



Newsletter

CATHOLIC PARISHES

Clayfield ● Hendra ● Hamilton ● Northgate



FOURTH SUNDAY OF LENT (YEAR C)

30 MARCH 2025

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School Principal: Mr Adam Bennie

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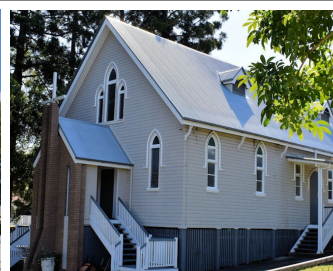
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St Agatha's Church
52 Oriel Road, Clayfield



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

Lent is a solemn season, but it is not meant to be sombre. Even as we restrain ourselves and practise the disciplines of Lent, our lives are meant to be filled with the light of Christ. The special grace of this season is to look upon our Saviour as he walks the path to Calvary and so witness God's great work of re-creation. Yes, our heads and our hearts are bowed in reverence of the mystery and in honour of the sufferings of Christ, but we are not despondent. On the contrary, this Sunday, the Fourth Sunday of Lent, is known as *Laetare Sunday*; *Laetare* means 'rejoice'.



Fr Michael Grace

In his Second Letter to the Church in Corinth, St Paul articulates the special kind of Lenten joy. It is not yet the full burst of exultant praise reserved for the Easter celebrations; nonetheless, we rejoice as we contemplate the meaning of the death of Christ. For indeed, through Christ, we too are beckoned: "*Be reconciled to God.*" It is out of supreme love for us that the Father sent his only Son, so that we might have the fullness of life. Thus, even as we walk with Christ along the *Via Dolorosa*, we begin to anticipate the fullness of the Resurrection, allowing a quiet yet confident joy to grow within us.

This, then, is the season of mercy, the time of reconciling grace. It is a wonderful time to make use of the Sacrament of Reconciliation. To help facilitate this, I will be available in the church during the following times:

- **Friday 4th April** – Our Lady Help of Christians – 6:00pm–7:00pm
- **Saturday 12th April** – St Cecilia's – 3:15pm–4:15pm
- **Sunday 13th April** – St Agatha's – 4:15pm–5:15pm
- **Wednesday 16th April** – Second Rite of Reconciliation – Our Lady Help of Christians – 6:00pm (*The Second Rite is a communal rite with the opportunity for individual confession and absolution.*)

Blessings,

Fr. Michael





What's on at St Agatha's

Sunday 30 March


8.00am Mass Morning tea following Mass
Hosted by Jane Arkinstall, Marie Deuble

5.30pm Mass

St Agatha's Parish Messages....

- ♦ **Children's Liturgy for Prep to Year 4 this Sunday 30 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.** 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 3 April - 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

Those who are ill: John Clark, Nick Eden, Abby Hernandez



What's happening in MOM Parish this week

Sunday 30 March


9.30am Morning tea after 9.30am Mass (Parish Centre)

11.00-11.45am *Lectio Divina* (Parish Centre) All very welcome.


Volunteer at Parish Morning Tea (10.30am Sundays)

30 March: Lynn Rogers, Dave Rogers **6 April:** Lorelei Gozzard


MOM Parish Messages....

- ♦ **THANK YOU—PARISH SCHOOL MASS LAST WEEKEND:** Sincere thanks to the school and parish community who came together to celebrate the 9.30am Mass at OLHC last Sunday with morning tea after Mass. Thanks to all who contributed to a happy occasion!
- ♦ **EASTER EGGS WANTED:** The Parish would be very grateful for the donation of packets of small easter eggs for our Easter Egg Hunt after the 9.30am Mass on Easter Sunday. Deliver at Masses or to Parish Office. 
- ♦ **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.

Board Games Social Event ALL WELCOME!!

You are invited to join a group of parishioners who will meet at the MoM parish centre at **2.30pm on Sunday 27 April** 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 / Joe / Kathleen / Louise. 

WE PRAY FOR....

Recently deceased: Br Fabian ofm, Sr Bernadette rsj, John Beer Joseph Brewer (brother of Kath Shaw) 

Anniversaries: Edgar George Adams, Idalina Da Silva Abreu, Iris Valma Brasch, Darryl John Gollan, Mary Elliott Ross-Walis, Cardinal James Freeman, Bishop James Cuskelly msc, Mrs Armstrong

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

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

EASTER 2025 – Holy Week Liturgies

Mother of Mercy Parish and St Agatha's Parish

2nd Rite Reconciliation Wednesday 16 April 6.00—7.00pm
OLHC, Hendra

Holy Thursday - 17 April

Mass of the Lord's Supper 6.30pm St Agatha's, Clayfield
7:00pm OLHC Church, Hendra

Good Friday – 18 April

Stations of the Cross 10.00am St Agatha's, Clayfield
10:00am St John's Church, Northgate
The Lord's Passion 3.00pm St Agatha's, Clayfield
3:00pm OLHC Church, Hendra

Holy Saturday – 19 April

Easter Vigil Mass 6.30pm St Agatha's, Clayfield
7:00pm OLHC Church, Hendra

Easter Sunday – 20 April

Easter Sunday Mass 8.00am St Agatha's, Clayfield
9:30am OLHC Church, Hendra

No evening Mass on Easter Sunday

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

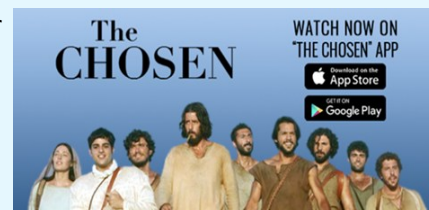
Lenten Discussion Group using the resource "*Start Anew in Christ*" produced by the Brisbane Archdiocesan Ministries team and written by our own Fr Michael Grace.

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.





100 YEAR
ANNIVERSARY
OF
ST AGATHA'S CHURCH



INVITATION

SATURDAY 5 APRIL 2025

11:00AM MASS | FOLLOWED BY LIGHT LUNCH

RSVP

Email clayfield@bne.catholic.net.au
Phone 3268 3040

Lenten Talk

Topic: *Celebrating the Joy of the Paschal Triduum*

Speaker: **Sr Ursula O'Rourke sgs**

St Paschal's – Thursday 3 April at 7pm
30 Warraba Ave, Wavell Heights

St Gerard Majella – Friday 4 April at 10am
146 Maundrell Terrace, Chermanside Wes

Coffee and tea available before and after the talk.

Parish Community Jumble Sale

Saturday 5th April—8am till 12 noon

St John's Church Hall, 688 Nudgee Road, Northgate

*Huge selection of quality clothing, brickabrack,
books, toys, plants etc. Many treasures!*

CASH ONLY

Next event: Saturday 7 June



Everyone is welcome at

St Agatha's Primary School Clayfield



Assembly, Choir Performance & School Tours

Friday 2 May 2025

8.45 am to 10.30 am

Please express your interest by registering on the St Agatha's webpage
for the BCE Open Week event.



**PROJECT
COMPASSION**

Project Compassion Sunday
29th and 30th of March 2025

Lam is 27 years old from a small village in rural Vietnam who faced significant challenges due to his short stature. Through the I-SHINE program Lam completed a six-month course developing his graphic design skills. He now runs a successful freelance graphic design business from home, serving clients worldwide and earning a steady income.



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



Parish Birthdays—MOM Parish

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 **THIS Sunday 30 March**, so please come along and join us!



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.



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

The 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.



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

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.

Swimming Carnival: Well done to all involved in our Swimming Carnival for 2025. The children were amazing in their participation, sportsmanship, and behaviour.

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.

Long Service Leave: I will be talking a short period of long service leave for weeks 9 and 10.

Adam Bennie (Principal)

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

St Agatha's Catholic Primary School

Each term at St Agatha's we celebrate our term's learning with our aptly named 'Celebration of Learning'. Classrooms were opened and families visited on Wednesday afternoon and Thursday morning to see the learning that has taken place throughout Term 1. On Tuesday our students competed in the Zone 6 Interschool Swimming Carnival. St Agatha's came 2nd overall and first in Junior Girls, All Age Relay and total percentage. An amazing effort from our brilliant swimmers! A reminder that there are limited spaces available in some year levels at St Agatha's. If you are interested in becoming a member of our school, please email pclayfield@bne.catholic.edu.au or visit our school website www.stagathascatholic.qld.edu.au

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
30 March	Saxon Mew Annette Riba	Leanne McDowall Louis Currie	Serena Varendorff Bill Nott	Louise Nott Kate McLean
6 April	Terry Manso Nik Kure	Andre Marino Amelia Marino-Cebulski	Robyn Jeynes <i>Volunteer</i>	Barbara Nelson Dona Rotolone

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

6 APRIL 2025

FIFTH SUNDAY OF LENT

First Reading: Is 43:16-21

Second Reading: Phil 3:8-14

Gospel: Jn 8:1-11



Commemoration of Saints

April 2025

Wed 2 St Francis of Paola, *hermit*

Fri 4 St Isidore, *bishop, doctor*

Sat 5 St Vincent Ferrer, *priest*

Holy Men and Women

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: God welcomes us home with extravagant love. Let the call to holiness draw you home into a deeper relationship with God. (Luke 15:1-3, 11-32)



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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