



Newsletter

CATHOLIC PARISHES

Clayfield ● Hendra ● Hamilton ● Northgate



SIXTH SUNDAY OF EASTER

25 MAY 2025

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At the heart of the Catholic Church's daily life – especially on Sundays – lies the profound mystery of the Eucharist. It forms the very pattern by which we live, becoming part of the texture and fabric of the faithful's lives. This is both a supreme blessing and a significant risk. That something so truly wonderful can become routine is a powerful gift of God's Love. Christ, truly present, leads us to participate in the very act of our own redemption, representing his death and resurrection in ritual form and nourishing us with the bread of life – his own body broken for us. What an immense aid to holiness and conversion this truly is!



Fr Michael Grace

The risk, however, is that this precious gift might become merely routine, perhaps even 'mundane' in our minds. Soon after, it can lose its relevance, and we may fall away.

This weekend, we celebrate the First Holy Communions of many children in our community. Their beautiful eagerness and freshness invite each of us to ponder once more how wonderful and precious this gift is, and just how transformational it can be for those who receive with love and reverence, embodying its meaning in their families and the wider world.

Let me congratulate the children and their families, and extend my thanks to all our parish staff and volunteers who have facilitated and enriched their journey. May Our Lady Help of Christians, patroness of Australia, intercede for us all and guide us to a deeper faith in Christ her Son.

Blessings

Fr Michael

Feast Day—Our Lady Help of Christians—24 May



Pope Pius VII established the feast in honour of Our Lady Help of Christians in 1815. After being imprisoned by Napoleon Bonaparte, he established the feast in thanksgiving for his release. Australia, a new colony at that time, had no Catholic priests and therefore no Mass available. The faithful recited and relied on the Rosary to sustain the Catholic community. In 1844, Australia became the first country in the world to have Mary Help of Christians as Patroness.

From the ACBC Resource *Entrusting Australia to Mary Help of Christians*, 2020.

Prayer to Mary Help of Christians, Patroness of Australia and of the Military Ordinariate

Almighty God, deepen in our hearts our love of Mary Help of Christians. Through her prayers and under her protection, may the light of Christ shine over our land. May Australia be granted harmony, justice and peace. Grant wisdom to our leaders and integrity to our citizens. Bless especially the men and women of the Australian Defence Force and their families. We ask this through Christ Our Lord. Amen.

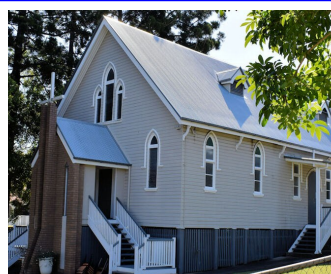
Mary Help of Christians, pray for us.



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 25 May

8.00am Mass First Holy Communion Mass
Morning tea hosted by:
Linett, Grevin, Biju, Dani, Mary and Josy

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 25 May at the 8.00am and 5.30pm Masses St Agatha's, Clayfield.
Please note, the front section of St Agatha's Church will be reserved for the children and their families.
- ♦ **SVDP Winter Appeal** The St Agatha's Conference will be conducting, the SVDP Winter Appeal during the month of June. Donation envelopes will be available from next Sunday 1 June. Please give generously to this worthy cause.

Baptismal Joy!!

This Sunday at St Agatha's we welcome with great joy one new members of Christ's faithful people:

Frederick Copping, son of Adam and Anna

May he 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
Those who are ill: John Clark, Abby Hernandez



What's happening in MOM Parish this week

Sunday 25 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)
25 May: Kate McLean **1 June:** Kathryn Bourke

MOM Parish Messages....

- ♦ **Help needed—Parish Playgroup—for the month of June:** The parish is looking for a volunteer to assist Jenny in facilitating our Parish Playgroup whilst Mary is away for the month of June. The Playgroup meets for coffee, children's play and chat for young parents on Fridays from 9-11.30am and the dates where help is required are 6, 13, 20 and 27 June. Please note current Blue Card and Police Check are required. Please contact the Parish Office if you may be in a position to assist.
- ♦ **Cessation of Saturday Adoration:** We regret to advise that Saturday Adoration will no longer be held at OLHC, Hendra after this Sat 24 May. We sincerely thank Julie Anne and Pat for their dedication and all Adorers who have contributed to the prayer life of the parish over recent years.

REMINDER: 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.



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 THIS **Sunday 25 May**, so please join us!



WE PRAY FOR....

Recently deceased: Peter Heindorf
Anniversaries: Kathleen Margaret Bright, Margaret Anne (Meg) Kanowski, Darcy John Brown, Patricia Agnes Dowde, Francis Noel O'Brien, Fr James Smith, Eric Ericsson
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

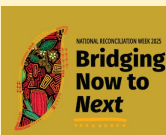
SORRY DAY & National Reconciliation Week Mass 2025

Sunday 25th May—St Stephen's Cathedral

11.45am Sorry Day prayer and blessing at the Reconciliation Garden
Followed by a cultural smoking procession leading into

12.00pm Mass in the Cathedral

All are invited to light refreshments in the Hanly Room after Mass.



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



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



Enrol Now

Prep - Year 6

Scan the QR code >>>



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

www.stagathasclyfield.qld.edu.au or 07 3326 9222

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

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.

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 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.



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.

God is looking for ordinary people empowered by Him to do extraordinary things!



NEWS FROM OUR PARISH SCHOOLS

Our Lady Help of Christians Catholic Primary School

At OLHC our week began with a lovely celebration last Sunday when some of our wonderful Year 4 students received the Sacrament of First Eucharist — a truly special milestone in their faith journey. This sacred moment marks a deepening of their relationship with God and is a time of joy, reflection, and celebration for both the students and their families. May we all continue to keep them in our prayers as they grow in faith and love during this meaningful chapter of their spiritual lives.



As we reach the halfway mark of our term we have stopped to go slow and acknowledge Well-being Week. As a community we are guided by special names for the days of the week. With Magical Monday, Time Out Tuesday, Well-being Wednesday, Thoughtful Thursday and Feast Friday for Our Lady Help of Christians Feast Day. This week reminds us of the importance of taking time to look after ourselves physically, mentally and spiritually. We also continue to find the GEM in our day, and this week guides us to do this.

On Magical Monday we also celebrated Under 8's Week. With our Preps and Early Year's students working in combined groups on a variety of science experiments. The theme was unleashing your scientific thinking which the children thoroughly enjoyed.

On Friday we came together as a school community to celebrate OLHC's Feast Day with a whole school Liturgy to acknowledge and remember all the wonderful attributes Mary shares with our community. We also took time to recognise students in our school who demonstrate similar traits as Mary in their Faith, Courage and Action and how they act each day in our school. We then shared a lovely picnic lunch on the oval enjoying chicken and chips. It was a very special week at OLHC.

Adam Bennie (Principal)

Find happiness in making others happy. St Mary MacKillop

St Agatha's Catholic Primary School

We have hit the half way point of Term Two and our students are continuing to grow as learners every day.

This week St Agatha's celebrated Under 8's Week with a celebration day filled with art, craft, sports and even a disco!

On Tuesday our student entrepreneurs put their powers of persuasion to the test with our annual in-school pitch competition.

On Wednesday our students celebrated National Simultaneous Storytime getting into the spirit of The Truck Cat by Deborah Frenkel by wearing cat ears and trucker caps. What a fun week!

We continue to pray for those receiving their First Eucharist this weekend. 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
25 May	Beth Casey Andrew Pippia	Leanne McDowall Joel Perkins	Serena Varendorff Bill Nott	Louise Nott <i>Volunteer</i>
1 June	Paul Bartels Joseph O'Brien	Chris Begley Louise Currie	Robyn Jeynes <i>Volunteer</i>	Barbara Nelson Dona Rotolone

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

1 JUNE 2025

THE ASCENSION OF THE LORD

First Reading: Acts 1:1-11

Second Reading: Eph 1:17-23

Gospel: Lk 24:46-53

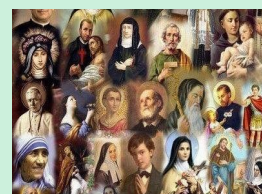


Commemoration of Saints May 2025

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| Mon 26 | St Philip Neri, <i>priest</i> | MEMORIAL |
| Tues 27 | St Augustine of Canterbury, <i>bishop</i> | |
| Thurs 29 | St Paul VI, <i>pope</i> | |
| Sat 31 | The Visitation of the Blessed Virgin Mary | 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=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: If we love, we know the presence of God. Take time to be aware of God's loving presence. We are to imitate this love through our vocation. (John 14:23-29)



To talk to someone about your vocation:
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Items for inclusion in this Newsletter—Cut Off 1:00pm Tuesday.

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