



# Newsletter

## CATHOLIC PARISHES

Clayfield ● Hendra ● Hamilton ● Northgate



### TWENTY-FIRST SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

24 AUGUST 2025

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St Agatha's, Clayfield

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#### Mother of Mercy Parish

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#### PARISH SCHOOLS:

##### St Agatha's Catholic Primary School

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School Principal: Ms Anne-Marie Maw

Acting APRE: Mr Anthony Fernandes

Email: [pclayfield@bne.catholic.edu.au](mailto:pclayfield@bne.catholic.edu.au)

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

23 Bowman St, Hendra Phone: 3268 3070

School Principal: Mr Adam Bennie

APRE: Mrs Marie-Louise Stolberg

Email: [phendra@bne.catholic.edu.au](mailto:phendra@bne.catholic.edu.au)

Last week, many of the children in our community celebrated the sacrament of Confirmation. I warmly congratulate each of them and thank their families and our wonderful parish staff for their dedication in preparing the children and helping us celebrate such beautiful liturgies.



Fr Michael Grace

This weekend's second reading reminds us that we are sons and daughters of God. He pours out his good gifts on those he loves, and no gift can compare with the gift of the Holy Spirit, from whom all other good gifts flow. Let us pray that this gift may bear abundant fruit in the children's lives, so that they may grow as a people of the Gospel.

This weekend we take up the Annual Catholic Campaign. I encourage you to give as generously as you are able. This campaign supports vital works at the heart of the archdiocese - caring for our retired and sick priests, forming our seminarians, and sustaining many other worthy endeavours. Indeed, this week's Confirmations are a timely reminder of what your generosity makes possible. Without deacons, priests, and bishops there would be no sacraments. And when we sow the seeds of faith through education, ministries, and programs, we give a practical testimony of our faith. We pray that these seeds may germinate and grow into the rich harvest promised by the Gospel.

Thank you for your generosity and for your prayers.

Blessings,  
Fr. Michael



2025 ANNUAL

CATHOLIC CAMPAIGN

Our Church • Our Mission • Our Community



The Annual Catholic Campaign will be held **THIS** weekend 23/24 August. Donation envelopes are available on the pews. 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 24 August**

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

**5.30pm Mass**



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

- ♦ **Children's Liturgy** this **Sunday 24 August, 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 two new members of Christ's faithful people:

*Francesca Brady, daughter of John and Harriet*

*Mila Willetts, daughter of Sam and Iva*

May they always know God's love and the support of this Christian Community.



### Please note:

**The Parish Office will be closed on  
Tuesday 26 August.  
The staff are attending a  
Parish Office Professionals Day.**

**In our prayers we remember. . . .**

**Those whose anniversaries occur at this time:**

May McKenzie, Elizabeth Griffin

**Those who are ill:** Annette Riba



## What's happening in MOM Parish this week

**Sunday 24 August**

**9.30am** Morning tea after 9.30am Mass (Parish Centre)

**Lectio Divina is in recess until mid October.**

**Volunteer(s) at Parish Morning Tea (10.30am Sundays)**

**24 August:** Lynn and Dave Rogers **31 August:** Kathryn Bourke



## 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.

### AUGUST PARISH BIRTHDAYS:

We will be celebrating the August Parish birthdays  
**NEXT Sunday 31 August** after 9:30am OLHC Mass.  
Please come along and join us!



### WE PRAY FOR....

**Recently deceased:** Betty Bourke, Brian Warren

**Anniversaries:** Bishop James Quinn, Fr Augustin Canali,  
Rev Ian Gillman, Terrence Culla, Peter Lawson, Mary Overell,  
Elsa Hodgkinson, Erin Lyons, Norma Sullivan, Margaret Bechtel,  
Catherine Fenech, Edward Brasch, Holly Tuckerman, Ronald Andrew,  
Gladys Andrews, John Dearlove

**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



## The Sacrament of PENANCE



Open to all children Year 5 and above who have completed Baptism, Confirmation and First Eucharist.

For preparation schedule and enrolment form please the following websites:

**Mother of Mercy & St Agatha's  
Parishes**



<https://www.motherofmercy-parish.org.au/penance--reconciliation.html>

<https://clayfieldparish.org.au/penance/>



### PARISH COORDINATOR

The Catholic Archdiocese of Brisbane is seeking a professional and motivated **Parish Coordinator** to support the mission and operations of the Hendra and Clayfield Parish. This role is central to the daily life of the parish, ensuring smooth administrative, pastoral and operational functions in collaboration of the Parish Priest and parish team. For more information on the role description:

<https://brisbanecatholic.org.au/our-diocese/careers-and-volunteering/open-positions/?ja-job=1030604>



### Alpha course continues THIS Sunday 24 August 2025



Newcomers would be most welcome to join our Alpha journey this Sunday from 10.45-12.45pm. Present and past Alpha participants are invited to join our Holy Spirit Retreat Day at ACU Banyo on 31st August from 11.30 - 3.30pm.

**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>

## QUEENSLAND CHILD PROTECTION WEEK

**7 - 13 September 2025**

#qldchildprotectionweek



# MENS DINNER

## DETAILS

**WHEN:** SATURDAY 20TH  
SEPTEMBER 2025  
DINNER FROM 6PM  
PRESENTATION FROM 7PM

**COST:** \$20 FOR DINNER +  
DRINKS

**WHERE:** OLHC PARISH CENTRE  
[9 BOWMAN ST, HENDRA]

**RSVP:** MONDAY 15TH  
SEPTEMBER  
SMS TO JOEL OR BILL

**GOD AT WORK -  
IN OUR WORKPLACE,  
AND IN US.**



**BRING YOUR FAMILY & MATES!**



### PETER GABAUER

Peter helped found menALIVE in 2003, a Catholic Men's ministry that has since reached out to 35,000 men across Australia and New Zealand. He has also served on boards for Net Ministries and Emmanuel City Mission. Passionate about helping men reach their potential, Peter is a father, brother, and friend who also runs a furniture design and manufacturing company with clients in Australia, the USA, and UK. He has started and sold other businesses. Peter loves camping, adventure motorcycle riding, and time with friends. Through menALIVE's Growing Good Men Program, he is committed to raising the next generation of great men.

**RSVP:** Joel Perkins: 0438 241 524  
Bill Nott: 0418 183 400

## 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.



### Limited vacancies in 2026 Prep – Year 6

For details phone 3326 9222 or visit

[www.stagathasclayfield.qld.edu.au/enrolments](http://www.stagathasclayfield.qld.edu.au/enrolments)

## NEWS FROM OUR PARISH SCHOOLS

### Our Lady Help of Christians Catholic Primary School

This week we celebrated book Week, which was filled with excitement and creativity, offering a variety of events for students and staff alike. The much-anticipated Book Week Parade brought vibrant costumes and plenty of school spirit, while students enjoyed engaging Book chats from Chalmers of Bright and Early books, and the delightful, new addition of literary ice-creams. Special visits from both an illustrator and an author inspired budding writers and artists throughout the week. The special guests helped with inspiration for our upcoming writer's festival. Altogether, Book Week provided a memorable blend of literary celebration and school community activity.



**Lizbeth Iles**

(Acting Assistant Principal Religious Education Primary Learning Leader)

### St Agatha's Catholic Primary School

This week we celebrated and acknowledged our students who received the gift of the Holy Spirit through the Sacrament of Confirmation. Being part of the liturgy and witnessing the young people of our parish being sealed with the gift of the Holy Spirit was a true blessing. Please continue to pray for our young people as they grow in their faith.



This week our Year One students celebrated a beautiful liturgy in the Church. Thank you to Fr Michael who presided over the liturgy and connected with our students through prayer.

A reminder that there are limited spaces in some year levels. If you would like to be part of our beautiful school community in 2026, 2027 and beyond, be sure to submit your application through the school website:

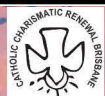
[www.stagathasclayfield.qld.edu.au](http://www.stagathasclayfield.qld.edu.au)

or contact our enrolments department directly:

[PCLAenrolments@bne.catholic.edu.au](mailto:PCLAenrolments@bne.catholic.edu.au)

**Anne-Marie Maw** (Principal)

*Growth, Friendship, Faith.*



**Jim Murphy**

**Catholic Lay Evangelist  
and Master Story Teller  
from the USA**



### HOLY SPIRIT

**STRENGTH TO DO  
STRENGTH TO BE**

**Friday 5 September 2025**

**7.30pm - 9.00pm**

**St Mary Magdalene's Church, 51 Cecil Road Bardon**

**Saturday 6 September 2025**

**9.30am - 4.00pm**

**Church of the Twelve Apostles, 111 Yallambee Road, Jindalee**

**BYO Lunch**

**Morning tea provided**

**Enquiries: Len 0421 977 849 or Audrey 0435 558 390**

**Love offering appreciated**

# Sunday Mass Rosters

Date	Reader Clayfield 8am Mass	Reader Clayfield 5:30pm Mass	Reader OLHC 9:30am Mass	Eucharistic Minister OLHC 9:30am Mass
24 August	Saxon Mew Phill Ryan	Karen Birtles Joel Perkins	Olivia Hatch Rosemary Woods	Lorelei Gozzard Louise Nott
31 August	Nam Tran Paul Bartels	Andre Marino Amelia Marino-Cebulski	Paul McLean Kathryn Bourke	Dona Rotolone Robyn Jeynes

## 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

31 AUGUST 2025

### TWENTY-SECOND SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

**First Reading:** Sir 3:17-20, 28-29

**Second Reading:** Heb 12:18-19, 22-24

**Gospel:** Lk 14:1, 7-14



## Commemoration of Saints August 2025

- 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*  
**Mon 8** The Nativity of the Blessed Virgin Mary  
**Sat 13** St John Chrysostom, *bishop, doctor*  
**Sun 14** The Exaltation of the Holy Cross



**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:** Will you help gather people to be a part of the Kingdom of God? Pray to be open if God calls you to serve as a priest, deacon, brother or sister (*Isaiah 66:18-21*).



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



**Items for inclusion in this Newsletter - Cut off 1:00pm Tuesday.**

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