



# Newsletter

## CATHOLIC PARISHES

Clayfield ● Hendra ● Hamilton ● Northgate



### NINETEENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

10 AUGUST 2025

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For many in our society, faith would be defined as the irrational belief in unseen and unprovable things. Faith is by no means irrational, but it certainly relates to those things unseen or only partially seen. This weekend's second reading, from the Letter to the Hebrews, points to this reality: *"Only faith can guarantee the blessings that we hope for or prove the existence of the realities that at present remain unseen."*



Fr Michael Grace

Faith here is the guarantee precisely because the things we hope for are not merely rational but rather super-rational. They cannot be known by reason alone but require revelation. Such things are not secured by knowledge in the usual sense, but rather by faith, inspired by the rich hope we have in God's blessing and providence. The greatest example of such super-rational hope is our longing for, and anticipation of, a share in the eternal life of God when we arrive at long last in our heavenly homeland.

Later this week we celebrate the feast of the Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary. This great feast is one of the most solemn days in the Church's life. As such, it is a 'holy day of obligation', similar to a Sunday, and so all Catholics are called upon to attend Mass. Its high status and importance are twofold: it points to our love and reverence for Mary and her importance in our lives and faith, as an exemplar of the hope that leads to eternal life; and it gives us the opportunity to grow in that same hope. Where she, following her Son, has gone before us, we too are destined to follow—if we likewise follow her example of faith.

Please be aware of the Assumption Mass times and note the changes to the usual parish weekday schedule.

#### Blessings

Fr Michael

### Feast of the Assumption Mass times

PLEASE NOTE: There will be no 9am Mass at St Agatha's on Thursday 14 August.

- ◆ Thursday 14 August 6.00pm St Agatha's Church.
- ◆ Friday 15 August 9.00am, St John's Northgate
- ◆ Friday 15 August 12pm, St Agatha's Church.  
**Please note this is a school Mass. All welcome!**



**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 10 August**

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

**5.30pm Mass**



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

- ♦ **No Children's Liturgy** this Sunday 10 August. Please join us for the **Family Mass** at 8am.

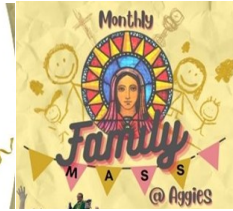
### Family Mass and morning tea

**Sunday August 10th, 8:00am**

*It's the Mass- made for children!*

The second Sunday of the month,  
during school terms

*All children wave  
ribbons during the  
closing hymn.*



- ♦ **THANK YOU:** The St Agatha's Saint Vincent De Paul Conference would like to thank the Parishioners and the St Agatha's School for their generous donations to the SVDP Winter Appeal. This will enable the Conference to continue to assist people, who call on the Society for assistance.

## Sacrament of Confirmation will be celebrated on:

Tuesday 19 August, 5pm and 7pm, St Agatha's Church  
Friday 22 August, 6pm, Our Lady Help of Christians Church



Please keep our parish children in your prayers as they prepare to receive the Sacrament of Confirmation.

## In our prayers we remember. . . .

Those whose anniversaries occur at this time:

Rory Schuh, Tony Dyson

Those who are ill: Annette Riba



## What's happening in MOM Parish this week

**Sunday 10 August**

**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)**  
**10 August:** Jen Cridland **17 August:** Kate McLean



## MOM Parish Messages.....

**PLEASE NOTE:** There will be no 8.45am Mass next  
**Wednesday 13 August** at

Our Lady Help of Christians Church, Hendra.  
All are welcome to the Eucharistic Day Retreat.

- ♦ **Mother of Mercy Parish Prayer Engine** - each Tuesday 1pm **OLHC:** The Prayer Engine will meet at OLHC Church, Hendra every Tuesday, from 1:00-2:15pm. All are welcome to join in prayer!
- ♦ **PLAYGROUP:** The Parish Playgroup will resume **NEXT** Friday 15 August.
- ♦ **GOSPEL REFLECTION GROUP:** The next Gospel Reflection Group date is Tuesday 2 September.
- ♦ **JUMBLE SALE:** The next Jumble Sale will be held on Saturday 6 September, at St John's Northgate.

## CHILDREN'S LITURGY OF THE WORD:

Children's Liturgy is held during the 9.30am Mass at OLHC Hendra, every Sunday during school term. Children's Liturgy is a great way for children to enjoy Mass and learn in an age appropriate way.



## WE PRAY FOR....

**Recently deceased:** Fr Christopher Riley SDB, Peter Nicholls, Sandra Mackay

**Anniversaries:** Peter Brewer, Rev. James Caley, William & Suzanne Wilkie, Fr Joe McGeehan, Kevin Brannelly

**Sick:** Trevor Gozzard, Annette Riba, 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

**NEXT** 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?** **NEXT** 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

It's not too late to join our **Alpha course** which commenced last weekend.

Some of our first-time guests were unable to attend last Sunday, so you wouldn't be the only newcomer if you join us on

**THIS Sunday 10 August 2025**  
from 10.45am – 12.45pm.

**Session 1 topic: "Is there more to life than this?" & Session 2's topic will be "Who is Jesus?"**

**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>

## PERPETUAL ADORATION at OUR LADY HELP of CHRISTIANS



"Eucharistic Adoration will make your soul everlastingly more glorious and beautiful in Heaven." ...St. Teresa of Calcutta  
Dedicated adorers that can commit to at least one Holy Hour every week are required so that Exposition and Adoration, including nocturnal Adoration, can begin every week from 8am

Mondays through to 8.30am Wednesdays. At least two adorers are required at every hour.

Please email Colina at [northside.adoration.bn@gmail.com](mailto:northside.adoration.bn@gmail.com) for further details.



**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 RETREAT** with Fr Sean Davidson  
**NEXT WEDNESDAY 13 AUGUST**

**Our Lady Help of Christians Church, Hendra**

Retreat 9 am – 4.30pm – Mass during retreat

FREE FOR ALL. Donations on the day welcomed.

BYO Lunch – tea & coffee provided.



Mary devoted herself exclusively to the Eucharistic Glory of Jesus. She knew that it was the desire of the Eternal Father to make the Eucharist known, loved and served by all men; that need of Jesus' Heart was to communicate to all men His gifts of grace and glory. She knew, too, that it was the mission of the Holy Spirit to extend the perfect in the hearts of men, the reign of Jesus Christ, and that the Church had been founded only to give Jesus to the world... *St Peter J Eymard*

**MULTICULTURAL MASS** "Migrants, missionaries of hope" Pope Francis



SCAN HERE TO REGISTER



**24 AUGUST 2025**

2pm, Queen of Vietnamese Martyrs Catholic Church, 54 Flint St, Inala



**CELEBRATED BY ARCHBISHOP MARK COLERIDGE**

**Faith. Vision. Synodality.**

Lunch with Sr Nathalie Becquart XMCJ.  
(Undersecretary of the Vatican Synod of Bishops)



Book your seat to this special event.

**Brisbane Catholic Professionals Lunch**

Hosted by Archbishop Mark Coleridge, the Brisbane Catholic Professionals will welcome guest speaker Sr Nathalie Becquart XMCJ, Undersecretary of the General Secretariat of the Synod of Bishops in Rome. Sr Nathalie Becquart XMCJ is a woman of remarkable faith and vision, helping to shape the future

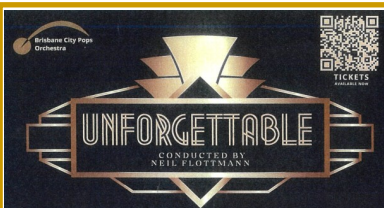
of the Catholic Church with courage and clarity. She stands at the heart of a global movement towards a more inclusive and listening Church and her presence and insights are sure to inspire and challenge us all to imagine what true collaboration in faith can look like.

**When:** Wednesday, 27 August 2025, 12pm - 2pm

**Where:** Brisbane City Hall, Main Auditorium

**Cost:** \$150 includes two-course lunch and beverages.

All are invited to attend and hear from one of the most influential women in the Catholic Church. To find out more or to register, please visit <https://catholicfoundation.org.au/event/brisbane-catholic-professionals-lunch-with-sr-nathalie-becquart/> or call 07 3324 3200.



Please join us for this truly unique concert - a musical celebration of timeless and beautiful melodies that have left a lasting imprint on our hearts and are truly UNFORGETTABLE.

**When:** Sunday 24 August 2025, 2pm

**Where:** St Paschal's Catholic Church, 30 Warraba Ave. Wavell Heights

**Cost:** \$35 includes afternoon tea.

Tickets available from [olaparishchermide.org.au](http://olaparishchermide.org.au) or Office 3359 0239

**St Agatha's Primary School Clayfield is celebrating 100 years!**

We are marking a century of memories, milestones & community.  
We want YOU to be part of our celebration!

Have you been part of our story?  
We would love to hear from our Student & Staff Alumni.

Join us in celebrating this special milestone.



**Alumni Wall - Commemorative Brick**

Leave your mark on our Alumni Wall - Purchase a personalised brick by 15 Aug 2025 \$100/brick 1 line (max 17 characters) ! To order, e-mail: [pclayfield@bne.catholic.edu.au](mailto:pclayfield@bne.catholic.edu.au)



**Save the Date - Friday 24<sup>th</sup> October 2025**

Alumni Breakfast followed by the St Agatha's Arts Morning. Details coming soon!

**Let's Celebrate 100 years Together**

St Agatha's  
Catholic Primary School  
Clayfield



**100 YEARS**  
1925 - 2025



**NEWS FROM OUR PARISH SCHOOLS**

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

Last week as a community we came together to celebrate all that is Catholic Education. This was a special opportunity to appreciate the wonderful learning and experiences which occur every day in our little GEM in Hendra, while also taking time to showcase the special education our children receive.

From our thank you coffee to our parents and staff, our whole school mass, our Random Acts of Kindness, Gratitude River, Christmas in July, St Vincent de Paul Winter Appeal, staff school photos and so much more. It was a very special week. One of the highlights, and there were many, was the amazing contribution by all in our community to the St Vincent de Paul Winter Appeal. Our little school raised a whopping \$2100.00 worth of food vouchers to assist our Hendra St V de Paul Conference to support our wider community. What huge assistance that will be to those in our community who need help with groceries and day to day living. We felt extremely proud on Monday giving Janeen from St V de Paul our gift bag with all our vouchers. Thank you everyone for helping those in need. St Mary MacKillop would be very proud.

On Friday we celebrated the feast day of Australia's first and only saint, St Mary of the Cross MacKillop. We celebrated Mass in the church with Father Michael and as part of our school celebrations for the Feast of St Mary MacKillop, we presented one student from each class with a *St Mary MacKillop Award*. These students have been chosen because they embody the spirit and values of St Mary MacKillop in their daily school life. The award celebrates students who consistently demonstrate faith, courage and action in all they do. It was a wonderful day to acknowledge such a special Saint.

**Marie-Louise Stolberg** (Assistant to the Principal in Religious Education)

**St Agatha's Catholic Primary School**

As part of St Agatha's 100 years celebrations we are inviting our families, past and present to purchase a personalised commemorative paver that will be installed on our wall between the fort playground and school oval. If you are interested in purchasing a paver for \$100, please contact [pclofinance@bne.catholic.edu.au](mailto:pclofinance@bne.catholic.edu.au) or 333269222. Alternatively, you are welcome to pop up to school one day and make your purchase in person. Our pavers will be on sale until Friday 15<sup>th</sup> August. Wishing you all a wonderful week ahead!

**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
10 August	Family Mass	Maddy Brown Giselle Hossinger	Robyn Jeynes Neville Canham	Kate McLean Lorelei Gozzard
17 August	Dianne Eden Matthew Crossley	Leanne McDowall Catie Kelly	Olivia Hatch Henrietta Hatch	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](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

17 AUGUST 2025

### TWENTIETH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

**First Reading:** Jer 38:4-6, 8-10

**Second Reading:** Heb 12:1-4

**Gospel:** Lk 12:49-53



### Commemoration of Saints August 2025

- Mon 11** St Clare, *virgin*
- Thurs 14** St Maximilian Mary Kolbe, *priest, martyr*
- Fri 15** **The Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary**
- Wed 20** St Bernard, *abbot, doctor*
- Thurs 21** St Pius X, *pope*
- Fri 22** The Queenship of the Blessed Virgin Mary
- Wed 27** St Monica
- Thurs 28** St Augustine, *bishop, doctor*



*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=cyNKMjBNWE>

**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:** Be alert to God's presence even in the least expected times, places and events. You will be ready to respond to God's call. (Luke 12:35-48)



To talk to someone about your vocation:  
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