



Newsletter

CATHOLIC PARISHES

Clayfield ● Hendra ● Hamilton ● Northgate



FIFTH SUNDAY OF LENT (YEAR C)

6 APRIL 2025

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As we draw near to the great feast of our salvation, it is good to remember by what means we are saved. In this time of Lent, when we practise the disciplines of prayer, fasting, and charitable giving, we can be tempted to think that it is these 'good works' which are the source of our salvation. This is, of course, not the case. Can any sacrifice of mine, however great, reconcile me with God? No!



Fr Michael Grace

The source of our salvation is Christ himself. He is the one who makes the sacrificial offering, once and for all. This reality sits at the heart of St Paul's letter to the Philippians, from which we read in this weekend's second reading. It is by belonging to Christ, and by uniting our offering with him, that we are reconciled. This is the "supreme advantage" that St Paul speaks about.

What, then, of our Lenten discipline? Should I give up striving for perfection? Salvation is a gift, and the healing which God brings about in our souls is the action of grace. Yet, we must co-operate with grace. God does not impose upon us but rather calls for our participation.

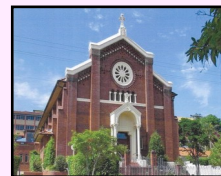
When we fast, let's not do so in order to demonstrate our own perfection. Rather, we grow in hunger for the more lasting satisfaction of knowing the Lord. Likewise, as we pray, it is not some feat of mental gymnastics that makes our prayer acceptable to God. God loves the humble prayers of a little child as much as the more 'perfect' prayer of the spiritually advanced. Finally, when we give, is it not but an overflow of the charity we have received? For Christ has paid our ransom and given his all that we might have life!

Let's offer a special prayer for the St Agatha's community as they celebrate the 100th anniversary of the dedication of the church! For those on holiday, stay safe and have a great time.

Blessings,

Fr. Michael

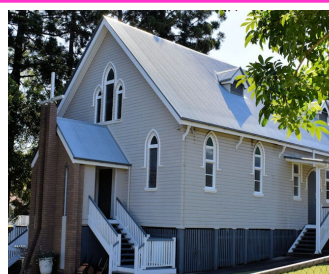
Congratulations to the St Agatha's Parish Community as you celebrate the Centenary of St Agatha's Church this Saturday.



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 6 April

- 8.00am Mass** Morning tea following Mass
Hosted by Judy and Paul Bartels, Jane Cameron
- 5.30pm Mass**

St Agatha's Parish Messages....

- ♦ **Children's Liturgy** will resume **Sunday 27 April**.
- ♦ **Olive Branches for St Agatha's Church:** Olive branches and golden cane palms (small to large) are required for Palm Sunday. If you are able to supply any, please deliver to the back of St Agatha's Church, outside the back door on **Friday 11 April** or contact Peter Bowden on 0407 751 946. Thank you! Your assistance is much appreciated.
- ♦ **Planned Giving Envelope Users:** The new Planned Giving Envelopes commence **THIS Sunday 6 April**. Please discard any 2024 envelopes.
- ♦ 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 **NEXT Sunday 13 April**.
- ♦ **Choir practice for Easter:** **Thursday 10 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:

Gregory Bell

Those whose anniversaries occur at this time:

Judy Power

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



What's happening in MOM Parish this week

Sunday 6 April

- 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)
6 April: Lorelei Gozzard **13 April:** Jen Cridland



MOM Parish Messages....

- ♦ **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.
- ♦ **Friday morning Healing Mass and Morning Tea:** Next Friday 11 April will be an Anointing/Healing Mass followed by morning tea at **St John's Church, Northgate**. All very welcome!

DATE CLAIMER: **POT LUCK DINNER**

6.30pm Sunday 27 April 2025

At MoM Parish Centre, Hendra ALL WELCOME!



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: Robert Kause

Anniversaries: Margot Forgan-Smith, Isabel D'Penha, Sidney D'Penha, Krista Dierdre Kerr, Bishop Michael Putney, Thomas and Ann Curtin, Charles and Catherine Martin

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

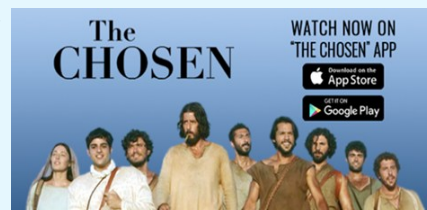
Lenten Discussion Group using the resource *"Start Anew in Christ"* produced by the Brisbane Archdiocesan Ministries team and written by our own Fr Michael Grace.

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.



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.

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.

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



**PROJECT
COMPASSION**

**Project Compassion Sunday
5th and 6th April 2025**

Irene lives in the Kongolo Region in the Democratic Republic of the Congo (DRC) and faced immense challenges after losing her father to war and raising her children in poverty. With support from Caritas Australia, Irene received vocational training in sewing and farming and can now support her whole family.



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



Archbishop Mark Coleridge
invites you to the annual

CHRISM MASS

Thursday 10th April 2025 @ 7:00pm

Cathedral of St Stephen
249 Elizabeth Street, Brisbane 4000

A CELEBRATION FOR THE ENTIRE ARCHDIOCESE

ALL WELCOME

CAR PARKING AVAILABLE FROM 6:00PM

A LIGHT SUPPER WILL BE SERVED FOLLOWING THE MASS



NEWS FROM OUR PARISH SCHOOLS

Our Lady Help of Christians Catholic Primary School

What a wonderful Term 1 we have experienced at OLHC. Guided by our theme for this year, **'Find the GEM in your day,'** we have stopped to be grateful each day, demonstrate empathy whenever we can and taken time to stop, go slow and be mindful of what we are doing.

Our final week of the school term has been exciting and busy with Parent Teacher Interviews, which were a fabulous opportunity to come together with our parents and carers to share the great learning the children have demonstrated this term.

On Thursday we joined together to celebrate our final Caritas event, Walk for Water. The students experienced what it feels like to collect water and carry it home. An experience many children in our world deal with every day of their lives to get fresh water. This experience gave our students a small glimpse into the hardship's others deal with while also acknowledging how lucky we are here in Hendra. Caritas has been a wonderful support for our Pray, Fast and Give actions during Lent.

On Friday we came together for our exciting Easter Bonnet Parade in the morning and our Holy Week Re-enactment in the afternoon. Both events were a great opportunity to celebrate and acknowledge this special time. As we move into our Easter holidays, we are very aware of the importance of this special time in our Liturgical Calendar. What an exciting way to begin our Easter journey.

We also remind all in our community about our upcoming **Open Week in Term 2, April 28 – May 4**. Please see the link below or QR Code for access to what is happening at our school during this special week. OLHC Open Week



We wish all in our community a happy, safe and blessed Easter Season. Travel gently during this special time.

Marie-Louise Stolberg (AP-RE)

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

St Agatha's Catholic Primary School

What an amazing term it has been at St Agatha's! We have certainly lived our theme for this year 'Celebrate and Thrive in 2025' through our many and varied liturgies, celebrations, learning and events.

We have especially enjoyed the 100 years Mass and morning tea, swimming carnival, being in new classrooms, welcoming new staff and growing in our learning, friendships and faith.

On Friday we gathered as a community to reflect upon the death of Jesus through our Holy Week liturgy. We look forward as pilgrims of hope to returning in Term Two and celebrating Jesus' resurrection with the Easter liturgy.

We thank you all for a wonderful term and look forward to seeing what adventures await in Term Two.

A reminder that we have limited availability in some year levels for 2025 and 2026.

If you would like to visit us at Open Morning (Friday 2nd May) or enrol in our beautiful school, please visit our school website.

<https://www.stagathasclayfield.qld.edu.au/Pages/default.aspx>

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
6 April	Terry Manso Nik Kure	Andre Marino Amelia Marino-Cebulski	Robyn Jeynes <i>Volunteer</i>	Barbara Nelson Dona Rotolone
13 April	Eileen Duncan Annette Riba	Chris Begley Karen Birtles	Mary Nicholls Cutella Dias	Robyn Jeynes Pat Shine

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.

MASSSES 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

13 APRIL 2025

PALM SUNDAY OF THE PASSION OF THE LORD



First Reading: Is 50:4-7

Second Reading: Phil 2:6-11

Gospel: Lk 22:14 - 23:56



Commemoration of Saints

April 2025

Mon 7 St John Baptist de la Salle, priest MEMORIAL

Fri 11 St Stanislaus, bishop, martyr MEMORIAL

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 continues to open a way for us. How is God doing something new in your life? Perhaps God is inviting you to be a priest or religious. (Isaiah 43:16-21)



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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