



Newsletter

CATHOLIC PARISHES

Clayfield ● Hendra ● Hamilton ● Northgate



FIFTH SUNDAY OF EASTER

18 MAY 2025

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Over the next couple of weeks, many children in our community will be making their First Holy Communion. Let me extend my congratulations to each of them and to their families. Every time we receive the Eucharist, we do something unimaginably special: we welcome into our souls the Real Presence of Jesus Christ, Our Lord and God, but also an intimate friend. First Holy Communion, therefore, is particularly special precisely because it is a 'first'. "First" is an ordinal number (i.e., it is part of a sequence) – it implies a second and a third, and so on. This beautiful friendship that God wants to have with us must grow and be developed. And so, we come, again and again, to receive the sacrament and so grow in love and friendship with Christ.



Fr Michael Grace

This weekend's second reading points to the final end of those who find salvation in Christ. It is a vision of the heavenly Jerusalem, where the Church Triumphant will gather in Glory in the presence of Christ. There, St. John writes, 'God will live among men'. It is this glorious vision that the celebration of the Eucharist anticipates. We gather as the people of God, presented before Christ, who is among us in the presence of the gathered church, in the presence of the priest who acts in his person (*in persona Christi*), in the Word proclaimed, and most especially in the Holy Sacrament of His Body and Blood. Let us receive Him with joy!

Blessings,

Fr. Michael



*Faithful God,
You guide us on the path of life
and your goodness is our constant companion.
Be with our new Shepherd, Pope Leo XIV,
in his service of the Church.
Fill him with the power of your Spirit,
the peace of your presence and the compassion of Christ.
May he walk with you, in wisdom and humility,
and lead us, together with all God's people,
to embody your love for the world. Amen.*



National
Volunteer
Connecting Communities Week

19-25 MAY 2025

#NVW2025



Thank you to all who volunteer so willingly and with dedication to bring light and life to our Parish communities.



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 18 May

- 8.00am Mass** Morning tea following Mass
Hosted by: Gloria Lee, Mel Lillicrap, Anna Chetcuti
- 5.30pm Mass** **First Holy Communion Mass**

St Agatha's Parish Messages....

- ♦ **Children's Liturgy will resume on Sunday 1 June.**
- ♦ **Sacrament of Eucharist** Please pray for the children and their families as they receive the Sacrament of First Eucharist this Sunday 18 May.
9.30am OLHC, Hendra
5.30pm St Agatha's, Clayfield
- ♦ **Please note**, next **Sunday 25 May at the 8am and 5.30pm Masses**, the front section of St Agatha's Church will be reserved for the children and their families.
- ♦ **9.00am Mass Thursday 22 May** St Agatha's year 5 and 6 students will be attending the Mass on Thursday 22 May. All welcome.

Baptismal Joy!!

This Sunday at St Agatha's we welcome with great joy three new members of Christ's faithful people:
Ella Schoeman, daughter of Riaan and Lauren
Ella and Maddison Downey, daughters of Nicholas and Chloe
May they always know God's love and the support of this Christian Community.



In our prayers we remember. . . .

Those who have died recently : Mark O'Brien
Those whose anniversaries occur at this time:
Mary & Jack Steen, Andrew Collier
Those who are ill: John Clark, Abby Hernandez



What's happening in MOM Parish this week

Sunday 18 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)
18 May: Lynne & Dave Rogers **25 May:** Kate McLean

MOM Parish Messages....

- ♦ **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 **Hugo** as he is baptised at Mother of Mercy Parish this weekend. We ask God's blessings on Hugo, his parents, Godparents, family and friends.*



WE PRAY FOR....

Recently deceased: Archbishop Keith Rayner, Fr James Hardgrave sm, Sr Clare Markham rsm, Godfrey Lawrence, Bethal Isaac

Anniversaries: Garry Waugh, Maureen Mason, Fay Parnenemann, Bereneice Tayler, Doreen Barry, Gary O'Rourke, Edith Archer, Francis (Frank) Murphy, Ivy Dorothy Kelly, Tonia Maria Cairns, Olivia Clementine Shaw, Patricia Melit, Archbishop Leonard Faulkner

Sick: Brad Ryan, Betty Mahoney, Angela Krista, Rosaria Fazio, Michael Hardy, Maria Ward



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

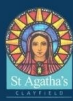
Sacrament of Eucharist

Please note, this **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!!**



Scan to register by
Thursday June 12th



MOTHER OF MERCY & ST AGATHA'S PARISHES

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

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.

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



Enrol Now

Prep - Year 6

Scan the QR code >>>



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

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.

PADUA AND MOUNT ALVERNA COLLEGES PROUDLY PRESENT

MAMMA MIA!

MUSIC AND LYRICS BY
**BENNY ANDERSSON
BJÖRN ULVAEUS**

AND SOME SONGS WITH STIG ANDERSON

BOOK BY CATHERINE JOHNSON
ORIGINALLY CONCEIVED BY JUDY CRAYMER

29TH MAY - 1ST JUNE 2025

SAN DAMIANO CENTRE,
MOUNT ALVERNA COLLEGE



*"Kind words can be short and easy to speak,
but their echoes are truly endless." Mother Teresa*

NEWS FROM OUR PARISH SCHOOLS

Our Lady Help of Christians Catholic Primary School

Mother's Day: We enjoyed the lead up to Mother's Day beautifully last week with a breakfast event hosted by our Parish and our Prep students leading the school in liturgy.

Cross Country: On Friday we took those students who finished in the top 10 of their division to the zone 6 cross country carnival to be held at Curlew Park, Shorncliffe. I know our students who have been selected represent the school with great sportsmanship, putting in their best effort, and I look forward to reporting the results back to the community next week.

School Feast Day: On Friday the 23rd of May we look forward to celebrating our school feast day. The feast of Our Lady Help of Christians is a significant day in the catholic church calendar in Australia. While dating back to Napoleon's time, the title 'Mary Help of Christians' was chosen as the Patroness of Australia in the 1820's, the first country to use this title.

A Taste of Prep: In Week 7 we look forward to welcoming our 2026 Prep students for the first of their transition days. This has been an evolving process over the last few years, and I think we do a great job of preparing our incoming students during their Kindy year.

First Eucharist: Blessings and congratulations to all those receiving First Eucharist over the next few weekends.

Adam Bennie (Principal)

Find happiness in making others happy. St Mary MacKillop

St Agatha's Catholic Primary School

Another wonderful week at St Agatha's Clayfield with our brilliant Prep A class presenting their first assembly. It's amazing to see how far our students have come in such a short time.

On Wednesday afternoon after school our staff joined Holy Cross Woolloowin and St Mary of the Cross Windsor for our Term Two collaborative staff meeting focused on assessment.

We congratulate all those who are receiving the sacrament of First Eucharist this weekend and next. Our prayers are with you during this special time.

Anne-Marie Maw (Principal)

Growth, Friendship, Faith.



EUCCHARISTIC MIRACLES EXHIBITION

Friday 30 May – Sunday 1 June
9am – 4pm
Sacred Heart Hall
108 Brighton Road, Sandgate.

Exhibition open from Friday, 30 May, all are welcome to browse through the many eucharistic miracles from around the world. All welcome.



Reception of the Relic of Blessed Carlo during Mass at 5.30pm on Thurs 29 May in Sacred Heart Church Sandgate.

Our Lady Help of Christians Catholic Primary School

SAVE THE DATE

SATURDAY 9 AUGUST
1PM - 7PM
OLHC OVAL

TICKETS ON SALE SOON

THE LONG LUNCH

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 finished 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 Birthdays—MOM Parish

On the last Sunday of each month, we celebrate the birthdays of our Parish family members with a Birthday cake after the 9.30am Mass at Hendra. The next celebration is on **Sunday 25 May**, so please come along and join us!



Sunday Mass Rosters

Date	Reader Clayfield 8am Mass	Reader Clayfield 5:30pm Mass	Reader OLHC 9:30am Mass	Eucharistic Minister OLHC 9:30am Mass
18 May	Phill Ryan Amanda Bell	<i>Volunteer</i> Louis Currie	Trish Dunn Rosemary Woods	Dona Rotolone Kate McLean
25 May	Beth Casey Andrew Pippia	Leanne McDowall Joel Perkins	Serena Varendorff Bill Nott	Louise Nott <i>Volunteer</i>

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.

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

25 MAY 2025

SIXTH SUNDAY OF EASTER

First Reading: Acts 15:1-2, 22-29

Second Reading: Rev 21:10-14, 22-23

Gospel: Jn 14:23-29



Commemoration of Saints May 2025

- Tues 20** St Bernadine of Siena, *priest*
Wed 21 Sts Christopher Magallanes, *priest*, & companions, *martyrs*
Thurs 22 St Rita of Cascia, *religious*
Sat 24 OUR LADY, HELP OF CHRISTIANS **SOLEMNITY**

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=V6lvJdgTefc>
- ◆ Children's Safeguarding - <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=cyNKMjBNWE>

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: God has chosen to dwell with us. Share your gifts with others to reveal his presence. (*Revelations 21:1-5*)

To talk to someone about your vocation:



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