



# Newsletter

## CATHOLIC PARISHES

Clayfield ● Hendra ● Hamilton ● Northgate



### SEVENTEENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

27 JULY 2025

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In most churches today, when we baptise, we do so in a quite restrained way. We simply pour a little water over the head of the person (often an infant) being baptised and proclaim the necessary words: "I baptise you in the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit." This is all perfectly fine - and, in the end, practical. However, it misses some of the drama of the moment!



Fr Michael Grace

When Jesus was baptised - the origin and archetype of all Christian baptisms - he was *plunged* into the murky depths of the Jordan, and, immersed into the chaos of the waters entered into a place wholly incompatible with human life. This is appropriate, because it is death that is signified by this action. Baptism is a death to self, so as to become alive in Christ.

Hence, in St Paul's letter to the Colossians, he states: "You have been buried with Christ when you were baptised." We share symbolically in his death, but in an exceedingly wonderful exchange, we share actually in his Resurrection - with our sin wiped away and communion with the Father restored! (Cf. St Leo the Great Sermon 71).

So complete is this transaction that when the Church speaks of baptism, it speaks of the death of the old person, so that the one who emerges from the waters is "a new creature" (cf. CCC 1214).

For practical reasons, it makes sense to baptise in the aforementioned restrained way. Nevertheless, the meaning remains the same: we are baptised into the death of Christ, so as to emerge from the waters of death as new creatures, part of God's new creation. Let us truly live, therefore, as sons and daughters of God, dead to sin and alive to Grace.

#### Blessings

Fr Michael

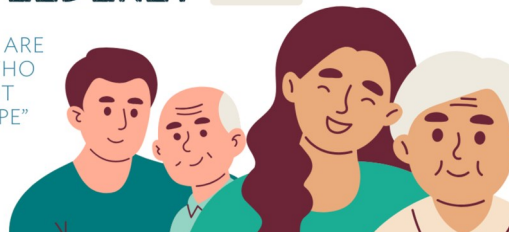
## WORLD DAY FOR GRANDPARENTS AND ELDERLY

JULY 27



"BLESSED ARE  
THOSE WHO  
HAVE NOT  
LOST HOPE"

SIR 14:2



**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 27 July**

**8.00am Mass** Morning tea hosted by:  
Linett, Grevin, Biju and Dani

**5.30pm Mass**



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

- ♦ **Children's Liturgy for Prep to Year 4** this Sunday **27 July** at the 8am Mass. We invite children to come along to learn more about Jesus and the gospel through child-friendly, engaging activities.



**Baptismal Joy!!** This Sunday at St Agatha's we welcome with great joy four new members of Christ's faithful people:  
Luca Burrell, son of Alexander and Jessica  
James Paul, son of Mitchell and Jane  
Scarlett and Adaline McGovern, children of Nicholas and Clare  
May they always know God's love and the support of this Christian Community.



## In our prayers we remember. . . .

### Those who have died recently:

Delano Bolton, Greg Josephson, Rosie Cowdy,  
Teresa Rafter, Gloria Rogers

### Those whose anniversaries occur at this time:

Sally Tesch, Albert Tesch



## What's happening in MOM Parish this week

**Sunday 27 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)**

**27 July:** Lorelei Gozzard

**3 August:** Pat Shine



## MOM Parish Messages....

- ♦ **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.

### JULY PARISH BIRTHDAYS:

We will be celebrating the July Parish birthdays this Sunday after 9:30am OLHC Mass.  
Please come along and join us!



### GOSPEL REFLECTION GROUP

The group meet at **9:30am on the first Tuesday of the month** in the Parish Centre at Hendra to discuss the gospel reading for the next Sunday. Morning tea follows the session. All are most welcome!

**The next date is Tuesday 5 August.**



## WE PRAY FOR....

**Recently deceased:** Phillip Green

**Anniversaries:** Tony Ambrosini, Archbishop Francis Rush, Bishop James Cuskelly MSC, Father Gregory Jordan, SJ, Canon Francis Coaldrake, Ronald Conquest, John Gebbett, Leonard Bechtel

**Sick:** Mary Gowing (Ireland), 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.



**Is your child in Years 4 to 6?**  
Join us for our once-a-term youth group with games and craft. Drop off your child or stay and help!

**When?** Sunday 17 August 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](mailto:cantaruttis@bne.catholic.net.au)



Scan to register  
by Thursday  
August 14th



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

**Alpha**

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



"Who will you invite" <https://alphausa.org/who-will-you-invite/>

**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?](https://www.bing.com/videos/riverview/relatedvideo?q=alpha+promo+ad&mid=604CD78A0D83F012423F604CD78A0D83F012423F&FORM=VIRE)

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RSVP's via <https://www.alpha.org.au/try> are appreciated but are not essential.



**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.



**EUCCHARISTIC DAY RETREATS** with Fr Sean Davidson  
**HENDRA - WEDNESDAY 13 AUGUST**

Retreat 9 am – 4.30pm – Mass during retreat

**ANNERLEY - SATURDAY 23 AUGUST**

Mass 8.30am - Retreat 9.45am – 4.30pm

FREE FOR ALL. Donations on the day welcomed.

BYO Lunch – tea & coffee provided.



“Let us never forget that an age prospers or dwindles in proportion to its devotion to the Holy Eucharist. This is the measure of its spiritual life and its faith, of its charity and its virtue.” *St Peter J Eymard*

**MODULE 2**  
**UNDERSTANDING, PRAYING**  
**AND LIVING THE SCRIPTURES**

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[catholicformation.au](http://catholicformation.au)

**SESSION DETAILS**

Time: 7:00pm – 9:00pm

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

\*excluding 29 September & 6 October

Location: Xavier Hall, Holy Spirit Seminary, Banyo

Cost: \$250pp for individuals

**\$150pp for groups of 5 or more**

RSVP: **Registrations close Friday 1 August, 2025**



**Religious Instruction**

Do you have half an hour or more to spare on weekday afternoons during school hours (even occasionally)?

Make a real difference in the lives of young people by bringing them the Good News as Christ commanded

us. Children in state schools are entitled to receive Religious Instruction if their parents allow them, but due to a lack of volunteers many children are missing out.

The children are brought into the classroom and a classroom teacher provides the disciplinary supervision.

Training and teaching materials are available. There is an urgent need right now, especially on Friday afternoons.

Please call Genevieve (0434 284 251) if God is calling you to give this gift of time to His little ones.

Assistants and relief teachers are also needed.

**You're warmly invited: A JOURNEY TO HOPE**

Retreat with Fr Ray Sanchez

Organised by Catholic Charismatic Renewal Sunnybank

Saturday 30 August | 9.30am - 5pm

Our Lady of Lourdes, | Jacaranda Room, Paloma Centre

121 Mains Road, Sunnybank

RSVP by 17 August - [charismatic.sunnybank.ccr@gmail.com](mailto:charismatic.sunnybank.ccr@gmail.com)

Free event - BYO lunch | Tea and coffee provided

Love donation is appreciated.



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# THE LONG LUNCH

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**SATURDAY 9 AUGUST, 1PM - 7PM**

**OLHC OVAL, BOWMAN ST, HENDRA**



**Tickets \$60**



<https://events.humanitix.com/2025-olhc-long-lunch>

**Raffle Tickets**



<https://www.raffletix.com.au/olhclonglunch2025>

## NEWS FROM OUR PARISH SCHOOLS

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

This week, it was lovely to reconnect with our parents and carers during the Parent-Teacher interviews. These conversations provide a valuable opportunity to discuss our students' progress and learning journeys. They also help strengthen the meaningful partnership we share in supporting and nurturing our learners together. Thank you to our teachers for all their work in preparing these interviews and for our parents who were able to attend.

On Thursday our Senior Year students were involved in a formation day with other BCE schools at St Joseph's Primary School, Bracken Ridge. This was a lovely time to connect with students from other schools and look further at our Catholic Identity and our leadership strengths. It was a wonderful day for our students to encounter Jesus through prayer and music.

On Friday we all rolled out of bed and came to school in our pyjamas in support of the Pyjama Day and the Pyjama Foundation. This was a fun day but also a great way to support such a wonderful foundation who assist children who are in foster care. Pyjama angels share valuable time with these children and read and encourage them through a difficult time.

Next week we look forward to celebrating Catholic Education Week with a variety of activities.

**Marie-Louise Stolberg**

Assistant to the Principal in Religious Education

*We must teach more by example than by word... Mary MacKillop 1867*

**St Agatha's Catholic Primary School**

This week St Agatha's sporting talents were showcased at our annual Athletics Carnival. Fortunately the rain held off and we were able to complete all scheduled races, field events and we even had time for some fun games and a tug-o-war!

On Tuesday night our Year 5/6 students took part in a mini sleepout. This sleepout was supported by St Vincent de Paul Youth who helped our students develop an understanding of the factors contributing to homelessness in Australia. Our students shared that the evening was thought-provoking and they left feeling inspired to make a difference to those in need.

On Friday our amazing Preps celebrated being 100 days smarter, older and brighter with the annual '100 Days of Prep' celebration.

On Saturday the annual STALL - St Agatha's Long Lunch was held. A wet weather plan was enacted and a great time was had by all!

**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
27 July	Dianne Eden Paul Bartels	Andre Marino Amelia Marino-Cebulski	Clara Shillington Sylvie Shillington	Kate McLean Barbara Nelson
3 August	Terry Manso Scott Fitzpatrick	Declan Harte Louis Currie	Serena Varendorff Bill Nott	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.

## 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

3 AUGUST 2025

EIGHTEENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

**First Reading:** Ecc 1:2; 2:21-23

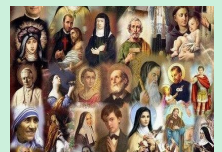
**Second Reading:** Col 3:1-5, 9-11

**Gospel:** Lk 12:13-21



## Commemoration of Saints July 2025

**Sat 26** Sts Joachim and Anne,  
parents of Blessed Virgin Mary  
**Tues 29** Sts Martha, Mary and Lazarus  
**Thurs 31** St Ignatius of Loyola, priest



### Aug 2025

**Fri 1** St Alphonsus Liguori, bishop, doctor  
**Mon 4** St John Vianney, priest  
**Wed 6** The Transfiguration of the Lord  
**Fri 8** St Mary of the Cross, virgin

*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:** "Ask, and you shall receive; seek, and you shall find, knock, and it shall be opened to you." Believe and act on Jesus' promise. Pray for wisdom to discern God's will. (Luke 11:1-13)



**To talk to someone about your vocation:**  
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