remember. . . .

Those who have died recently:

Frank Battistin, Sheila McVeigh

Those whose anniversaries occur at this time:

Sarina Caruso, Thomas McVeigh

Those who are ill: Abby Hernandez



WE PRAY FOR....

Recently deceased: Brian Fludder, Sr Carmel Hanson rsj., Margaret Joseph, Mrs Edward

Anniversaries: Joan Finucane

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



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

PRAYER SUPPORT

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.



ALL WELCOME!!

**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



**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

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

St Agatha's Church History Part 2

Clayfield was aptly named because of its reserves of clay. Brickmaking was one of the earliest industries established in the area by the German migrants. Many of these migrants were missionaries. However, not being successful in converting the locals they became farmers but remained very devout. The train line also aided the development of Clayfield as prior to this, residents would have to catch a horse bus from town, cross the river by boat at Breakfast Creek and continue on a horse tram.

St Agatha's Catholic Church was opened 5th April, in 1925 by Archbishop Duhig. The church

- was designed by Jack Donoghue (local architect), who also designed Holy Spirit Catholic Church in New Farm.
- was almost identical to St. Joseph's Church in Dalby, which was built four years earlier.
- is described architecturally as Romanesque style polychromatic brick church
- was built by S.S. Carrick of South Brisbane at a cost of £10,000
- was part of the Town of Hamilton before the Greater Brisbane Council was amalgamated in 1925. The area was described as, "the most picturesque suburb of Brisbane".
- Was not finished at the time of its opening due to 'shipping trouble' and lack of 'skilled labourers.'

The Archbishop remarked at the Church's opening that, despite the "tireless efforts" of the church, he was "unable to meet the growing demand for additional accommodation" for Brisbane's Catholic community. At that time, St Stephen's Cathedral was overcrowded during each of the six Sunday masses. The location of St Agatha's, near the tramline on Oriel Road, made it conveniently accessible for its parishioners.

A presbytery was also built for Father Frank O'Connell, the first appointed Parish Priest of Clayfield in 1921. He remained in this position until his death in 1940.



Presbytery and Church



The original altar

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!

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.

NEWS FROM OUR PARISH SCHOOLS

Our Lady Help of Christians Catholic Primary School



Welcome back to all the families, and a special welcome to all new families to the school.

Every blessing for a wonderful new school year.

Adam Bennie (Principal)

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

St Agatha's Catholic Primary School



This week St Agatha's kicked off the first of our 'Centenary Celebrations' with School Mass followed by morning tea.

The Mass was a wonderful celebration with many in attendance including Dr Sally Towns, Executive Director of Brisbane Catholic Education. Morning tea in the Presentation Centre was extra special as each student was given a personalised cookie and the 'Aggie's Cafe' was officially opened. Aggie's Cafe will be operational as a canteen from Term 2 onwards.

Anne-Marie Maw (Principal)

Growth, Friendship, Faith.

St Agatha's Primary School Centenary 2025

On 27 January 1925, St Agatha's School opened with 120 students. This year, 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. Stay tuned for updates and events!

Contact Email: pclapnfcentenary@bne.catholic.edu.au

Instagram: @stagathasschool

Facebook: stagathasclayfield

Sunday Mass Rosters

Date	Reader Clayfield 8am Mass	Reader Clayfield 5:30pm Mass	Reader OLHC 9:30am Mass	Eucharistic Minister OLHC 9:30am Mass
9 February	Eileen Duncan Joseph O'Brien	Declan Harte Joel Perkins	Paul McLean Kathryn Bourke	Barbara Nelson Lorelei Gozzard
16 February	Erin Bledsoe Scott Fitzpatrick	Giselle Hossinger Catie Kelly	Mary Nicholls Rosemary Woods	Pat Shine Robyn Jaynes



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, 3230 8600. Register at [JTA.link/SJC](https://jta.link/SJC).



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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 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

16 February 2025

SIXTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

First Reading: Jer 17:5-8

Second Reading: 1 Cor 15:12, 16-20

Gospel: Lk 6:17, 20-26

Commemoration of Saints

February 2025

Mon 10 Saint Scholastica, virgin

MEMORIAL

Fri 14 Saints Cyril, monk, and Methodius, bishop

MEMORIAL

Sat 22 The Chair of St Peter, apostle

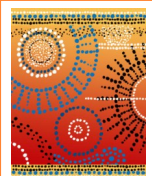
FEAST

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,
Contact Vocation Brisbane. P: (07) 3336 9392

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

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