



Newsletter

CATHOLIC PARISHES

Clayfield ● Hendra ● Hamilton ● Northgate



FOURTEENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

6 JULY 2025

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One of the hallmarks of our culture is an attentiveness to difference and diversity. This is not, in itself, a bad thing. Creation should be celebrated in all its wonderful variety, and each person's individuality respected. If we are to have harmony in a diverse culture like ours, then it must be built not simply upon 'tolerance', but upon the far more demanding and far-reaching virtue of love.



Fr Michael Grace

A more troubling trend, however, is the intentional effort by some to emphasise diversity in ways that break down social cohesion. There is nothing new in this. Human beings are, by nature, somewhat tribal, and this tendency has often been manipulated for political ends. Differences of perspective, culture and custom will always exist, but these need not undermine our sense of unity. This should be all the more true for those who profess the Catholic faith. After all, the word catholic means 'universal'.

We can sometimes find diversity troubling because we are called to proclaim the truth of the Gospel—truths which, at times, are painted by others as being 'intolerant'. Yet, without denying the reality of some difficult issues, we must also recognise that diversity is one of the great strengths of our faith.

In this weekend's second reading, St Paul emphasises the catholic nature of faith in Christ: "It does not matter if a person is circumcised or not," for in Christ we take on a far more radical identity than any ritual, custom or race. Indeed, St Paul insists that in Christ we are made "an altogether new creature", for we become children of God.

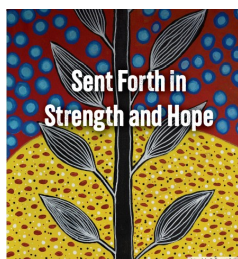
Let us then celebrate our differences, and grow in mutual understanding of one another. Yet let us never forget that we have far more in common than any difference. And into any diversity, we are called to proclaim a universal truth: the cross of Christ has reconciled the world, and those who believe in him are held together in a communion of love, to which all are invited to belong.

Blessings

Fr Michael

WELCOME AND THANKS: This Sunday, we warmly welcome **Fr Pan Jordan** who is celebrating the 8.00am St Agatha's Mass, **Fr John Gillen SM** celebrating the 9.30am Mass at OLHC and **Fr Matthew Moloney** celebrating the 5.30pm Mass at St Agatha's.

We thank them all most sincerely for their kind assistance to Mother of Mercy Parish and St Agatha's Parish.



Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Sunday

6th July 2025

We gather as one in Christ — celebrating the deep faith, culture, and gifts of Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Catholics.

Find resources for your Parish at www.natsicc.org.au.



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 6 July

- 8.00am Mass** Morning tea hosted by:
Marie Deuble, Judy and Paul Bartels and Jane Cameron
- 5.30pm Mass**

St Agatha's Parish Messages....

- Children's Liturgy will resume on Sunday 20 July.



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

Family Mass and Morning Tea

@ Aggie's
Sunday 10th August, 8am Mass

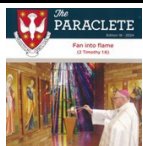
Bring a packet
of biscuits/
plate to share
for after!

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

Scan to email

The Paraclete

Copies of latest edition of the *The Paraclete*, the annual magazine of the Holy Spirit Seminary, are available at the entrance of our Churches. Please feel free to take a copy.



In our prayers we remember. . . .

Those who have died recently:

Sr Carmel Parker RSJ, Sr Christina O'Connor RSJ,
John Clark



What's happening in MOM Parish this week

Sunday 6 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)
6 July: Kathryn Bourke **6 July:** Kerrie Fernicola

MOM Parish Messages....

- Farewell Monica next Sunday 13 July:** All are warmly invited to a morning tea after the 9.30am Mass to farewell Monica.
- Community Jumble Sale THIS Saturday 5 July**—see notice below!
- *REMINDER* THIS SUNDAY—6 JULY—POT LUCK LUNCH AND BOARD GAMES:** All are warmly invited to join a group of parishioners who will meet at the MoM parish centre at **1.00pm this Sunday 6 July 2025** to share a potluck lunch and a board games social event. Games such as Balderdash/Pictionary/Articulate and depending on interest possibly even some cards. **BYO a dish to share for lunch and drinks to share.** No need to RSVP. All welcome!
- 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.

WE PRAY FOR....

Recently deceased: Rev Terence Hegarty

Anniversaries: 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

Parish Community Jumble Sale

THIS Saturday 5 July—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

NB: no event in August

Next event: Saturday 6 September



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 on Sunday 20/7

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>



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



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



Engaged Couples Encounter

The parish recently hosted an Engaged Encounter weekend in the Parish Centre. This is a marriage preparation weekend that facilitates honest and constructive dialogue for engaged couples.

We sincerely thank Andrew and Angela Devereux for their dedicated ministry to this weekend.

Please keep these couples in your prayers as they journey to marriage.



The next Engaged Encounter weekend details are noted below:

November 15 & 16, 2025

Mother of Mercy Parish Centre, Hendra

For more information: cee.brisbane@gmail.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.

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

"We shall steer safely through every storm, so long as our heart is right, our intention fervent, our courage steadfast, and our trust fixed on God."

St. Francis De Sales

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.

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

Sunday Mass Rosters

Date	Reader Clayfield 8am Mass	Reader Clayfield 5:30pm Mass	Reader OLHC 9:30am Mass	Eucharistic Minister OLHC 9:30am Mass
6 July	Annette Riba Scott Fitzpatrick	Karen Birtles Louis Currie	Neville Canham Robyn Jeynes	Lorelei Gozzard Kate McLean
13 July	Eileen Duncan Amanda Bell	Giselle Hossinger Catie Kelly	Mary Nicholls Cutella Dias	Robyn Jeynes Barbara Nelson

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 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

13 JULY 2025

FIFTEENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

First Reading: Deut 30:10-14
Second Reading: Col 1:15-20
Gospel: Lk 10:25-37



Commemoration of Saints July 2025

- Mon 7** Blessed Peter To Rot, *martyr*
Wed 9 St Augustine Zhao Rong, *priest* and companions, *martys*
Fri 11 St Benedict, *abbot* **MEMORIAL**
Sat 12 Saturday Mass of the Blessed Virgin Mary



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.

A vocation view: "The harvest is rich, but the workers are few; therefore, ask the harvest master to send workers to his harvest." Pray for vocations and depend on God's providence. (Luke 10:1-9)



To talk to someone about your vocation:
Contact Vocation Brisbane. P: (07) 3336 9392
E: vocation@bne.catholic.net.au
W: catholicpriesthood.com



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

Please email: hendra@bne.catholic.net.au
OR clayfld@bne.catholic.net.au



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.