



Newsletter

CATHOLIC PARISHES

Clayfield ● Hendra ● Hamilton ● Northgate



SECOND SUNDAY OF EASTER

27 APRIL 2025

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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

This weekend the Church celebrates the Octave Day of Easter, which is to say, the celebration of Easter all over again; if not quite as elaborately as Easter Sunday, then at least with no less joy. Christ has risen from the dead and stands triumphant in the midst of his Church, announcing His message of Peace and reconciliation with the Father:



Fr Michael Grace

"Peace be with you."

It is also known as Divine Mercy Sunday, referencing the popular devotion to God's mercy which is celebrated today.

In the midst of all this, we say farewell to Pope Francis. It seems to me fitting that this Pope has gone to the Father during our solemn Easter celebration. His life was a proclamation of the Easter message. He proclaimed this with powerful words, but even more so, he eloquently proclaimed the radical Mercy of God by his actions. He was a good man who loved Christ, most especially in the poor and the marginalised. The words of Christ himself proclaim the promise of life directed towards him and all who serve Christ in the poor:

"Then the King will say to those on his right, 'Come, you who are blessed by my Father; take your inheritance, the kingdom prepared for you since the creation of the world...' 1 'Truly I tell you, whatever you did for one of the least of these brothers and sisters of mine, you did for me.' 2 (Mt 25:34, 40).

Eternal rest grant unto him, O Lord, and let perpetual light shine upon him; may he rest in peace. Amen.

Let us also pray for our Church in this time of transition. May the Lord bring forth his gifts in the Church and especially in the next Pope. Some are saying we need a progressive, others a conservative. Some say he should be an Italian, or an African, and so on. I simply pray that the Lord gives us a saint and an effective leader.

Blessings,
Fr Michael

Sincere thanks to all who contributed so meaningfully to our Lenten preparation and Easter Services in the Parishes. The generosity of your time, effort and talents is greatly appreciated.



What's on at St Agatha's

Sunday 27 April

- 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 27 April at the 8am Mass. We invite children to come along to learn more about Jesus and the gospel through child-friendly, engaging activities.
- ♦ **A Funeral Mass for Jack Williamson** will be held at St Agatha's Church on **Tuesday 29 April at 11.00am**. *Eternal rest grant unto him, O Lord, and let perpetual light shine upon him. May he rest in peace.*



Baptismal Joy!!

This Sunday at St Agatha's we welcome with great joy two new members of Christ's faithful people:
Edward Chahoud, son of Samuel and Nadia
Oliver Hill, son of Timothy and Deanna
May they always know God's love and the support of this Christian Community.

Dennis Rawlings and Glennys Andrews will be received into Full Communion with the Catholic Church, at the 5.30pm Mass this Sunday 27th April at St Agatha's. Please join Dennis, Glennys and their families on this wonderful occasion. **Congratulations and blessings.**

In our prayers we remember. . . .

Those who have died recently:

His Holiness Pope Francis, Jack Williamson, Joseph Zaidan

Those whose anniversaries occur at this time:

Jim Commene, William Guiney, Liam Ballinger, Maximus Chirila, Joe Quinn, Colleen Hunter, Jim See, Ross Caruso

Those who are ill: John Clark, Abby Hernandez



What's happening in MOM Parish this week

Sunday 27 April

- 9.30am** Morning tea after 9.30am Mass (Parish Centre)
11.00-11.45am *Lectio Divina* (Parish Centre) All very welcome.
Volunteer(s) at Parish Morning Tea (10.30am Sundays)
27 April: Lynn & Dave Rogers **4 May:** Pat Shine

MOM Parish Messages....

- ♦ **No 9.00am Friday morning Mass at St John's on ANZAC Day.**
- ♦ **THIS SUNDAY — 27 APRIL — EVENTS:** At MoM Parish Centre, Hendra
2.30pm Board Games Social Event
Join us to play games such as Balderdash/Pictionary/Articulate and possibly even some cards. BYO drinks & optional snacks to share. No need to RSVP...just come!
6.30pm POTLUCK DINNER
Come along and bring some food and drinks to share at the Pot Luck food tables. **ALL WELCOME!**
- ♦ **MASS SET UP ASSISTANCE:** Fr Michael is keenly looking for helpers to assist with opening up and closing OLHC Church before and after the 9.30am Mass each Sunday on a monthly roster basis. If you could assist, please call the Parish Office.



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



WE PRAY FOR....

- Recently deceased:** Holy Father Pope Francis, Nico Olijhoek, Don Gaffney
- Anniversaries:** Leonard and Elaine Moore, Rebecca Margaret Barker, Bernard Aloysius Hickey, Valerie O'Brien, Aileen Collins, Marie Burnett, Fr John Soulsby sm, Fr Ian Howells sj
- Sick:** Brad Ryan, Betty Mahoney, Dawn Collinson, Angela Krista, Rosaria Fazio, Michael Hardy, Maria Ward



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

ARCHDIOCESE OF BRISBANE MASS COUNT 2025

Parishioners are advised that for a four week period starting next weekend, 4 May, the Archdiocese of Brisbane has requested a Count of Mass Attendance.

Attendance is to be recorded at Mass for each church on the weekends of 4th May, 11th May, 18th May and 25th May.

After Communion at each Mass over the next four weeks, a head count will be taken of all attending each respective Mass. This information will then be forwarded to the Archdiocese of Brisbane.

The annual Mass Count provides valuable insight into trends of attendance at both a local level and an Archdiocesan level, a summation of which will be shared with parishes later this year.

ACBC Election Statement 2025

The Australian Catholic Bishops Conference's Bishops Commission for Life, Family and Public Engagement has drawn on the theme for the federal election statement, **Called to Bring Hope in the Year of Jubilee**, Australia's Catholic bishops say the federal election is an opportunity to bring hope where hope has been lost, especially for the vulnerable and disadvantaged.

The full statement can be downloaded at: <https://www.catholic.au/s/article/Election-Statement-2025>

Prayer for the Election

Grant, we pray, O Lord our God, that as the Cross shines in our southern skies,

so may Christ bring light to our nation, to its peoples old and new, and by saving grace, transform our lives.

Through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

ANZAC DAY 2025

Mother of Mercy Parish's Anzac Day Commemorative Service will be held at St John's, Northgate (688 Nudgee Rd, Northgate) on Friday 25 April.



6.00am Wreath laying and dedication

6.15am Commemorative Mass

Followed by breakfast in the adjacent hall

All military, family, friends, parishioners and community members most welcome.

St John's is the only Dedicated Navy War Memorial Church in Australia, home to the Honour Board HMAS Moreton, commemorating the 174 lives lost in WWII.



St Agatha's Parish

Anzac Day Mass will be held at **9.00am** at St Agatha's Church (52 Oriel Road, Clayfield) on Friday 25 April.

MENS DINNER

DETAILS

WHEN: SATURDAY 10TH
MAY 2025
DINNER FROM 6PM
FR JOHN FROM 7PM

COST: \$20 FOR HOT
CHICKEN & SALAD
DINNER + DRINKS

WHERE: OLHC PARISH
CENTRE
[9 BOWMAN ST, HENDRA]

RSVP: MONDAY 5TH MAY
SMS TO JOEL OR BILL

**FR JOHN: COME AND
HEAR HIS STORY!**



BRING YOUR MATES & SONS!



FATHER JOHN ZHAO

MANY OF YOU WILL HAVE ALREADY MET FR JOHN ZHAO. FR JOHN WAS ORIGINALLY FROM THE NORTHERN PART OF CHINA. HAVING SPENT A FEW YEARS IN IRELAND HE IS CURRENTLY COMPLETING HIS PHD AT THE AUSTRALIAN CATHOLIC UNIVERSITY AND HOPES TO RETURN TO CHINA IN THE NEXT FEW YEARS. HE IS GRATEFUL TO THE COLUMBAN SOCIETY FOR SPONSORING HIS CURRENT STUDIES. DESPITE BEING BUSY WITH HIS STUDIES, FR JOHN HAS BEEN ASSISTING WITH MASSES AT HENDRA AND CLAYFIELD. MANY OF OUR PARISHIONERS HAVE EXPRESSED THEIR GRATITUDE FOR HIS INSPIRATIONAL HOMILIES.

JOEL PERKINS: 0438 241 524
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Position Vacant—Sacramental Coordinator

Chermside Catholic Parish is seeking applications for the position of a Parish Sacramental Coordinator. This is a casual position offering flexible hours. To apply, please use this link: <https://brisbanecatholic.org.au/our-diocese/careers-and-volunteering/open-positions/?ja-job=992292>



**PROJECT
COMPASSION**

Thank You!

Caritas Australia would like to express our heartfelt thanks for your incredible support of Project Compassion this Lent.

If you still have your Project Compassion box or donation envelope at home, please return them next week at Mass.

Your generosity is helping to empower the world's most vulnerable communities, enabling them to overcome challenges and lift themselves out of poverty.

Together, we are creating a better tomorrow, helping vulnerable communities build stronger futures for themselves and empowering them to break free from the cycle of poverty. Thank you for standing with us!

It's not too late to donate.

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



PRAYER SUPPORT—First and Third Sundays of the month OLHC Church, Hendra

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.



What is Alpha?
an exploration of big questions about **Faith?**
Life? Meaning?

<https://www.bing.com/videos/riverview/relatedvideo?q=alpha+promo+ad&mid=604CD78A0D83F012423F604CD78A0D83F012423F&FORM=VIRE>. Please contact hendra@bne.catholic.net.au if you would like to be involved in Alpha.

Event update

Open Week

28 April - 4 May

Everyone is welcome at
Our Lady Help of
Christians Hendra

Visit our website
for details

BCEOpenWeek.com



Everyone is welcome at

**St Agatha's Primary School
Clayfield**



Assembly, Choir Performance
& School Tours
Friday 2 May 2025
8.45am to 10.30am

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

NEWS FROM OUR PARISH SCHOOLS

Our Lady Help of Christians Catholic Primary School

Welcome back to Term Two. I hope everyone in the community had a wonderful Easter and managed to slow down, reflect and recharge as we move into the next school term.

Pope Francis: It was wonderful to join Fr Michael and parishioners at Mass on Wednesday morning to remember the life of Pope Francis. An inspirational leader who will be dearly missed. On Wednesday, we prayed for Cardinals to enact their wisdom as they move into the selection of our new Pope.

Open Week: For the first time, BCE schools have coordinated open day activities, which is exciting for our system of schools. You may have even spotted one of our senior students on a billboard or BCC bus over recent weeks. We will be hosting an open morning on Tuesday 29th April from 9:00-10:30. If you know local families who are still looking for schools for their pre-school aged children, or those looking to move into the area for 2026 and beyond, please pass on this message and ask them to contact the school to register.

Election Day BBQ: This year, OLHC will be a voting location for the Federal Election. The P&FG will be holding a BBQ fundraiser as part of the day. Anyone interested in volunteering to support on the day, please complete the volunteer sign up link volunteersignup.org/TPE84.

Wishing you all a wonderful weekend as we celebrate and commemorate ANZAC Day. Have a great week ahead.

Adam Bennie (Principal)

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

St Agatha's Catholic Primary School

Term Two has started brilliantly at St Agatha's Clayfield. On Tuesday we celebrated the resurrection of Jesus with a beautiful liturgy. On Wednesday we had our cross country carnival in the morning, then a visit from author/illustrator Brent Wilson and finished with an ANZAC Day liturgy in the afternoon. On Thursday we started dance lessons with Zing Dance Company. On Friday we will acknowledge the ANZACS by marching at Kalinga Park. A reminder that Open Day will be held on Friday 2nd May from 8:45am - 10:30am. We hope to see you there!

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
27 April	Beth Casey Phill Ryan	Declan Harte Joel Perkins	Paul McLean Kathryn Bourke	Dona Rotolone Louise Nott
4 May	Nam Tran Joseph O'Brien	Andre Marino Amelia Marino-Cebulski	Robyn Jeynes <i>Volunteer</i>	Pat Shine Barbara Nelson

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

4 MAY 2025

THIRD SUNDAY OF EASTER

First Reading: Acts 5:27-32, 40-41

Second Reading: Rev 5:11-14

Gospel: Jn 21:1-19



Commemoration of Saints April 2025

Mon 28 St Peter Chanel, *priest, martyr* **MEMORIAL**

Tues 29 St Catherine of Siena, *virgin, doctor* **MEMORIAL**

Wed 30 St Pius V, *pope*

May 2025

Thurs 1 St Joseph the Worker

Fri 2 St Athanasius, *bishop, doctor* **MEMORIAL**

Sat 3 Sts Philip and James, *apostles* **FEAST**



Pray for us....

Safeguarding Guide for Children and Young People

The Archdiocesan Office for Safeguarding Services has issued two videos which are part of the Safeguarding Guide for Children and Young People. These videos (each around two minutes in length) are available on our website at <https://brisbanecatholic.org.au/safeguarding/safeguarding-resources/#videos> and on the Archdiocesan YouTube channel:

◆ Care for Kids - <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=V6lvJdqTefc>

◆ Children's Safeguarding - <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=cyNKCMjBNWE>

We recommend that parents or caregivers are present when children view these videos. This offers an opportunity for families to engage in conversation and for children to ask questions in a safe and supported environment.



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 like Thomas? Do you need to see to believe? Pray for faith and trust. (*John 20:29*)

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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