



Newsletter

CATHOLIC PARISHES

Clayfield ● Hendra ● Hamilton ● Northgate



THIRD SUNDAY OF LENT (YEAR C)

23 MARCH 2025

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23 Bowman St, Hendra Phone: 3268 3070

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The book of Exodus recounts the people of Israel's journey from slavery in Egypt to freedom in the Promised Land. St Paul likens this experience of liberation to the sacrament of Baptism: "They were all baptised into Moses in this cloud and in this sea." St Paul presents Moses as a 'type' of Christ (which is to say he prefigures Him) and the Red Sea crossing as a 'type' of Baptism. For just as Moses led the people of Israel through the waters of the Red Sea, so too Christ leads us on our own Exodus journey, through the 'waters of Baptism' and into our heavenly homeland.



Fr Michael Grace

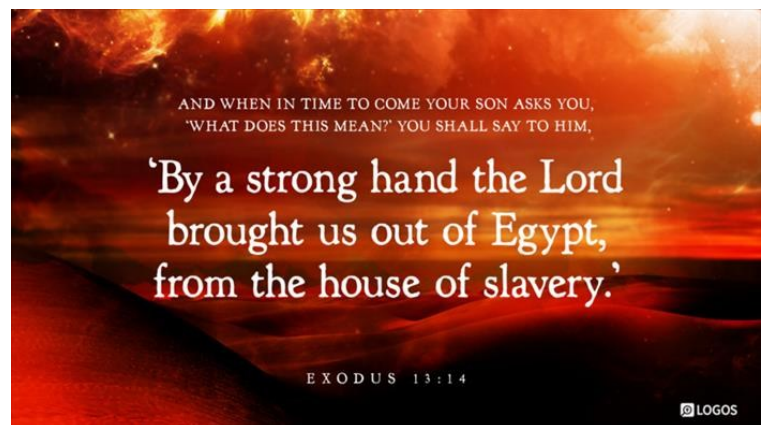
Yet we know that Baptism, while fundamental, is simply the beginning of our Christian journey. This was true for the people of Israel, who found themselves wandering in the desert for forty years until they had learnt to trust in God sufficiently to enter the Promised Land. Likewise, St Paul warns the Church in Corinth that they ought never to be presumptuous or assume that their freedom of heart is so complete that they cannot fall back into the slavery of sin.

The freedom of heart to which our faith journey leads us is not easily obtained. We need the help of grace, and we need to grow in self-control and our capacity to master our internal desires. Thus, day by day, as we embark on the desert journey of this life, we learn to live more fully the Christ Life.

During this beautiful season of Lent, we have the opportunity to grow in interior freedom and renew our trust in Christ. As we exercise the disciplines of this season—especially prayer, fasting, and charitable giving—we unite ourselves with the people of Israel as they wandered in the desert. Let us consciously desire and strive for the freedom that is God's gift for all His faithful.

Blessings

Fr Michael



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 23 March

- 8.00am Mass** Morning tea following Mass
Hosted by Linett, Grevin, Biju, Dani, Mary and Josy
- 5.30pm Mass**

St Agatha's Parish Messages....

- ♦ **Children's Liturgy for Prep to Year 4 this Sunday 23 March** at the 8am Mass. We invite children to come along to learn more about Jesus and the gospel through child-friendly, engaging activities. 
- ♦ **Planned Giving Envelope Users:** Planned Giving Envelopes are ready for collection at the entrance of the Church. These envelopes begin on Sunday 6 April 2025. **Please collect your packet today.** Please discard of any 2024 envelopes as of Sunday 6 April.
- ♦ Tickets are on sale for our **Easter Raffle** this Sunday 23 March. Tickets are \$2.00 each or 3 for \$5.00. Try your luck to win our great prize. Raffle will be drawn at the 8am Mass on Sunday 13 April. 
- ♦ **Choir practice for Easter: Thursday 27 March - 6-7pm.** New members are always welcome. If you would like to be a part of the choir, please contact Robyn on 0414 861 988.

Stations of the Cross—St Agatha's Church

Every Thursday 8.30am, during Lent. 

In our prayers we remember. . . .

Those who have died recently:

Anne Kelly

Those whose anniversaries occur at this time:

Jane Williamson, Reg Shun Wah, William White

Those who are ill: Nick Eden, Abby Hernandez



What's happening in MOM Parish this week

Sunday 23 March

- 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
23 March: Kate McLean **30 March:** Lynn Rogers, Dave Rogers

MOM Parish Messages....

- ♦ **PARISH SCHOOL MASS THIS weekend 9.30am Mass at OLHC:** This 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.

THANK YOU

Have you noticed a taste difference in coffee blend at the Parish Coffee Spot?

Bear Bones has kindly donated some coffee beans and cups for our Sunday morning tea after mass. **Bear Bones** is a speciality coffee roaster located in Fortitude Valley which has been operational since 2013. The Parish wish to thank and acknowledge this generous donation by **Bear Bones**.

Parish Birthdays

On the last Sunday of each 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: Joseph Brewer (brother of Kath Shaw), Stephen Leslie, Rev William Morrison

Anniversaries: Silvio and Eufemia D'Astuto, Dr Francis McDonnell, Royal William Atkins, Robert Anthony McGee, Eileen Patricia (Jill) Anderson, Frank Anthony Vidgen, Aileen Mary Kavanagh, Archbishop John Bathersby, Fr Peter Gillam, Francis and Richard Martin

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



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

Baptismal Joy!!

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

Colette Alba, daughter of Nickolas and Ruby

Charles Williams, son of Matthew and Kate

Sophie Crossley, daughter of Matthew and Julia

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

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.



I Do – I Do – I Do – I Do

For more than 50 years, **World Wide Marriage Encounter** has helped over 3.5 million couples in almost 100 countries unlock the power of their relationships with new ways to do the "I Do." The

Marriage Encounter experience helps a couple listen, share and connect more deeply. There's no group discussion. It's just about two people learning to be the best, most loving and thriving couple possible. .

Our weekends for this year are at **Santa Teresa Spirituality Centre, Ormiston** starting **Friday evening 4th July** at 7pm and concluding approx 4pm with Mass Sunday 6th July 25. **The 2nd is 17th October** until Sunday 19th October 2025. The weekend is for all Married couples who value their relationship. It is also for Priests who want to deepen their relationship with their spouse, the people of God. It doesn't matter if you have been married 5 years or 55 years there is always something more. Please contact Liesha and Joseph on 0481 307 821 or qldbookings@wwme.org.au Watch **Archbishop Mark Coleridge support video** http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=4o_Wp6qGB44 or for more information go to the website: www.wwme.org.au. **Many blessings David and Cecilia**

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

St Agatha's 5th Parish Administrator
1998 – 2015

Father Adrian Farrelly

Dr Adrian Farrelly was born in Mackay, Queensland, on December 14, 1948. His primary and secondary education were completed mainly in Brisbane, Queensland.

He returned to Brisbane to enter Pius XII Provincial Seminary, Banyo. Ordained a priest for the Archdiocese of Brisbane in 1973, he served three years in the parish of Ekibin, then seven years in Gayndah. During that time, he received a Bachelor of Divinity degree from the University of Queensland. He began his studies in canon law at Saint Paul University Ottawa, in September, 1983, receiving his Licentiate in Canon Law in 1985, and awarded a Doctorate in Canon Law in 1987.



On return to the Archdiocese of Brisbane he continued work in the Regional Tribunal. In 1993 Archbishop Bathersby appointed him Judicial Vicar of the Regional Tribunal of Brisbane. He is a judge of the Regional Tribunal and the National Appeal Tribunal. In addition to these duties he is a member of the Council of Priests, College of Consultors, Spiritual Advisor to the Cursillo Movement in the Archdiocese, President of the Canon Law Society of Australia and New Zealand, Dean of the Central Deanery, and a member of the executive of the Banyo Priests' Association.

Fr Farrelly was appointed Administrator of St Agatha's Church, Clayfield in mid-April 1998. His appointment as Administrator, not Parish Priest, reflects the changing face of the Archdiocese as the Archbishop works to make best use of a decreasing number of able priests.

Fr Farrelly was no stranger to St Agatha's. He began school in the parish and was in prep with Sr Anita. He made his first Holy Communion here and was confirmed here by Archbishop Duhig. Father Adrian was involved with different parish groups and in the school. His view of a parish is of a community of committed, faith-filled, practical Catholics which encourages growth of all in the community – especially in their faith but in all other areas as well.

Father Adrian took up a position at St Patrick's Parish, Gympie, at the end of 2015.

Father Adrian retired at the end of January this year.

Compiled by Anne-Marie Quinn



100 YEAR ANNIVERSARY OF ST AGATHA'S CHURCH



APRIL
5

Saturday

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

NEWS FROM OUR PARISH SCHOOLS

Our Lady Help of Christians Catholic Primary School

NAPLAN: We are incredibly proud of our Year 3 and Year 5 students who commenced their NAPLAN testing this week. Testing concludes tomorrow with Numeracy. We know they will continue to put in their best effort, and we look forward to seeing the results later in the year.

Swimming Carnival: Well done to all involved in our Swimming Carnival for 2025. The children were amazing in their participation, sportsmanship, and behaviour. Congratulations to MacKillop (Blue) on your victory. We look forward to hearing results from the Zone 6 swimming carnival held this Friday.

Kindy visits: It was wonderful to visit Hendra House, one of our local early learning centres in Hendra. It was great to meet with some current and future families and continue to build a positive working relationship with the centre. We look forward to welcoming the Kindy class from Hendra House when they visit OLHC next Tuesday for an excursion to 'big school'.

Adam Bennie (Principal)

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

St Agatha's Catholic Primary School

This week students at St Agatha's took part in NAPLAN. As a school we made the decision to delay sitting NAPLAN after last week's extreme weather. Our students were very focused, settled and did their best - congratulations everyone!

This week we acknowledged Harmony Week as a school. We read books, took part in activities and celebrated through a beautiful liturgy. Thank you to our acting APRE, Mr Fernando for leading such a wonderful celebration.

Anne-Marie Maw (Principal)

Growth, Friendship, Faith.



**Project Compassion Sunday
22nd and 23rd of March 2025**

Toefuata'iga - (Toy-foo-ah-tah-ing-ah) a primary school student from Samoa faced severe water shortages at her school. Thanks to Caritas Australia and the generosity of supporters like you, her primary school now has a 10,000 L water tank. Teachers and students now have access to clean drinking water at their school and are able to focus on education.



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



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 March	Jane Arkinstall Amanda Bell	Chris Begley Catie Kelly	Parish / School Mass <i>Children reading</i>	Pat Shine Lorelei Gozzard
30 March	Saxon Mew Annette Riba	Leanne McDowall Louis Currie	Serena Varendorff Bill Nott	Louise Nott Kate McLean

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

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.

NEXT SUNDAYS' READINGS

30 MARCH 2025

FOURTH SUNDAY OF LENT

First Reading: Joshua 5:9-12

Second Reading: 2 Cor 5:17-21

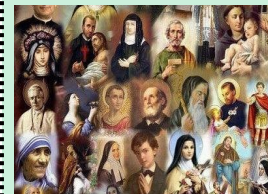
Gospel: Lk 15:1-3, 11-32



Commemoration of Saints

March 2025

Tue 25 THE ANNUNCIATION OF THE LORD
SOLEMNITY



Holy Men and Women

Pray for us....

A vocation view: Moses heard God's call from a burning bush. What is your passion, your burning bush? Take time to know what God is sending you to do and be. (*Exodus: 3:1-8, 13-15*)



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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