

This letter and the attached Preparation Schedule and Enrolment form are available on:

<https://clayfieldparish.org.au/confirmation/>

or

<https://www.motherofmercyparish.org.au/confirmation.html>



31 March, 2025

Dear Parents,

I am happy to inform you that the parishes of **St Agatha's, Clayfield** and **Mother of Mercy, Northgate, Hendra and Hamilton** are currently accepting candidates to celebrate the **Sacrament of Confirmation**. Our parishes operate a combined sacramental program across both communities.

Your child is eligible for this Sacrament if she or he is in Year 3 or above and has already received the Sacrament of Baptism.

Confirmation is the sacrament of initiation that seals a person's decision to be a follower of Christ. This Sacrament reflects the story of Pentecost when Jesus' disciples were anointed with the Holy Spirit with tongues of fire. For more information, please click here for the Introductory video we have produced just for you. <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=hdTbRTkxOfs>



Preparation for the Sacrament of Confirmation requires a commitment to attend all of the preparation sessions outlined in the attached Preparation Schedule. Please peruse these dates carefully. The first preparation session shall be held in June and Confirmations shall be early August. These sessions shall be facilitated by Pastoral Associate, Sandy Cantarutti and me.

I pray you are able to prioritise these sessions. If so, please complete this electronic enrolment form and don't forget to register for the first session. If you feel you are unable to fully commit to this program, please consider deferring your enrolment to another year. Enrolments close on **Sunday 15th June**.

As part of the preparation, children will be given a Mass Passport to mark their attendance at 4 masses. There are currently passports available to collect in all churches if you are keen to start coming to Mass.

Importantly, please mark the feast of Pentecost in your diaries: Sunday June 8th. You are all invited to celebrate Pentecost Sunday to kick-start your child's Sacramental journey. Volunteers at our morning Masses have organised a Pentecost Party with red cakes and flame party hats.

If you have any questions, please contact Alex Atkins, Parish Families Administration Officer for both parishes at sacramental.clayfield@bne.catholic.net.au or contact the St Agatha's and Mother of Mercy Parish office .

Blessings,

Fr Michael Grace

Parish Priest | Mother of Mercy Parish, Hendra, Hamilton, Northgate
Parish Administrator | St Agatha's Parish, Clayfield





Sacrament of Confirmation Preparation Schedule 2025

Open to Year 3 and Up (children who have already received Baptism)

St Agatha's Parish and Mother of Mercy Parish Combined Sacramental Program

Contact Person: Alexandria Atkins, Parish Families Administration Officer
sacramental.clayfield@bne.catholic.net.au Working Days: Mondays and Thursdays
 St Agatha's and MoM Parish Office Location: 9 Bowman St, Hendra Qld | ph. (07) 3268 3040



You are Invited: Pentecost Party After Mass!



The parishioners of St Agatha's and Our Lady Help of Christians are throwing your children a 'Pentecost party!' Please stay **after the 8:00am Mass on Pentecost Sunday June 8th (St Agatha's Church) or 9:30am Mass (Our Lady Help of Christians Church)** for a special morning tea with party hats and other Pentecost-themed baked treats to celebrate the coming of the Holy Spirit! No need to register! Just come with the whole family!



Session 1: Parent Forum (Thursday 19th June/Friday 20th June)

1 hr compulsory session (Parents/Carers only to attend). You may attend any session (no matter what parish you belong to).

You will receive your Confirmation workbook and Mass Passport.

Facilitated by Fr Michael and Sandy (Clayfield Pastoral Associate)

Please don't forget to complete this online Enrolment Form before you attend the session. Both parents must consent to their child receiving the Sacrament. **Registrations close Sunday 15th June.**

Click links below to register (required). Please begin to decide who your child's sponsor will be.

Thursday 19th June 2:00pm at St Agatha's Church, Clayfield	Thursday 19th June 4:30pm at St Agatha's Church, Clayfield	Friday 20th June 6:00pm at Our Lady Help of Christians, Hendra
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Monday 23rd June may open in the event of illness or absenteeism. Please Email Alexandria.

Session 2: Rite of Enrolment Mass (Saturday 21st/Sunday 22nd June)

1 hr compulsory Mass (Child + at least one parent or guardian to attend)

Come to any Mass below for your child to receive a prayerful commissioning to prepare towards the Sacrament of Confirmation. Your child must bring his/her 'Pray For Me' card and get a stamp in the Mass Passport.

No registration required- Just come along with the whole family!

St Cecilia's Church, Hamilton (Saturday 4:30pm)

St Agatha's Church, Clayfield (Sunday 8:00am or 5:30pm)

or Our Lady Help of Christians Church, Hendra (Sunday 9:30am)

Ongoing Preparation: Do your Preparation Booklet at home and complete your Mass Passport

Please attend any Mass 4 times at either St Agatha's, Our Lady Help of Christians or St Cecilia's Church.

We warmly invite you to experience Mass as the source and summit of the Christian life.

Please check the [St Agatha's](#) and [Mother of Mercy](#) parish websites for Mass times. Alex will also be sending you an email for you to submit your child's saint's name (optional) and Sponsor's name.

The sponsor must be 16+, Catholic and cannot be the child's parent.

The Confirmation Preparation Booklet and Passport are **due in Session 3.**

No need to register for regular Masses. Bring the whole family along!

Session 3. Booklet Review and Rehearsal (Monday 4th/Tuesday 5th August)

1.5 hr compulsory session (Child + at least one parent or guardian to attend)

It is preferable to attend the location of your parish where your child will receive the Sacrament of Confirmation; however this is not strictly necessary. Bring your completed Preparation Booklet, Mass Passport, a snack and a drink bottle.

Let's learn more about the Gifts and Fruits of the Holy Spirit with Fr Michael and Sandy!

Registration will open Monday 23rd June.

Monday 4 th August 3:30pm at St Agatha's Church, Clayfield	Monday 4 th August 5:00pm at St Agatha's Church, Clayfield	Tuesday 5 th August 4:00pm at Our Lady Help of Christians Church, Hendra	Tuesday 5 th August 6:00pm at Our Lady Help of Christians Church, Hendra
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Friday 8th August may open in the event of illness or absenteeism. Please email Alexandria.

IMPORTANT!!!! Information about registering for the Confirmation Liturgy on the next page...

Confirmation: Tuesday 19th August (St Agatha's) or Friday 22nd August (OLHC)

Your child will receive the Holy Spirit at this liturgy.

Important Registrations for **Confirmation** shall open on: **Monday 23rd June**

You must register for Confirmation at your own parish, as indicated on your enrolment form.

Regarding St Agatha's Confirmations: We apologise in advance if you are unable to secure your preferred liturgy timeslot. Please make yourself available for both timeslots well in advance as you may be unable to book your preferred session. We adhere to a first-in-first-served policy with the use of the ticketing system. Out of courtesy, please keep the earlier 5:00pm session for parents with infants and toddlers.

Registration links will be emailed to parents.

St Agatha's Church, Clayfield
(St Agatha's Parish)
Tuesday 19th August 5:00pm

St Agatha's Church, Clayfield
(St Agatha's Parish)
Tuesday 19th August 7:00pm

Our Lady Help of Christians Church,
Hendra
(Mother of Mercy Parish)
Friday 22nd August 6:00pm

Event Information

- The role of the sponsor is to accompany the child during the anointing (right hand on right shoulder as pictured below). The sponsor acts as a Christian role model for the child throughout his/her life. The sponsor needs to be a baptised Catholic, (16+) and cannot be the child's own parent.
- The sponsor will hand to the bishop/priest the name card with the child's name (or optional saint's name).
- Attire is 'dressy'. No particular colour is required for the Sacrament of Confirmation. Wearing a touch a red is nice... but not necessary!
- Family photography is available 1 hour before.
- A photo shall also be taken during your child's anointing (see picture below).
- A link to purchase the photos shall be mailed to you approximately one month later.
- Please consider if your child would like to do a job or reading at Confirmation (drawn from hat).
- Street parking only at both St Agatha's Church and Our Lady Help of Christians. Please arrive early in order to find a carpark, receive your gift, collect child's name card and to line up for family photos).
- Seating: Your family will have access to one pew. Pews will **not** be reserved by name (unless you are a reader), so please follow the 'first-in-first served' approach with seating.
- Pews fit approximately 6 people (including your child sitting in the aisle seat and the sponsor beside the child).
- If any other family members do not fit in your one pew, they may be seated in some spare rows at the back of the church.
- Children shall receive a cupcake at the end of Confirmation. Please specify dietary requirements when required (dietary requirement boxes shall be labelled with the child's name).
- We are not certain whether a Bishop will be available to celebrate this liturgy. You will be informed of this closer to the date. Fr Michael will be available also.

