



# Newsletter

## CATHOLIC PARISHES

Clayfield ● Hendra ● Hamilton ● Northgate



### THE ASCENSION OF THE LORD

1 JUNE 2025

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This weekend's Feast of the Ascension recalls how Jesus, after his Resurrection and the completion of his earthly mission, ascended into heaven—still clothed in our shared humanity. This feast offers us a potent sign of our own destiny: those who place their trust in Christ and follow where the Master has led will surely arrive at the same destination.



Fr Michael Grace

I sometimes ponder the significance of the visual / physical sign Jesus gave to his Apostles—by ascending into the clouds. It seems to me this action serves two key purposes. Firstly, rather than simply vanishing without a trace, Jesus chooses this moment as a clear and definitive end to his time on earth. Secondly, the events surrounding the Ascension serve to teach us about the nature of the Church.

After the Ascension, the Apostles linger, gazing upward into the sky. This signifies the Church at prayer—with her eyes fixed on Christ and her heart contemplating where he has gone. The Apostles, however, are soon interrupted by angelic messengers who reprimand them for standing there, staring into the sky. This is a gentle reminder that the Church has a mission to carry out, the mission entrusted to her by Christ himself. Yet, even in this moment of redirection, the angels speak a word of hope: "Jesus will return in the same way you saw him go there."

As Christians, we are called to live between heaven and earth. We are to raise our eyes to the skies, contemplating the glory of Christ and thus allow our hope to deepen. But we must also remain grounded in our mission—to love, to serve, to witness. Without both movements—contemplation and action—our faith becomes unbalanced. So, we live in this dynamic tension: always looking to heaven, even as we remain faithful to the work we've been given here on earth.

**Blessings,**

**Fr Michael**

#### Annual Racing Mass—9.30am, Sunday 1 June 2025—Our Lady Help of Christians

*All are most welcome to join the Racing community for refreshments after Mass in the Parish courtyard.*

**A brief history....**Each year, at the start of the Brisbane Horse Racing Winter carnival, Our Lady Help of Christians Church at Hendra celebrates a Racing Mass. This annual tradition has been in place since the existing church was built in 1961.

The Racing Mass serves to officially bless the start of the Brisbane racing season and pray for the wellbeing of all in the racing community. It also commemorates racing industry colleagues who have passed on in the preceding year.

Fr Michael, as Racing Chaplain, and parishioners welcome members of the racing fraternity.

A spirit of generosity in the racing community has been demonstrated many times in good deeds shown to the parish. For example, offered use of racecourse facilities have seen enjoyable parish social evenings being held over the years.

A telling example of that generosity was the "whip-around" funds provided to a grieving widow for her husband's funeral and burial at a time the family found themselves in dire financial straits.

At this weekend's Racing Mass we acknowledge the close association of generations of parish families and racing – the Preston, Sexton, Williams, Thiele and Andrews families, to name but a few.



**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 1 June

**8.00am Mass** Morning tea hosted by:  
Marie Deuble and Jane Cameron

**5.30pm Mass**

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

- ♦ **Children's Liturgy for Prep to Year 4** this **Sunday 1 June** at the 8am Mass. We invite children to come along to learn more about Jesus and the gospel through child-friendly, engaging activities.
- ♦ **SVDP Winter Appeal** The St Agatha's Conference will be conducting, the SVDP Winter Appeal during the month of June. Donation envelopes are available on the church seats or at the entrance of the Church. At present, with the rising costs of living, more people are requesting assistance from the SVDP Society. Also, the Conference is assisting women and children, escaping domestic violence situations. Any donations will be greatly appreciated by the people who call on the SVDP for help.



**Family Mass and PENTECOST PARTY!**  
@ Aggies

It's the Mass- made for children!  
The second Sunday of the month, during school terms

**Sunday June 8th, 8:00am**  
Flame party hats and red cake!  
Bring a packet of biscuits/ plate to share for morning tea if you can!

Would your child like to have a role/reading? Email [cantaruttis@bne.catholic.net.au](mailto:cantaruttis@bne.catholic.net.au)

A special invitation to children receiving **CONFIRMATION**

### In our prayers we remember. . . .

Those who have died recently: Helen Orosz, Denise O'Rourke  
Those whose anniversaries occur at this time:  
Patricia Anne McKeon, Bill Kirby  
Those who are ill: John Clark, Abby Hernandez



## What's happening in MOM Parish this week

### Sunday 1 June

**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)**  
1 June: Kathryn Bourke 8 June: Jen Cridland

## MOM Parish Messages....

**REMINDER:** MOM Parish Ladies' Coffee and Chat  
**THIS Saturday 31 May 2025—2.30-3.30pm**

All ladies of the Parish are warmly invited for coffee, tea, cake and a chat in the Parish Centre Courtyard, Hendra.



- ♦ **PLAYGROUP—BREAK PERIOD JUNE/JULY/AUG:** The Parish Playgroup will take a break for the months of June, July and first 2 weeks of August. We look forward to welcoming families on 15 August.

**GOSPEL REFLECTION GROUP:** The group meet at **9:30am** on the first Tuesday of the month in the Parish Centre at Hendra to discuss the gospel reading for the next Sunday. Morning tea follows the session. All are most welcome!



## PENTECOST PARTY!

**Sunday June 8th, 9.30am**

Flame party hats and red cake!

Everyone is invited to celebrate Pentecost Sunday—the birthday of the church! Join us for Mass at OLHC, Hendra and stay afterwards for morning tea! All very welcome!

We especially invite families of Year 3 children who will be making their Confirmation this year.

### WE PRAY FOR....

**Recently deceased:** Father John Kilinko, Rev Dr Kenneth Gardner  
**Anniversaries:** Bruce John M, Lachlan, Aileen Mary Warburton, Helen Gabriel Rogers, Norman David Melit, Peter Hoffmann, Harold Lawson, Gregory Smith, James Power Sr  
**Sick:** Brad Ryan, Betty Mahoney, Angela Krista, Rosaria Fazio, Michael Hardy, Maria Ward



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

### The Sacrament of CONFIRMATION

Open to all children Year 3 and above who have completed Baptism.

For preparation schedule and enrolment form please visit one of the following websites:



**St Agatha's Clayfield**  
<https://clayfieldparish.org.au/confirmation>



**Mother of Mercy Hendra, Northgate, Hamilton**  
<https://www.motherofmercyparish.org.au/confirmation.html>



Scan to register by  
**Thursday June 12th**



Is your child in Yrs 4 to 6?

We are starting a once-a-term youth group with games and craft. Drop off your child or stay and help!

**When?** Term 2—Sunday 15th June 2025

**Where?** St Agatha's Parish OSHC

**Details:** 4.00pm start. Snacks included.  
Move on to Mass at 5.30pm. Pick up 6.30pm.

Places limited | Registration necessary | Cost is free!

Questions? Email Sandy at [cantaruttis@bne.catholic.net.au](mailto:cantaruttis@bne.catholic.net.au)

## A Morning's Prayer Retreat

Individuals and groups are warmly invited to attend **A Morning's Prayer Retreat**, for those seeking time for peaceful prayer and reflection.



**Date:** Saturday 14 June 2025  
**Time:** 9:00am – 12:00pm  
**Location:** Santa Teresa Spirituality Centre  
(267 Wellington Street, Ormiston)  
**Cost:** \$25

This event is hosted by Archdiocesan Ministries [Adult Formation](#) team.

## Week of Prayer for Christian Unity Service

- \* 11.00am—Thurs 5 June—Cathedral of St Stephen
  - \* Presider: Archbishop Mark Coleridge
  - \* Preacher: Bishop Bartholomew, Greek Orthodox Archdiocese of Australia
- All welcome!!**





# CORPUS CHRISTI PROCESSION

"HE WHO FOLLOWS ME WALKS NOT IN DARKNESS" - JOHN 8:12



SCAN TO VISIT WEBSITE

**2PM SUNDAY 22 JUNE 2025**

Starting and ending at the Cathedral of St Stephen and featuring prayers, rosary, hymns and Benediction with proceedings led by Archbishop Mark Coleridge.

[corpuschristibrisbane.com](http://corpuschristibrisbane.com)



## Enrol Now

Prep - Year 6

Scan the QR code >>>



Discover what St Agatha's Catholic Primary School can offer your family.

[www.stagathascayfield.qld.edu.au](http://www.stagathascayfield.qld.edu.au) or 07 3326 9222

## Parent Night

### The Power of Fatherhood

*In a world of constant change and shifting family dynamics, a Parent Night dedicated to fatherhood is more than just an event — it's a gamechanger.*

Joined by **Deacon Peter Pellicaan**, PhD, Executive Director of Archdiocesan Ministries, **Robert Falzon**, author and co-founder of menAlive, and **Chantale Wilson**, Director of Children and Families at Archdiocesan Ministries.

**Date:** Wednesday 25th June

**Cost:** \$15 in person, \$10 Online Live Stream

**Location:** Hanly Room, Francis Rush Centre (196 Charlotte St, Bris City)

**RSVP:** Monday 23rd June <https://tinyurl.com/FamCCFN>

From 7:30pm to 9:00pm, join us in-person or tune in via livestream from home or as a parish hub. For those coming in-person, light refreshments and hospitality will be available from 6:30pm.

**All parents, guardians, singles, and religious are welcome.**

Free parking available via 194 Charlotte Street (underneath the Cathedral)

## JUBILEE YEAR PILGRIMAGE: Saturday 23 August.

A bus will collect Pilgrims at Sacred Heart Church, 108 Brighton Rd, Sandgate at 8.30am and travel to St Stephen's Cathedral. Upon arrival, there will be a guided tour of the Cathedral followed by morning tea in the grounds of the Cathedral. The morning will finish with Holy Mass at 11.30am. The bus will depart the Cathedral at 1pm for return to Sandgate. For more information, please contact the Sandgate Brighton Parish Office on 3869 1377.



## Parish Community Jumble Sale

**Saturday 7 June—8am till 12 noon**

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

*Huge selection of quality clothing, bric-a-brac, books, toys, plants etc. Many treasures!*

**CASH ONLY**



## 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.



## PENTECOST RALLY

**7.30pm Saturday 7 June 2025**

## PENTECOST RETREAT

**9.30am – 4.30pm, Sunday 8 June 2025**

**Including the Launch of Fr Ken's latest book**

**At the Church of the 12 Apostles,**

**111 Yallambee Road, Jindalee**

**BYO Lunch.**

**Morning and afternoon tea provided.**

*Love Offering most appreciated.*

**Enquiries: Len 0421 977 849 or Audrey 0435 558 390**

**THE FIRE OF GOD'S LOVE**  
with Fr Ken Barker, MGL



## Pilgrimage to Marian Valley on Saturday, 28 June 2025 celebrating

the Feast of Our Lady of Perpetual Help. Bus transport is available for \$30pp return (payment upon booking). Pick-up time/venues: 6:30am Holy Spirit Church, Bray Park; 7:00am Sacred Heart Church, Sandgate; 7:15am Bus Stop along Handford Rd opposite St. Flannans Church, Zillmere; 7:30am Bus Stop along Appleby Rd. opposite Queen of Apostles Church, Stafford. **For booking and further info: Jima 0432374239**



**ST JAMES COLLEGE, SPRING HILL** is a progressive multicultural Catholic Coeducational Secondary College for Years 5 - 12 in the Edmund Rice tradition.

The College is hosting the Annual Open Day on

**Thursday 12 June from 11am to 1.30pm**

**ENQUIRIES to Maria Young, Enrolments Officer,**

[MYoung@stjamescollege.qld.edu.au](mailto:MYoung@stjamescollege.qld.edu.au), 3230 8600. Register at [JTA.link/SJC](http://JTA.link/SJC).



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## NEWS FROM OUR PARISH SCHOOLS

### Our Lady Help of Christians Catholic Primary School

Congratulations to our Cross Country Team who won the Small Schools Zone 6 carnival on Thursday. There were some incredible team and individual performances and more importantly great sportsmanship from all team members.

Next Wednesday we will welcome our 2026 Prep Students for 'A Taste of Prep' where they will visit and play in our prep classrooms and playground.

We are nearly at capacity for Prep 2026, so if you know families looking to secure an enrolment, please ask them to contact the school office asap.

Regards,

**Adam Bennie** (Principal)

*Find happiness in making others happy. St Mary MacKillop*

### St Agatha's Catholic Primary School

This week St Agatha's had a visit from School Principals from Dunedin New Zealand. The group of principals joined the St Agatha's Leadership Team to learn more about the pedagogical changes that have taken place and the positive impact the changes have made school wide. The group especially enjoyed visiting the classrooms and seeing our amazing students in action.

On Thursday our Zone 6 cross country runners were able to finally compete after several weeks of poor weather. The students represented St Agatha's beautifully, cheering on their team mates and showing the most wonderful sporting spirit.

It was so special to see our First Communion people receive the Eucharist for the first time over the last two weekends at Mass. We continue to keep these children in our prayers as they continue to build their relationship with Jesus.

Wishing you all a lovely weekend and all the best for the week ahead!

**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
1 June	Jane Arkinstall Joseph O'Brien	Chris Begley Louis Currie	Robyn Jeynes Kathryn Bourke	Barbara Nelson Dona Rotolone
8 June	<b>Family Mass</b>	Giselle Hossinger Catie Kelly	Neville Canham <i>Volunteer</i>	Lorelei Gozzard Kate McLean

## 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:** The parish donation terminal is 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
- Tax deductible donation to St Agatha's National Trust
- Endowment Fund
- **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

Reference: PGDonation + your surname

## 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.

## 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

8 JUNE 2025

PENTECOST

**First Reading:** Gen 11:1-9

**Second Reading:** Rom 8:22-27

**Gospel:** Jn 7:37-39

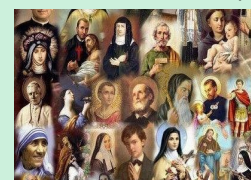


## Commemoration of Saints June 2025

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| <b>Mon 2</b>   | Sts Marcellinus and Peter, <i>martyrs</i>                            |
| <b>Tues 3</b>  | <b>Saints Charles Lwanga and companions, <i>martyrs</i> MEMORIAL</b> |
| <b>Thurs 5</b> | <b>St Boniface, <i>bishop</i>, martyr MEMORIAL</b>                   |
| <b>Fri 6</b>   | St Marcellin Champagnat, religious and St Norbert, bishop            |

## Holy Men and Women

*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=V6lvJdgTefc>
- ♦ 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:** Jesus promised his disciples that they would be clothed in power from God. As a follower of Jesus, you are also given that same promise. Pray for the grace to be a faithful witness. (Luke 24:46-53)



**To talk to someone about your vocation:**  
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