



Newsletter

CATHOLIC PARISHES

Clayfield ● Hendra ● Hamilton ● Northgate



SECOND SUNDAY OF LENT (YEAR C)

16 MARCH 2025

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Last week, we made a strangely disrupted start to the season of Lent. With one of the Ash Wednesday Masses and most of the weekend Masses cancelled due to the impacts of Cyclone Alfred, it feels a little premature to find ourselves arriving at the Second Sunday of Lent. Despite this interrupted start, I invite you to enter as deeply into this season as you possibly can.



Fr Michael Grace

St Paul, in his letter to the church in Philippi, gives us some important practical advice. We all learn by imitation to some extent, so we must be careful who we admire and imitate! The world around us throws itself into the things of this world and its pleasures. Practically speaking, it prioritises earthly things over heavenly things, which, in the end, is a form of idolatry. St Paul teaches that we should not look to them for guidance but rather imitate those who live the Christ life!

In many ways, Lent is meant to be a period of training. We enter into the disciplines of this season of grace so as to emerge at Easter more like Christ. It follows, therefore, that the one we must truly imitate is Christ himself—not so much in the biographical details of his life, but rather in the sentiments that moved him. We fix our eyes on Christ and learn from him, for he is “meek and humble of heart (Mt 11:29). In prayerfully contemplating the heart of Christ, our prayer is: “Make my heart like unto thine” (Prayer to the Sacred Heart).

I hope this season of Lent is truly fruitful in your lives.



Blessings,
Fr Michael

Rite of Enrolment Masses

Join us at the following Masses this weekend (15th and 16th of March) to welcome and bless the children starting their journey to the Sacrament of Eucharist!

4:30pm St Cecilia's Hamilton	8:00am St Agatha's Clayfield	9:30am Our Lady Help of Christians Hendra	5:30pm St Agatha's Clayfield
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The Sacrament of

EUCCHARIST



Program Participants: you can collect your hard copy booklets at this Mass and get your first Passport Stamp!



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 16 March Enrolment Masses for First Eucharist

- 8.00am Mass** Morning tea following Mass
Hosted by Gloria Lee, Mel Lillcrap, Anna Chetcuti
- 5.30pm Mass** Pizza evening after Mass

St Agatha's Parish Messages....

- ♦ **Children's Liturgy for Prep to Year 4 this Sunday 16 March** at the 8am Mass. We invite children to come along to learn more about Jesus and the gospel through child-friendly, engaging activities.
- ♦ **9.00am Mass Thursday 20 March:** St Agatha's year 4 students will be attending the Mass on Thursday 20 March. All welcome.
- ♦ **Planned Giving Envelope Users:** Planned Giving Envelopes will be available for collection next Sunday 23rd March.



Baptismal Joy!!

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

Felix Greenlees, son of Jordan and Gabrielle

Hugo Frame, son of Christopher and Georgina

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

In our prayers we remember. . . .

Those who have died recently:

Dermot Doody

Those whose anniversaries occur at this time:

Reg Shun Wah, William White, Ivy Adams, William Gordon, Brian Dowd

Those who are ill: Nick Eden, Abby Hernandez, Pope Francis



What's happening in MOM Parish this week

Sunday 16 March Enrolment Mass for First Eucharist

- 9.30am** Morning tea after 9.30am Mass (Parish Centre)
- 11.00-11.45am** *Lectio Divina* (Parish Centre) All very welcome.
- Volunteer at Hendra Parish Morning Tea**
- 16 March:** Rosemary Woods **23 March:** Kate McLean

MOM Parish Messages....

- ♦ **PARISH SCHOOL MASS** next weekend **9.30am Mass at OLHC:** On Sunday 23 March, the Parish School community will join us for the 9.30am Mass at OLHC and morning tea after Mass. All welcome!
- ♦ **Stations of the Cross during Lent—Prayer Engine:** Stations of the Cross will be celebrated in Lent during Prayer Engine, every Tuesday at 1pm at OLHC, Hendra.

*We most warmly welcome **Theodore** and **Sebastian** as they are baptised at Mother of Mercy Parish this weekend. We ask God's blessings on them their parents, Godparents, families and friends.*



Parish Birthdays

Each last Sunday of the month, we celebrate the birthdays of our Parish family members with a Birthday cake after the 9.30am Mass at Hendra.

The next celebration is **Sunday 30 March**, so please come along and join us!



WE PRAY FOR....

Recently deceased: Brian Cole, Charize Zmuda, John Campbell

Anniversaries: Fr Gerard Peter Dore, Dr Ernest Humphry Cramond, Betty Teresa Woulfey, Yvonne Irene Brittan, John Gilfoyle Abrahams, Paul Franklin Neylan, Kathleen Curtin, Fr Anthony ocd

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



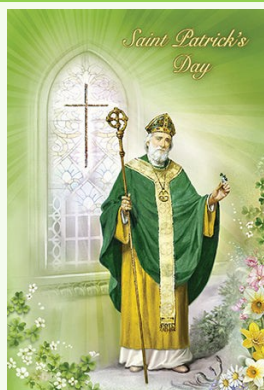
ST AGATHA'S PARISH AND MOTHER OF MERCY PARISH COMMUNITY NEWS

St Patrick's Day Mass

The Annual St Patrick's Day Mass, organised by the St Patrick's Day Parade Association, will be celebrated again this year in the **Cathedral of St Stephen**, Elizabeth Street at **10.00am on 17 March 2025**. Fr Gerard McMorro will be the celebrant.

All are welcome to attend. And, for those who may be unable to do so, the Mass will be live-streamed on this link - <https://www.youtube.com/@ArchdioceseofBrisbane> You may wish to pass the link on to someone overseas.

All are also warmly invited to join your fellow attendees for morning tea afterwards in the Hanly Room, next to the Cathedral of St Stephen.



DAILY REFLECTION BOOKS FOR LENT 2025 "Start Anew in Christ".

These Lenten reflection booklets are produced by Archdiocesan Ministries and are available at the back of the Church. Please take a copy home today. A \$5.00 donation would be welcomed and a donation box is provided nearby.

The author of this year's reflections is Fr Michael Grace.



Stations of the Cross—St Agatha's Church

Every Thursday 8.30am, during Lent.



Lent 2025 Sessions

facilitated by Mother of Mercy Parishioners

All Welcome

Thursdays from 4-5pm

Lenten Discussion Group, at AVEO Clayfield. using the "*Metanoia*" resource produced by the Wollongong Diocese.

Visitor car parks are under the building on the right as you enter via the main entrance on Sandgate Rd. The meeting room is above the administration offices in the historic building to the right of the driveway.

Sundays 11-11.45am

Lenten Discussion Group using the resource "*Start Anew in Christ*" produced by the Brisbane Archdiocesan Ministries team and written by our own Fr Michael Grace.

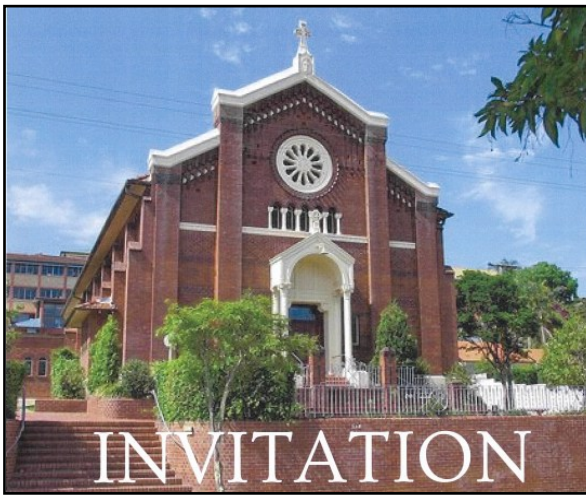
Lectio Divina session in the MoM Parish Centre, 9 Bowman St, Hendra. Feel free to arrive by 10.30am for a cuppa beforehand.

Mondays from 7-8.30pm

Comparative discussion sessions in the MoM Parish Centre, 9 Bowman St, Hendra.

"*The Chosen*" is the first-ever multi-season TV show about the life of Jesus. *The Chosen* allows us to see Him through the eyes of those who knew Him and of the people who interacted with Him.





INVITATION

100 YEAR ANNIVERSARY OF ST AGATHA'S CHURCH

APRIL

Saturday

5

2025

11:00AM MASS | FOLLOWED BY LIGHT LUNCH

RSVP Friday 21st March 2025
Email clayfield@bne.catholic.net.au | Phone 3268 3040

For more information contact: 3268 3040



PROJECT COMPASSION

Project Compassion Sunday 15th and 16th of March 2025

Project Compassion 2025 shares three stories from around the world. We'll meet **Toefuata'iga** - (Toy-foo-ah-tah-ing-ah) from Samoa, **Lam** from Vietnam and **Irene** from the Democratic Republic of the Congo (DRC).



Each of this year's stories reflects diverse challenges, yet they are united by the shared determination to overcome adversity and create better futures for themselves and their communities.

Please donate today.

You can support Project Compassion 2025 through the donation boxes, envelopes or by scanning the QR code.

Or online at: caritas.org.au/project-compassion

Or by calling: 1800 024 413



St Agatha's Choral Concert

MONDAY 17 MARCH 2025
6.30PM

ST AGATHA'S PARISH CHURCH, ORIEL ROAD,
CLAYFIELD

CHAMBER CHORALE
ST RITA'S CHORALE
CHAMBER VOICES
NANO'S VOICES
PRELUDE VOICES
SOLOISTS
COMMUNITY CHOIR

Gold coin donations encouraged. All proceeds going to Project Compassion.



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: 2nd 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 - 4pm at OLHC Hendra for personal prayer. For any enquiries, contact Julie Anne 0418 193 235 or Pat 0411 597 781.

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.

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

It was amazing to see the strength of community during the significant weather experienced last week. I was blown away with the number of offers to help should we require the support.

Fortunately, the school only sustained some minor water damage which was quickly rectified on Monday and Tuesday. I hope you and your families managed to stay safe, and our thoughts and prayers go to those significantly impacted by high winds and/or flooding.

It has been wonderful to meet with so many Prep 2026 families over the last two weeks. Prep interviews continue next week. If you know of families looking for Prep enrolment for 2026, please ask them to contact the school office asap as places are filling fast. We also have limited spaces in all other year levels for 2025 and 2026. Have a wonderful weekend.

Adam Bennie (Principal)

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

St Agatha's Catholic Primary School

This week was a special one for St Agatha's. On Wednesday we had Cr Julia Dixon visit with her new baby. It was a pleasure to give a 'St Agatha's Baby Blessing' to the new addition and thank Julia for her leadership of our local area.

Our Year 6 Leadership Commissioning took place on Wednesday with students being formally acknowledged in their final year of primary school. On Thursday, the Senior students dressed as a woman who inspired them as part of International Women's Day and celebrated through a special formation session in class.

On Friday we celebrated Fun Friday Free Dress and a delicious lunch of pizza, sushi, poppers and donuts. What a fun week at St Agatha's!

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 March	Scott Fitzpatrick Jane Arkininstall	Declan Harte Amelia Marino-Cebulski	George, Clara and Sylvie Shillington	Louise Nott Dona Rotolone
23 March	Jane Arkininstall Amanda Bell	Chris Begley Catie Kelly	Neville Canham <i>Volunteer</i>	Pat Shine Lorelei Gozzard

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

23 MARCH 2025

THIRD SUNDAY OF LENT

First Reading: Ex 3:1-8, 13-15

Second Reading: 1 Cor 10:1-6, 10-12

Gospel: Lk 13:1-9



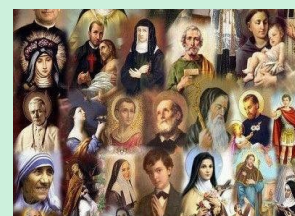
Commemoration of Saints March 2025

Mon 17 St Patrick, bishop SOLEMNITY

Tue 18 St Cyril of Jerusalem, bishop, doctor

Wed 19 St Joseph, Spouse of the Blessed Virgin Mary SOLEMNITY

Pray for us....



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.



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.

A vocation view: Are you listening to Jesus, the Chosen One? Be open to what he reveals to you. Let his message dwell in your heart. (Luke 9:28-36)



To talk to someone about your vocation,
Contact Vocation Brisbane.

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

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