



# Newsletter

## CATHOLIC PARISHES

Clayfield ● Hendra ● Hamilton ● Northgate



### THIRD SUNDAY OF EASTER

4 MAY 2025

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**APRE:** Mr Jake Knowles

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**School Principal:** Mr Adam Bennie

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In a few days' time the Cardinals of our Church (those under 80 years of age), will gather in 'conclave' (con - 'with'; clave - 'key'); That is to say, they are locked away from external influence so as to discern who should be the next Pope. This is undoubtedly the most significant decision these men will ever make. Let us unite ourselves in prayer with them as they, relying on the guidance of the Holy Spirit, discern the needs of the Church and the world, and who it is that should occupy the Chair of St Peter.



Fr Michael Grace

Who is the Pope called to be? He is referred to as the 'Vicar of Christ'; A vicar is someone who represents and acts on another's behalf. That is to say, like all members of the clergy (but at the highest level of governance) he represents and acts in the person of Christ.

This weekend's second reading, from the book of the Apocalypse, coincidentally, places us in Christ's throne room. There is ultimately only one authority in the Church. He is the Lamb found worthy, the one who acts with power, wisdom, strength, honour, glory, and blessings. The mission of the Pope is to make present the power of Christ. He is to speak not his own words of wisdom, but those of the Church; those of Christ. Let us pray that the Lord will grant the Church the Pope that our times need, to gather the flock and shepherd them in the name of the one true Shepherd, Christ our Lord.

**Blessings,**

**Fr. Michael.**

**THANK YOU—ANZAC Day:** Sincere thanks to all who contributed to the meaningful commemoration of ANZAC Day in our two parishes last Friday.

Particular thanks to those who assisted with the ANZAC Day Remembrance Service and Mass held at St John's Northgate: decorating the church so meaningfully for the occasion, preparing and participating in the Navy commemoration and Mass and preparing and serving the BBQ breakfast. Special thanks to Robyn Miller, Kevin Dunne, Robyn Jaynes, Mick Clifford and many helpers who lent a generous hand. We especially thank the OLHC Primary School staff, children and their parents who so beautifully attended the Mass and assisted the veterans and guests at the breakfast. The generosity of parishioners and the school community is greatly appreciated.



**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 4 May

- 8.00am Mass** Morning tea following Mass  
Hosted by: Marie Deuble, Judy and Paul Bartels
- 5.30pm Mass**

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

- ♦ **Children's Liturgy for Prep to Year 4** this Sunday **4 May** at the 8am Mass. We invite children to come along to learn more about Jesus and the gospel through child-friendly, engaging activities.



**Monthly**

**Mother's Day Special**

**Family Mass**

**and Morning Tea!**

**@ Aggie's**

**Sunday May 11th, 8:00am**

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

*All children wave ribbons during the closing hymn.*

*Would your child like to have a role/reading? Roles are open to all children!*

*Please email Sandy*  
[cantaruttis@bne.catholic.net.au](mailto:cantaruttis@bne.catholic.net.au)

### In our prayers we remember. . .

#### Those who have died recently:

His Holiness Pope Francis

#### Those whose anniversaries occur at this time:

Ben White, Ross McKenzie, Jim Commane, William Guiney, Liam Ballinger

**Those who are ill:** John Clark, Abby Hernandez



## What's happening in MOM Parish this week

### Sunday 4 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)**
- 4 May:** Pat Shine      **11 May:** Lorelei Gozzard, Ashley D'Penha

## MOM Parish Messages....

**MEN OF THE PARISH PLEASE READ:** We are excited to invite you to take over service at the Coffee Spot on Mother's Day next Sunday 11 May. If you are able to assist, please let the coordinators know this week or just turn up and offer to set up, provide food, serve tea and coffee and clean up.



### Mums' day off!!

- ♦ **ITEMS WANTED FOR CHILDREN'S ACTIVITIES:** We are able to recycle microwave rice pod containers for children's activities. Please leave these at the church with welcomers or the Coffee Spot at the Parish Centre after Mass.
- ♦ **NEXT PARISH COMMUNITY JUMBLE SALE—SAT 7 JUNE:** Please note that there will be NO Parish Community Jumble Sale this Saturday at St John's, Northgate. The next event will be held on Saturday 7 June.
- ♦ **MASS SET UP ASSISTANCE:** Fr Michael is keenly looking for helpers to assist with opening up and closing OLHC Church before and after the 9.30am Mass each Sunday on a monthly roster basis. If you could assist, please call the Parish Office.

### WE PRAY FOR....

**Recently deceased:** Sr Catherina rsm, Charles Francis

**Anniversaries:** Mavis Patricia Kronberg, Barbara Elizabeth Brown, Graham Frank Hows, Catherine May Burke, Anthony William Joseph Hynes, Carmel Jeanette Hanron, Harold Eickenloff

**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

### ARCHDIOCESE OF BRISBANE MASS COUNT 2025

Parishioners are advised that for a four week period **starting this weekend, 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.

After Communion at each Mass over the next four weeks, a head count will be taken of all attending each respective Mass. This information will then be forwarded to the Archdiocese of Brisbane.

The annual Mass Count provides valuable insight into trends of attendance at both a local level and an Archdiocesan level, a summation of which will be shared with parishes later this year.

### ACBC Election Statement 2025

The Australian Catholic Bishops Conference's Bishops Commission for Life, Family and Public Engagement has drawn on a theme for the federal election statement, ***Called to Bring Hope in the Year of Jubilee***. Australia's Catholic bishops say the federal election is an opportunity to bring hope where hope has been lost, especially for the vulnerable and disadvantaged.

The full statement can be downloaded at:  
<https://www.catholic.au/s/article/Election-Statement-2025>

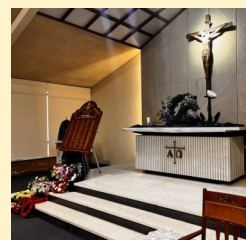
### Prayer for the Election

*Grant, we pray, O Lord our God, that as the Cross shines in our southern skies, so may Christ bring light to our nation, to its peoples old and new, and by saving grace, transform our lives.*

*Through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.*

## ANZAC DAY 2025

A commemorative service, wreath laying and Mass were held at St John's, Northgate on ANZAC Day.



On Sunday 27 April, at St Agatha's Clayfield, Dennis Rawlings and Glennys Andrews were received into Full Communion with the Catholic Church.

**Congratulations and blessings to you both.**





# MENS DINNER

## DETAILS

**WHEN:** SATURDAY 10TH  
MAY 2025  
DINNER FROM 6PM  
FR JOHN FROM 7PM

**COST:** \$20 FOR HOT  
CHICKEN & SALAD  
DINNER + DRINKS

**WHERE:** OLHC PARISH  
CENTRE  
[9 BOWMAN ST, HENDRA]

**RSVP:** MONDAY 5TH MAY  
SMS TO JOEL OR BILL

**FR JOHN: COME AND  
HEAR HIS STORY!**



**BRING YOUR MATES & SONS!**



### FATHER JOHN ZHAO

MANY OF YOU WILL HAVE ALREADY MET FR JOHN ZHAO. FR JOHN WAS ORIGINALLY FROM THE NORTHERN PART OF CHINA. HAVING SPENT A FEW YEARS IN IRELAND HE IS CURRENTLY COMPLETING HIS PHD AT THE AUSTRALIAN CATHOLIC UNIVERSITY AND HOPES TO RETURN TO CHINA IN THE NEXT FEW YEARS. HE IS GRATEFUL TO THE COLUMBAN SOCIETY FOR SPONSORING HIS CURRENT STUDIES. DESPITE BEING BUSY WITH HIS STUDIES, FR JOHN HAS BEEN ASSISTING WITH MASSES AT HENDRA AND CLAYFIELD. MANY OF OUR PARISHIONERS HAVE EXPRESSED THEIR GRATITUDE FOR HIS INSPIRATIONAL HOMILIES.

JOEL PERKINS: 0438 241 524  
BILL NOTT ON 0418 183 400

## 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](mailto: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 ALVERNA COLLEGE

QR CODE:

*"Not all of us can do great things. But we can do small things with great love." Mother Teresa*

## NEWS FROM OUR PARISH SCHOOLS

### Our Lady Help of Christians Catholic Primary School ANZAC Day

It was wonderful to have students and staff present at both St John's Northgate and Kalinga Park for ANZAC services on Friday.

### Cross Country

On Monday we held our school cross country carnival and saw some wonderful performances and even better sportsmanship and support. Congratulations to those children who will now represent the school at District and Zone carnivals in the coming weeks.

### Election BBQ

Many thanks to the parishioners who have volunteered to support the BBQ and cake stall on election day here at OLHC on Saturday.

Have a great week ahead.

Adam Bennie (Principal)

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

### St Agatha's Catholic Primary School

Term 2 has truly been a magical start. Our students have been focused and are enjoying the new term of learning.

This week we celebrated our age champions for cross country at our Wednesday assembly. A huge congratulations to the Carmels team who took out the top spot.

Our 'Birds of a Feather' parents and staff book club met on Monday night to discuss 'The Wedding Forecast' by Nina Kenwood.

On Friday we held our Open Morning with many visitors and friends coming to see our spectacular school in action.

Wishing you all a wonderful week ahead!

Anne-Marie Maw (Principal)

*Growth, Friendship, Faith.*

Join Catholic Mission online to honour Mother Mary during the month of May through praying the Rosary.

**THE WORLD MISSION ROSARY**  
One Family in Faith | One Family in Mission

**World Mission  
May Rosary Prayers**

Mon to Fri via Teams  
Date: 1st May to 31st May 2025  
10:00 am to 11:00 am

Meeting LINK:  
<https://tinyurl.com/cmrosary>

**MISSIONARIES OF HOPE**  
among all peoples

**catholic mission**  
Reach out. Give life

# Sunday Mass Rosters

Date	Reader Clayfield 8am Mass	Reader Clayfield 5:30pm Mass	Reader OLHC 9:30am Mass	Eucharistic Minister OLHC 9:30am Mass
4 May	Nam Tran Joseph O'Brien	Andre Marino Amelia Marino-Cebulski	Robyn Jeynes <i>Volunteer</i>	Pat Shine Barbara Nelson
11 May	<b>Family Mass</b>	Giselle Hossinger Karen Birtles	George, Clara and Sylvie Shillington	Robyn Jeynes Lorelei Gozzard

## 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

11 MAY 2025

### FOURTH SUNDAY OF EASTER

**First Reading:** Acts 13:14, 43-52

**Second Reading:** Rev 7:9, 14-17

**Gospel:** Jn 10:27-30



## Commemoration of Saints May 2025

Sat 10

St John of Avila, priest, doctor



**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:** Jesus asks us, "Do you love me?" Show your love for Jesus in the way that you live. (John 20:16-19)

To talk to someone about your vocation:



**Contact Vocation Brisbane.**

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