



# Newsletter

## CATHOLIC PARISHES

Clayfield ● Hendra ● Hamilton ● Northgate



**TWENTIETH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME**

**17 AUGUST 2025**

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### *I have come to bring fire*



Fr Michael Grace

A fierce fire in a eucalyptus forest bursts open the seed pods, cleanses the soil of smothering undergrowth, and returns nutrients to the soil to germinate the seeds. It is that sort of fire which Jesus brings to the earth.

So, at Pentecost, He sent His Holy Spirit '... like tongues of fire', bursting the early disciples out of the protective shell of the 'Upper Room', allowing them to be germinated as seeds of the early Church. It is the same in every generation which has to ask: What personal, family or social situations provide a hard casing which must be cracked open? What is the smothering undergrowth which prevents our germination as fearless disciples?

Jesus himself felt smothered by the small-minded people of Nazareth to which He never returned. He warns that families and good friends can try to smother the spark He wishes to ignite.

We might pause for a moment to pray that the fiery Holy Spirit might enable us to become a stand of tall trees reaching for the Risen Son in all His glory.

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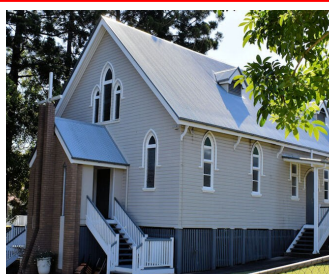
The Annual Catholic Campaign will be held **NEXT** weekend 23/24 August.  
Donation envelopes are available on the pews this Sunday 17 August.  
Please take one home and return next week or drop into the letter box – please ensure the envelope is securely sealed. Or donate via the QR Code on the front of the envelope.



**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 17 August**

- 8.00am Mass** Morning tea hosted by:  
Gloria Lee, Mel Lillicrap, Anna Chetcuti, Karlie Keating
- 5.30pm Mass** Pizza evening following Mass



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

- ♦ **Children's Liturgy** this Sunday 17 August, 8am Mass. We invite children to come along to learn more about Jesus and the gospel through child-friendly, engaging activities.



Congratulations and blessings to **Jaime Murillo**, who will be Confirmed at St Agatha's 8am Mass this Sunday 17 August.

**Baptismal Joy!!** This Sunday at St Agatha's we welcome with great joy six new members of Christ's faithful people:  
*Lottie and Elke Lane, daughters of Matthew and Kristal*  
*Meredith Donne, daughter of James and Edwina*  
*Hugo Mortimer, son of Benjamin and Laura*  
*Hunter and Ashton Barclay, sons of Timothy and Zoie*  
May they always know God's love and the support of this Christian Community.

## 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:**

May McKenzie, Elizabeth Griffin, Rory Schuh

**Those who are ill:** Annette Riba



## What's happening in MOM Parish this week

**Sunday 17 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)**  
**17 August:** Kate McLean **24 August:** Lynn and Dave Rogers



## MOM Parish Messages.....

- ♦ **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:** Operating each week (in school terms). Held every Friday 9.00am-11.30am (babies to Prep) in the OLHC Primary School OSHC, 23 Bowman Street, Hendra. For enquiries, call Parish Office 3268 3040.
- ♦ **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:** Angela Krista, Timothy Pemble-Smith

**Anniversaries:** Graham Hardy, Eufemia & Silvio D'Astuto, Cardinal Edward Clancy, Fr Joseph Wilson OP, Fr John McCrystal OFM, Sr Elaine Wainwright, Br Francis Rodgers CFC, Helen Mayes, Vincent Hayes, Maria Guerreri, Neville Rashford, Maurice Conquest, Kenneth Lee, Caterina Curcurato

**Sick:** Trevor Gozzard, Annette Riba, Brad Ryan, Betty Mahoney, Rosaria Fazio, Michael Hardy, Maria Ward



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

Join us for a fun-filled day of family-friendly activities, meet our team and celebrate with the community.

**FREE**

- Food and drinks • Petting zoo encounters
- Face painting • Pony rides

Bring your friends - everyone is welcome.

**ST CECILIA'S**  
LONG DAY CARE  
+ KINDERGARTEN

**Catholic Early EdCare**  
WATCH THEM GROW

Flyers available at the back of all the Churches

## Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament:

First Friday of the month after the 9:00am Mass at St John's, Northgate. All welcome.

## Anointing and Healing Mass:

Second Friday of the month at 9:00am at St John's, Northgate. Morning tea after Mass. All welcome.

**Piety Stall:** Open before and after Mass at St Agatha's Clayfield. **Cash or card accepted.** Various items for sale: Rosary beads, St Christopher medals and keyrings, biography cards of various saints.

**Alpha course continues**  
**THIS Sunday 17 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.



# 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 Saturday we had our annual OLHC Long Lunch which was a great social event. Our sincere thanks to those involved in the many and varied capacities to make this event so successful. It was a great afternoon of community building within our current parent group, members of the community, and some of our 2026 Prep parents. Thank you to everyone who was able to join us.

This week we have celebrated wellbeing week. A time to go slower which was assisted by our mid week Ekka holiday. On Thursday our Middle Years classes went on a great excursion to the Ekka to learn more about primary production and the great work done by our farmers.

On Friday our Senior Years and Middle Years choir were involved in the Queensland Catholic Music Festival. It was a great experience for all involved. Thanks to Dr Eyles for preparing the students for this event and for all the staff who assisted on the day.

Next week we look forward to Book Week and another fabulous week at OLHC.

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

### St Agatha's Catholic Primary School

This week at St Agatha's was Science Week! We celebrated all things Science with lunchtime quizzes, fun activities in class and lots of learning.

This week our students had the opportunity to take part in the ICAS English Competition as part of our high potential learner offerings. We look forward to offering ICAS Mathematics in Week 7.

A reminder, there are limited vacancies in some year levels at St Agatha's for 2026. If you are interested in joining our wonderful school community, please email our enrolments team at [PCLAEnrolments@bne.catholic.edu.au](mailto:PCLAEnrolments@bne.catholic.edu.au)

Anne-Marie Maw (Principal)

*Growth, Friendship, Faith.*

## 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



Archdiocesan  
MINISTRIES



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.

### 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



Be in the room  
Bring a group  
Sponsor a  
delegate  
Bring a friend



# Sunday Mass Rosters

Date	Reader Clayfield 8am Mass	Reader Clayfield 5:30pm Mass	Reader OLHC 9:30am Mass	Eucharistic Minister OLHC 9:30am Mass
17 August	Dianne Eden Matthew Crossley	Leanne McDowall Catie Kelly	Olivia Hatch Henrietta Hatch	Robyn Jaynes Barbara Nelson
24 August	Saxon Mew Phill Ryan	Karen Birtles Joel Perkins	Trish Dunn Rosemary Woods	Lorelei Gozzard Louise Nott

## 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

24 AUGUST 2025

### TWENTY-FIRST SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

**First Reading:** Is 66:18-21

**Second Reading:** Heb 12:5-7, 11-13

**Gospel:** Lk 13:22-30



### Commemoration of Saints August 2025

- 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*  
**Fri 29** The Passion of St John the Baptist, *martyr*



### September 2025

- Wed 3** St Gregory the Great, *pope, 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=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 wants to set our faith on fire so we can share His love with zeal (Luke 12).

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



vocation

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