

Newsletter

CATHOLIC PARISHES

Clayfield ● Hendra ● Hamilton ● Northgate



FOURTH SUNDAY OF EASTER

11 MAY 2025

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At the time of writing this reflection (Thursday morning), all eyes are fixed on the small chimney above the Sistine Chapel. Yet, up to now, only black smoke has emerged. It may well be that, by the time you are reading this, a Pope has been elected. In recent times, the longest Conclave lasted about five days, and most have been shorter.



Fr Michael Grace

We may not know when the Pope will walk out onto the balcony, but we know one will. The Pope is the successor of St Peter, the leader of the Church founded by Christ, against which the gates of Hades will never prevail. He stands as a symbol, instrument, and continuation of the mission of Christ: to shepherd the people and lead them to the Father's love.

This weekend we celebrate the "World Day of Prayer for Vocations." We pray for every Christian who seeks to respond to the call of Christ in their lives—faithful spouses and parents, religious sisters and brothers, lay ministers. Let us pray, in a particular way, for the Holy Father (whoever he may be—elected or yet to be elected). May his vocation of holiness and leadership inspire many to respond to Christ's will.

Let's pray for the young people of our community as well. As they consider their lives, may they have the courage to ask, "What is God calling me to do?" Many years ago (presumably), the Holy Father, as a young man, responded to the call of Christ and stepped forward to be ordained a priest. Look at where God has led him. Few will be Pope, but God works powerfully through every life that is lived in a spirit of openness to His will.

Blessings,
Fr. Michael.

World Day of Prayer for Vocations

11 MAY GOOD SHEPHERD SUNDAY

"Pray the Lord of the harvest to send out labourers into his harvest"

(MT 9:38)



Happy Mother's Day to all the wonderful mothers in our Parish. Many blessings today and always!



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 11 May

- 8.00am Mass** Morning tea following Mass
Hosted by: Community and Mission Council Team
- 5.30pm Mass**

St Agatha's Parish Messages....

- ◆ **No Children's Liturgy** this Sunday 11 May. Please join us for the **Family Mass** at 8am.



Monthly Family Mass
@ Aggie's
It's the Mass—made for children!
The second Sunday of the month, during school terms

Mother's Day Special Family Mass and Morning Tea!

Sunday May 11th, 8:00am

Bring a packet of biscuits/ plate to share for after!

All children wave ribbons during the closing hymn.



Thank you...
Dear Parishioners,
Nick and I want to say a sincere thank you for your prayers during his illness. They worked!!
Dianne and Nick Eden

In our prayers we remember. . . .

Those whose anniversaries occur at this time:

Andrew Collier, Ben White, Ross McKenzie

Those who are ill: Mark O'Brien, John Clark, Abby Hernandez



What's happening in MOM Parish this week

Sunday 11 May

- 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)
11 May: Lorelei Gozzard, Ashley D'Penha **18 May:** Lynne & Dave Rogers

MOM Parish Messages....

- ◆ **REMINDER: Men's Dinner THIS SAT 10TH MAY:** Dinner from 6pm. Guest Speaker Fr John Zhao from 7pm in the Parish Centre, Hendra.
- ◆ **NEXT PARISH COMMUNITY JUMBLE SALE—SAT 7 JUNE:** The next Community Jumble Sale will be held at St John's, Northgate from 8am to 12noon on Sat 7 June.



DATE CLAIMER

MOM Parish Ladies' Coffee and Chat
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.



We most warmly welcome *Thea* as she is baptised at Mother of Mercy Parish this weekend. We ask God's blessings on *Thea*, her parents, Godparents, family and friends.



WE PRAY FOR....

Recently deceased: Jack Williamson, Sr Veronica Mary osu, Br Edward (Ted) Magee cfc, Keith Stackpole

Anniversaries: Nola and James McNulty, Albert Podesta, Kevin Brazel, David French, Rita Wrafter, Maureen O'Mahoney, Donald Thompson, Marie O'Malley, Mary Ann Tierney, Christian and Mavis Thomsen

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

Sacrament of Eucharist

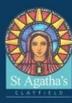
Please note, next Sunday 18 May the front section of both churches will be reserved for the children and their families:

9.30am OLHC, Hendra 5.30pm St Agatha's, Clayfield



The Sacrament of

EUCCHARIST



First Communion Masses

Join us at the following Masses over the next few weeks to celebrate the children who have completed the journey to the Sacrament of Eucharist and will be receiving their First Holy Communion!

Sunday 18 th May	Sunday 18 th May	Sunday 25 th May	Sunday 25 th May
9:30am	5:30pm	8:00am	5:30pm
Our Lady Help of Christians Hendra	St Agatha's Clayfield	St Agatha's Clayfield	St Agatha's Clayfield

Congratulations to our program participants!!



Last Saturday, 3 May, at St Cecilia's, Hamilton, Cooper Hodda received the Sacrament of Confirmation. Congratulations and God's Blessings Cooper!!



MOTHERS DAY—OLHC SCHOOL COMMUNITY MORNING TEA

MOM Community life volunteers facilitated a beautiful Mothers Day morning tea for the mums of our OLHC Primary School Community on Thursday 8 May. The School celebrated with a special Mother's Day liturgy following the morning tea. Sincere thanks to Robyn M, Robyn J and Mary for your wonderful hospitality!!



CORPUS CHRISTI PROCESSION

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



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



31 MAY 2025
SANTA TERESA SPIRITUALITY CENTRE
9AM - 3PM

Join Archbishop Mark for

POWERHOUSE OF PRAYER

Scan to register before 24/5/25



LEARN AND PRACTICE THE ART OF PRAYER



Powerhouse of Prayer

Join Archbishop Mark Coleridge for **Powerhouse of Prayer**, a day of learning the art of prayer through teaching, practice, and reflection. Inspired by his apostolic document *Lamps Ablaze*, this event will explore how true prayer begins with listening—creating space for God's presence before we speak.

Discover how being with Jesus in prayer shapes our lives and mission. Whether you're deepening your prayer life or just beginning, this day will equip and inspire you to pray with greater depth and confidence.

When: Saturday 31 May 2025, 9am-3pm

Where: Santa Teresa Spirituality Centre, Ormiston

Cost: \$55 per person

To find out more or to register, please visit tinyurl.com/pop25May.

Places are strictly limited.

ARCHDIOCESE OF BRISBANE MASS COUNT 2025

Parishioners are reminded that for a four week period from 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.

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.

MUSIC AND LYRICS BY
BENNY ANDERSSON
BJÖRN ULVAEUS
AND SOME SONGS WITH STIG ANDERSON
BOOK BY CATHERINE JOHNSON
ORIGINALLY CONCEIVED BY JUDY CRAYMER

MAMMA MIA!

29TH MAY - 1ST JUNE 2025
SAN DAMIANO CENTRE,
MOUNT ALVERNIA COLLEGE

Padua and Mount Alvernia Colleges Proudly Present

QR code and logo for Mamma Mia!

"Lord, make my life A window for Your light To shine through And a mirror to reflect Your love To all I meet. Amen." **Robert Schuller**

NEWS FROM OUR PARISH SCHOOLS

Our Lady Help of Christians Catholic Primary School Mother's Day

Happy Mother's Day to all mothers in our school and parish community. A special day to celebrate the significant impact our mothers have on our lives. We are incredibly grateful to the Mother of Mercy parish, in particular, Robyn, Robyn and Mary for hosting our Mother's Day breakfast on Thursday morning. It was a beautiful way to start the day and prepare for our Mother's Day liturgy led by our Prep students.

Enrolments

We have a very small number of remaining enrolment placements for 2026. If you know someone who is still contemplating school choices for their children in 2026, please encourage them to contact the school office as soon as possible.

Adam Bennie (Principal)

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

St Agatha's Catholic Primary School

This week at St Agatha's, we acknowledged our wonderful mums, grandmas, aunts and mother-figures with a beautiful liturgy on Wednesday afternoon. We recognise the amazing contributions of these special women in our lives and recognise the example set by Mary the Mother of Jesus. We thank God for our mums and for all those who are like mothers to us. After our liturgy we held a 'Senior Girls V Senior Mums' netball game. The mums used their height to their advantage and came out victorious. On Friday our students had a wonderful time choosing special treats for their mums at the Mother's Day stall on Friday - we hope all our mums loved their gifts! Wishing you all a very special Mother's Day.

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
11 May	Family Mass Liliana Pippia	Giselle Hossinger Karen Birtles	George, Clara and Sylvie Shillington	Robyn Jaynes Lorelei Gozzard
18 May	Phill Ryan Amanda Bell	Catie Kelly Louis Currie	Trish Dunn Rosemary Woods	Dona Rotolone 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 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

18 MAY 2025

FIFTH SUNDAY OF EASTER

First Reading: Acts 14:21-27

Second Reading: Rev 21:1-5

Gospel: Jn 13:31-35



Commemoration of Saints May 2025

Mon 12 St Pancras, *martyr*
Sts Nereus and Achilleus, *martyrs*

Tues 13 Our Lady of Fatima

Wed 14 St Matthias, *apostle* **FEAST**

All 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=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: Who will shepherd God's people? Pray that good leaders, filled with joy and the Holy Spirit, will serve our Church. (John 10: 27-30)

To talk to someone about your vocation:



Contact Vocation Brisbane.

P: (07) 3336 9392

E: vocation@bne.catholic.net.au



Items for inclusion in this Newsletter—Cut Off 1:00pm Tuesday.

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