



# Newsletter

## CATHOLIC PARISHES

Clayfield ● Hendra ● Hamilton ● Northgate



### FIFTEENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

13 JULY 2025

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**School Principal:** Ms Anne-Marie Maw

**Acting APRE:** Mr Anthony Fernandes

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##### Our Lady Help of Christians Primary School

23 Bowman St, Hendra **Phone: 3268 3070**

**School Principal:** Mr Adam Bennie

**APRE:** Mrs Marie-Louise Stolberg

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We can easily fall into the trap of reducing our faith - practically speaking, at least - to a kind of 'self-help' regime. Certainly, we will find much in the wisdom tradition, the practices, and the values of the Catholic Church that will help us to live the best kind of life and to be the best kind of people we can be. Important though that is, faith calls us beyond such realities to something more transcendent. Indeed, the primary objective of our lives is to be 'priests of creation', offering a hymn of praise to God.



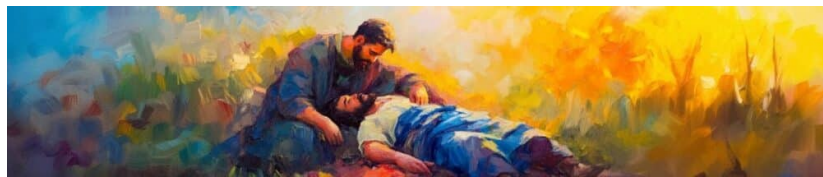
Fr Michael Grace

In his letter to the Colossians, St Paul includes what many scholars believe to be an early Christian hymn. Its focus is not on us, but on Christ himself. More to the point, it sums up the very purpose of creation as centred on Christ. Through Christ, the whole universe becomes a song of praise to the Father. And by reconciling all things (including ourselves), God's perfect plan is fulfilled in Him.

To believe in the perfection of God's plan takes more faith than to believe that Jesus rose from the dead! We, and the things of this world, are clearly lacking in perfection. We walk as broken people through a broken world. However, this is not the kind of perfection that is being spoken about. Christ is perfect precisely because he overcomes and transcends the very worst of the brokenness of our world. His life, then, is a 'hymn of praise' to the Father. We too can, through Christ, share in this perfection, offering our lives as a living hymn of praise. Here we sing not only words of blessing but also groans of lament, all offered through Christ to the glory of God the Father.

#### **Blessings**

**Fr Michael**



### Sea Sunday

Apostleship of the Sea

This Sunday 13 July is Sea Sunday. It's a day dedicated to remembering and praying for seafarers and their families, celebrating their work, and giving thanks for their contributions.

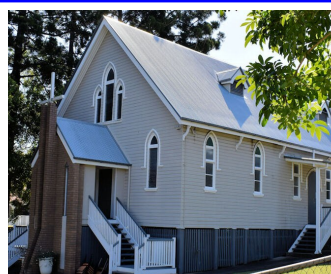
The day is also known as the Apostleship of the Sea Sunday.



**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 13 July

**8.00am Mass** Morning tea hosted by:  
Community and Mission Council Team

**5.30pm Mass**

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

- ♦ Children's Liturgy will resume **NEXT** Sunday 20 July.



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

# Family Mass

@ Aggie's  
**Sunday 10<sup>th</sup> August, 8am**

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

Would your child like to have a  
role/reading? Roles are open to all  
children!  
Please email Sandy  
cantarutti@bne.catholic.net.au or  
scan this QR Code

Scan to email

## In our prayers we remember. . .

Those who have died recently:

Sr Carmel Parker RSJ, Diogo Jota, Andre Silva

Those whose anniversaries occur at this time:

Wallace John Smith, Meriel Healy, Claire & John Collins,  
Gloria & Mick Statham, Jean & Frank York, Tadeusz Lewandowski



## What's happening in MOM Parish this week

### Sunday 13 July

**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)**  
**13 July:** Kerrie Fernicola **20 July:** Rosemary Woods

## MOM Parish Messages....

- ♦ **Farewell Monica THIS Sunday 13 July:** All are warmly invited to a morning tea after the 9.30am Mass to farewell Monica.
- ♦ **Mother of Mercy Parish Prayer Engine - each Tuesday 1pm OLHC:** This dedicated prayer group prays for the intentions of the parish and the personal intentions of parishioners. Prayer intentions can be placed in the special baskets at each of the churches and Parish Office.  
**The Prayer Engine will meet at OLHC Church, Hendra every Tuesday, from 1:00-2:15pm.** All are welcome to join in prayer!
- ♦ **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.

## MOM Parish Birthdays

**Have you entered your birthday in our Parish Birthday Book?**

Each last Sunday of the 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 **Sunday 27 July**, so please come along and join us! The Birthday Book is at the Coffee Spot in the Parish Centre Courtyard—please add your name!



## WE PRAY FOR....

**Recently deceased:** Rev Terence Hegarty

**Anniversaries:** Fr Denis O'Rourke, Brian Phillip Peters, Joyce Elizabeth Haynes, Maria Ann Roach Terrance Mervyn Ferricks, Samuel Sandy Jackson, Robyn Lynette Andrews, Elsie Ann Geiger, Fr Reuben Nadalich ssp

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



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

### Commemorative Mass at St John's, Northgate



Friday 15 August marks the 80th anniversary of the end of the war in the Pacific - VP Day - and to remember and give thanks to those who gave their lives to protect Australia in World War 2, there will be a Commemorative Mass at St John's RAN War Memorial Church, Northgate at 9am.

All parishioners and friends are invited to join us for this special event.

### Date Claimer

**Ignite Conference 2025: The Light**  
Young people, families, parishioners!!

**Brisbane 25 - 28 September 2025 |**  
St Laurence's College, South Brisbane



For more information visit:  
<https://igniteconference.com.au/>

OR

Use QR Code to register



IGNITE YOUTH



**Our next Mother of Mercy and St Agatha's Parishes**

**Alpha**

will commence on **Sunday 3 August 2025**  
from 10.45am – 12.45pm.

**NB: Team training will be NEXT Sunday 20 July**

Please think **and pray** about who you will invite and whether you might join as a participant or become a team member.

**All are most welcome** whether very new to Christianity or very experienced.

**What is Alpha?** A short course exploration of life's big questions which builds faith and community.

**It's about Life, Faith & Meaning**

<https://www.bing.com/videos/riverview/relatedvideo?q=alpha+promo+ad&mid=604CD78A0D83F012423F604CD78A0D83F012423F&FORM=VIRE>



**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.



**Module Two: Understanding, Praying and Living the Scriptures.**

Presented by Archbishop Mark Coleridge, Dcn. Peter Pellicaan PHD, Melissa Ledwich, Caleb Bowles

This second module engages participants in the scriptures, exploring their inspiration, canonisation, unity and how to interpret scripture within the

Catholic tradition. This module will also provide participants with introductions to various books within the canon as well as theological principals that inform the Catholic reading of scripture. Beyond the mechanics, this module provides an experience of listening to the voice of God in scripture, ensuring that scripture moves beyond mere text to being experienced as God's word to us.

*The module is not just intellectual, it is experiential, so be ready to understand God more deeply, and experience God personally.*

**SESSION DETAILS**

Time: 7:00pm – 9:00pm

Dates: 10 Monday nights, 4 August - 20 October, 2025\*

Location: Xavier Hall, Holy Spirit Seminary, Banyo

Cost: \$250pp for individuals

\$150pp for groups of 5 or more

RSVP: Friday 1 August, 2025

\*excluding 29 September & 6 October



A warm invitation is extended to all past and present staff and students of schools and ministries associated with Edmund Rice Ministries and the Christian Brothers to join in celebrating: **150 Years of Edmund Rice Ministry, in Queensland with a Thanksgiving Eucharist.**

**Date:** Thursday 31st July 2025,

**Time:** 1.30pm

**Place:** Cathedral of St Stephen, followed by refreshments

**Venue:** Hanley Room, Francis Rush Centre

**THE CARMELITE SISTERS**  
invite you to celebrate with them

*Our Lady of Mt. Carmel*

**SUNDAY 13 JULY**

**10.30 am Mass**

Stay for a picnic lunch – tea, coffee, sandwiches on sale.

Piety Stall, Sisters' craft works on sale.

Spend time in quiet prayer.

**2.00pm** Evening Prayer – Benediction – Scapular enrolments  
Carmelite Monastery, 287 Wellington St, Ormiston Q 4160

[www.carmeliteormiston.com](http://www.carmeliteormiston.com)



**Jubilee Year Pilgrimage**  
CATHEDRAL OF ST STEPHEN  
SATURDAY 23 AUGUST, 2025

Pilgrimage includes:

- Guided tour through Cathedral of St Stephen
- Morning tea in Cathedral grounds
- Holy Mass at 11.30am
- Return bus transport to Sandgate
- Cost: By kind donation to Parish Office

MORE INFO :

- Sandgate Parish Office
- 3869 1377
- sandgatebrighton@bne.catholic.net.au

All welcome to encounter the renewal of the Holy Door during this special Jubilee year.



**ST RITA'S COLLEGE**  
CLAYFIELD

**SAVE THE DATE**

**TWILIGHT OPEN EVENING**

**Friday 8 August**  
**4.00pm – 7.00pm**



**Our Lady Help of Christians**  
**Catholic Primary School**

**SAVE THE DATE** **Saturday 9 August**  
1.00pm – 7.00pm OLHC Oval  
Tickets on sale soon



**NEWS FROM OUR PARISH SCHOOLS**

**Our Lady Help of Christians Catholic Primary School**

As we reach the half way mark of our year, and the end of Term 2, we have certainly enjoyed a wonderful 10 weeks.

We wish all our families and staff a safe and rejuvenating break and we are looking forward to seeing you back for Term 3 with lots of great stories about your holidays.

**Adam Bennie**  
**Principal**

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

**St Agatha's Catholic Primary School**

What a wonderful term we have had at St Agatha's!

We wish all our families a restful holiday and look forward to returning for Term Three.

**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
13 July	Eileen Duncan Amanda Bell	Giselle Hossinger Catie Kelly	Mary Nicholls Cutella Dias	Robyn Jeynes Barbara Nelson
20 July	Jane Arkinstall Andrew Pippia	Leanne McDowall Joel Perkins	Angela Devereux Cutella Dias	Louise Nott 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:** The parish donation terminal is located at the front door of the church. Please follow the prompts to make your donation via tapping your card or mobile.
- Place your offerings in the collection plate at Mass.
- Direct Debit (please contact Parish Office 3268 3040).
- Planned Giving Envelopes (please contact Parish Office 3268 3040).
- Tax deductible donation to St Agatha's National Trust.
- St Agatha's Parish 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.
- Trusts can make tax-effective distributions to the Parish. Please consult your accountant or financial advisor for further details.



## 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

20 JULY 2025

**SIXTEENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME**

**First Reading:** Gen 18:1-10

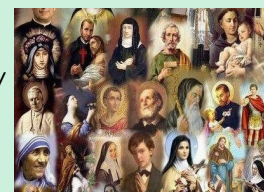
**Second Reading:** Col 1:24-28

**Gospel:** Lk 10:38-42



### Commemoration of Saints July 2025

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| <b>Fri 11</b>  | <b>St Benedict, abbot</b>                            | <b>MEMORIAL</b> |
| <b>Sat 12</b>  | Saturday Mass of the Blessed Virgin Mary             |                 |
| <b>Tues 15</b> | St Bonaventure, Bishop, doctor                       |                 |
| <b>Tues 22</b> | St Mary Magdalene                                    |                 |
| <b>Fri 25</b>  | St James, Apostle                                    |                 |
| <b>Sat 26</b>  | Sts Joachim and Anne, parents of Blessed Virgin Mary |                 |
| <b>Tues 29</b> | Sts Martha, Mary and Lazarus                         |                 |



*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:** "We are called to love with our whole being. How is God calling you to do that? Pray for generosity to serve God's people." (Luke 10:25-37)



**To talk to someone about your vocation:**  
**Contact Vocation Brisbane. P: (07) 3336 9392**  
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**W: [catholicpriesthood.com](http://catholicpriesthood.com)**



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

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