



# Newsletter

## CATHOLIC PARISHES

Clayfield ● Hendra ● Hamilton ● Northgate



**FIRST SUNDAY OF LENT (YEAR C)**

**9 MARCH 2025**

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**Gospel Reflection: Trust in God**

The 1st Sunday of Lent Year C emphasizes the importance of trust in God. The readings remind us to rely on God in every situation. Trust is a key aspect of our faith journey, especially during Lent.

In Deuteronomy 26:4-10, the Israelites offer their first fruits to God, showing their trust and gratitude. They recognize that everything they have comes from Him. This act of trust is a powerful example for us.

In Romans 10:8-13, Paul encourages us to trust in Jesus for our salvation. Believing in our hearts and confessing with our mouths shows our faith. This trust in God's promise is essential for our spiritual journey.

In Luke 4:1-13, Jesus' time in the desert teaches us about trusting God in times of trial. Jesus resists the devil's temptations by relying on God's word. His trust in God helps Him stay focused on His mission.

Trusting God means believing that He will guide and support us. It means turning to Him in prayer and relying on His strength. During Lent, we are called to deepen our trust in God through prayer, fasting, and acts of charity.

Let's use this Lenten season to strengthen our trust in God. By relying on Him, we can face any challenge and grow in our faith. Trust in God is the foundation of our spiritual journey.

Reflecting on the themes of the 1st Sunday of Lent Year C helps us deepen our faith. By focusing on the concepts of temptation, salvation, and trust, we prepare our hearts for Easter. Let these reflections guide us through Lent as we grow closer to God.

**Prayer**

Lord, help us to trust in You and resist temptation. Guide us to share Your love and salvation with everyone. Strengthen our faith during this Lenten season. Amen.

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Fr Michael Grace

**CYCLONE ALFRED—UPDATE**

**Dear parishioners of Mother of Mercy and St Agatha's Parishes**

Due to the severe weather conditions of Cyclone Alfred, the Vicar General of the Archdiocese has advised that churches are to cease Mass times and scheduled events from late Wednesday afternoon. Therefore the following changes will be effected in our parishes:

- No 9am Thursday or Friday morning Masses this week at St Agatha's Clayfield and St John's Northgate.
- World Day of Prayer at 10am, OLHC, Hendra this Friday has been cancelled.
- At this stage, this weekend's Masses will not go ahead.
- All Scheduled parish events are likewise cancelled until further notice.
- The Parish office will be closed from Wednesday afternoon until further notice.

Should the weather forecast change substantially, or conditions permit Sunday Masses to proceed, we will advise any changes to the above by way of another email.

**Please stay safe and well.....blessings to all.**



**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 9 March**

**8.00am Mass** Morning tea following Mass  
Hosted by Community and Mission Council,  
Sarah Fraser, Brooke Gordon

**5.30pm Mass**

## What's happening in MOM Parish this week

**Sunday 9 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**  
**9 March:** Lorelei Gozzard **16 March:** Rosemary Woods

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

**LAST CHANCE**

# The Sacrament of EUCHARIST

Open to all children Year 4 and above who have completed Baptism and Confirmation.

**Hurry! Enrolments close Sunday March 9th**

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>





## MOM Parish Messages....

- ◆ **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.
- ◆ **Navy Memorial Mass at St John's, Northgate on Friday 28 February:** Many thanks to all who attended and contributed to the most meaningful commemoration, Mass, and morning tea last Friday honouring the RAN servicemen noted on the Honour Board at St John's who were on the HMAS Perth, HMAS Yarra and HMS Anking at the time of being sunk in battle in February 1942.



*Photo: Relatives of three of the RAN servicemen noted on the Honour Board at St John's Church.*

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## WE PRAY FOR....

**Recently deceased:** Angela Rotolone, Lina Ambrosini, Peter Heinmynn, Fr Leo Burke, Sr Evelyn rsj, Sr Kathleen ocd

**Anniversaries:** Colin George Jackson, William Joseph Redmond, Colleen O'Brien, Phillis Catherine Sullivan, Harold William Pudniks, Irvine Moncrief Felsman, Louis (Lou) Henry Hailey, Gloria Jean Sfttina, Stanley Tochukwu Obi, Mary Curtin, James O'Brien

**Sick:** His Holiness Pope Francis, Angela Krista, Rosaria Fazio, Michael Hardy, Maria Ward



## In our prayers we remember. . . .

### Those who have died recently:

Dermot Doody, Joan McKean, Dorothy McSweeney

### Those whose anniversaries occur at this time:

Ivy Adams, William Gordon, Brian Dowd

Those who are ill: Abby Hernandez, His Holiness Pope Francis



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

### **CANCELLED:** World Day of Prayer Service 2025

**Kia Orana** Parishioners of St Agatha's, Clayfield and Mother of Mercy Parish (Hendra, Hamilton and Northgate). Sadly, due to the current severe weather event, we will not be able to gather in person and Celebrate and Pray for the Cook Islands this coming Friday 7 March at Our Lady Help of Christians.

### **We can still contribute**

Please see details below for personal donations as we will not be able to organise a collection this year.

Online Transfer to account at Commonwealth Bank.

**Account Name:** World Day of Prayer Committee Queensland

**BSB Number:** 064001

**Account Number:** 00920907

**Payee Reference:** 034

*We pray for the well being and safety of all.*



## Lent 2025 Sessions

*facilitated by Mother of Mercy Parishioners*

### All Welcome

#### Thursdays from 6/3, 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 from 9/3, 11-11.45am

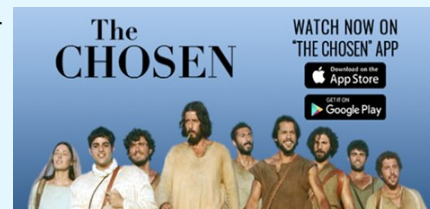
**Lenten Discussion Group** using the resource "*Start Anew in Christ*" produced by the Brisbane Archdiocesan Ministries team and written by our own Fr Michael Grace.

**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 10/3, 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.



## 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

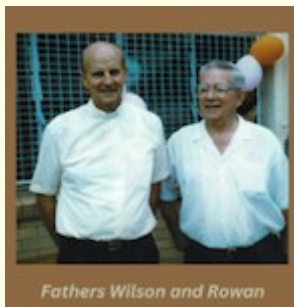
Every Thursday 8.30am, during Lent.

**(NB: Cancelled this Thursday 6 March)**

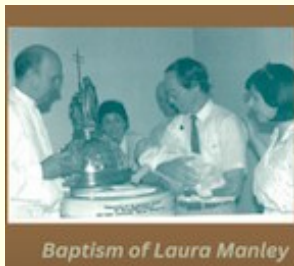


St Agatha's Church – The Last 100 Years  
1925 – 2025

St Agatha's 4th Parish Priest  
1989-1998  
**Father Bernard Wilson**



Fathers Wilson and Rowan



Baptism of Laura Manley

During the time when Fr Wilson was parish priest at Clayfield, a number of liturgical programs were instituted and fostered. These included greater involvement of Eucharistic ministers, more varied music during liturgies, RCIA, changes in the Rite of reconciliation, the introduction of Children's liturgy, and community, rather than school-based programs for the preparation of children for Reconciliation and First Holy Communion.

In 1992, the parish Finance Council was established. On the more physical side of things, he oversaw substantial maintenance upgrade to the church including painting of the exterior of the church during 1990 and again in 1997. There were also renovations to create a new parish office, meeting room, interview room, washroom, toilet, garages and driveways. He was also an organiser of a parish-based pilgrimage to the Holy Land, but was himself unable to attend due to an accident where he sustained multiple fractures. Due to these injuries he retired as Parish Priest of Clayfield in April 1998, but was to be remembered as a community builder within the parish.

Compiled by Anne-Marie Quinn



1985 Parish Pilgrimage - Church of the Holy Sepulchre

Father Wilson is remembered by the parish as a community builder



**PROJECT COMPASSION**

**Project Compassion Sunday**

**8th and 9th 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](http://caritas.org.au/project-compassion)

Or by calling: 1800 024 413



**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, 24 March 6:00pm. **ENQUIRIES** to Maria Young, Enrolments Officer, [MYoung@stjamescollege.qld.edu.au](mailto:MYoung@stjamescollege.qld.edu.au), 3230 8600. Register at [JTA.link/SJC](https://jta.link/SJC).



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**NEWS FROM OUR PARISH SCHOOLS**

**PLEASE NOTE: The Qld Govt has advised that schools will be closed for Thursday 6/3 and Friday 7/3 this week due to the severe weather event.**

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

If you have a Kindy aged child in 2025, born between **1st July 2020 to 30th June 2021**, please go to our Online Enrolment Form and complete an enrolment ASAP. Enrolments are open until the end of Term 1 and Prep interviews will be conducted during March. Please call the office to book into a school tour. Regards to all and stay safe.

**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 students acknowledged the beginning of the season of Lent. On Tuesday our students enjoyed a pancake or gluten free waffle with golden syrup, chocolate sauce and sprinkles.

On Wednesday, we took part in an online Ash Wednesday liturgy. The students were very respectful and took time to connect with their Lenten promises and the journey towards Easter.

Next week is Wellbeing Week at St Agatha's and we are looking forward to celebrate with lots of fun activities incorporated into our learning. Wishing you all a safe week ahead.

**Anne-Marie Maw** (Principal)

*Growth, Friendship, Faith.*



**St Agatha's Choral Concert**

MONDAY 17 MARCH 2025  
6.30PM

ST AGATHA'S PARISH CHURCH, ORIEL ROAD, CLAYFIELD

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

# Sunday Mass Rosters

Date	Reader Clayfield 8am Mass	Reader Clayfield 5:30pm Mass	Reader OLHC 9:30am Mass	Eucharistic Minister OLHC 9:30am Mass
<b>9 March</b>	<b>Family Mass</b>	Giselle Hossinger Joel Perkins	Angela Devereux Cutella Dias	Robyn Jeynes Barbara Nelson
<b>16 March</b>	Dianne Eden Nick Eden	Declan Harte Amelia Marino-Cebulski	George, Clara and Sylvie Shillington	Louise Nott Dona Rotolone

## 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

16 MARCH 2025

SECOND SUNDAY OF LENT

First Reading: Gen 15:5-12, 17-18

Second Reading: Phil 3:17 - 4:1

Gospel: Lk 9:28-36



Commemoration of Saints

March 2025



All Holy Men and Women

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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