



# Newsletter

## CATHOLIC PARISHES

Clayfield ● Hendra ● Hamilton ● Northgate



### EIGHTEENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

3 AUGUST 2025

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This coming week, from the 3rd of August until the 10th, we celebrate National Vocations Awareness Week. It is a time to reflect upon Christ's calling in our own lives, and to pray that the Lord of the Harvest will send out many workers into his vineyard. While we keep in mind all of the various vocations that God calls people to, I am especially cognisant of the great need we are experiencing currently when it comes to having enough priests to serve the people of God and preside at the sacraments - especially the Eucharist. Each of us is called to pray for priestly vocations, and to keep those currently discerning and preparing for this ministry constantly in our prayers.



Fr Michael Grace

When it comes to those still discerning their vocation in life, or even those seeking to live out their vocations more fully, this weekend's second reading, from St Paul's letter to the Colossians, offers sage advice: "Seek the things that are above, where Christ is."

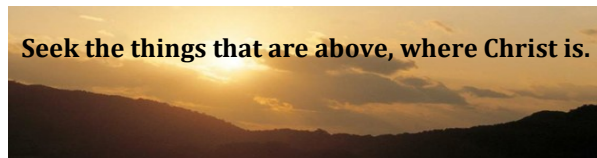
There are many reasons for the challenges faced by the Church today, but none greater than this: we have largely adopted a secular mindset. We seek the joys and pleasures of this life, which promise so much but inevitably disappoint when lived as goods without reference to God's calling in our lives. St Paul lists some of the many temptations in this regard. None of these bring life.

Christ's calling is always hard and costly. Yet it leads to the fullness of life. Let us each seek to live our own vocations more fully and encourage the young to embrace God's purpose in their lives.

#### Blessings

Fr Michael

Seek the things that are above, where Christ is.



### Called by Name

National Vocation Awareness Week

3-10 August 2025



SCAN TO  
DISCERN  
YOUR CALL



#### National Vocation Awareness Week

(3 - 10 August 2025)

is a crucial opportunity to promote the importance of vocations and discernment in the Church, allowing people to explore their calling, and encourage their next step in following the call of God. How will you respond to God's call this week? How will you encourage others in their call?

Resources can be found at the entrance doors of all the Churches.

Please take one home.



**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 3 August

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

**5.30pm Mass**



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

- ♦ **Children's Liturgy for Prep to Year 4** this Sunday **3 August** at the 8am Mass. We invite children to come along to learn more about Jesus and the gospel through child-friendly, engaging activities.
- ♦ **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.



## 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

Email Sandy: [cantaruttis@bne.catholic.net.au](mailto:cantaruttis@bne.catholic.net.au)  
if your child would like to have a role/reading.

All children wave  
ribbons during the  
closing hymn.



## In our prayers we remember. . . .

**Those who have died recently:**

Delano Bolton, Greg Josephson, Rosie Cowdy

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

Tony Dyson



## What's happening in MOM Parish this week

### Sunday 3 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)**

**3 August:** Pat Shine

**10 August:** Jan Cridland



## 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.

## 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!

## WE PRAY FOR....

**Recently deceased:** Mary Gowing (Ireland), Wayne Stratton, Joseph Crowley

**Anniversaries:** Mary Brayley, Judith Gamin, Robert Hazelgrove, Greg Conlon, Fr Michael Stapleton, Josephine Gibson, John and Heather Curton

**Sick:** 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.



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

## Alpha

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



### Session 1 topic: "Is there more to life than this?"

**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.

**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



### 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 NEXT Tuesday 5 August.**

### 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.





**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

**ANNNERLEY - 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*

**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

**MULTICULTURAL MASS**  
“Migrants, missionaries of hope” Pope Francis



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**24 AUGUST 2025**

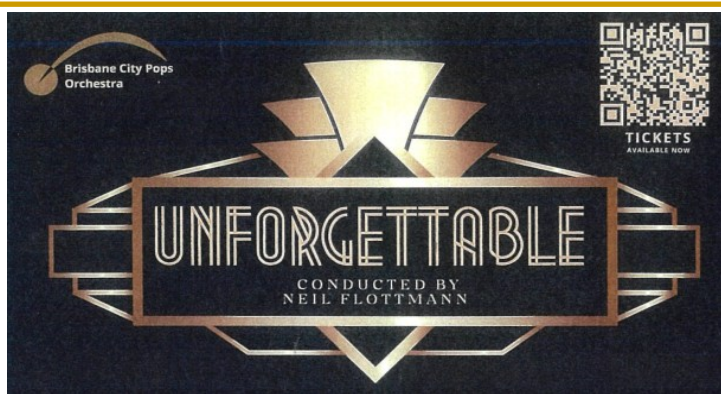
2pm, Queen of Vietnamese Martyrs Catholic Church, 54 Flint St, Inala



Archdiocesan MINISTRIES



**CELEBRATED BY ARCHBISHOP MARK COLERIDGE**



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 [olaparishchermside.org.au](http://olaparishchermside.org.au) or Office 3359 0239

**Jubilee Pilgrims of Hope Walk**

Brisbane Catholic Bushwalking Club invites you to join in a **Jubilee Pilgrims of Hope Walk** from St Anne's Kalinga at 8am (or from Holy Cross Woolloowin at 8:35am, Holy Rosary Windsor at 9:25am or the RBWH at 10:20am - if you can't walk the full 10kms) on **Saturday 16 August**, to arrive at the Cathedral in time to enter, through the Holy Door for the Year of Jubilee, for Mass at 11:30am. **All welcome!**

Enquiries to BCBC President:

Michele Endicott: [michele.endicott@gmail.com](mailto:michele.endicott@gmail.com) or 0418 708 638.

If intending to join us, please call / text / email by end Thurs 14 August.



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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**



Another amazing week has been had by all at OLHC. The week began with our CEW launch with free coffees to say a BIG THANK YOU to our parents, carers and staff for making our special school the place it is. It was great to have so many parents then join us for our assembly to begin CEW.

The week has been filled with lots of great activities to acknowledge this special week. The children painted rocks from our Nature Play Space with symbols from our GEM theme to create our Gratitude River. We also had a beautiful whole school mass on Wednesday led by Father Michael.

This week the students also made thoughtful and colourful Random Acts of Kindness which were then hand delivered around the streets of Hendra.

On Thursday we celebrated Christmas in July to support St Vincent de Paul's Winter Appeal. All these activities show the special little GEM in Hendra that OLHC is. Thank you to all who make our Catholic school the wonderful place it is.

*(Small photo of students participating in an activity.)*



**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**

Catholic Education Week was a wonderful celebration at St Agatha's. On Tuesday we celebrated Grand-parents and Grand-friends day with our senior family members and friends joining us in liturgy and classroom time.

On Wednesday we congratulated our age champions for the Athletics Carnival and announced the 2025 winners of the carnival... congratulations Lourdes team!

On Friday we celebrated 100 years of St Agatha's with whole school birthday party! The games, crafts, music, trivia and fun were a highlight and finishing the day with our annual St Agatha's Got Talent was the icing on the (birthday) cake. What an amazing week!

**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
3 August	Terry Manso Scott Fitzpatrick	Declan Harte <i>Volunteer</i>	Serena Varendorff Bill Nott	Louise Nott Dona Rotolone
10 August	Family Mass	Maddy Brown Giselle Hossinger	Robyn Jeynes Neville Canham	Kate McLean Lorelei Gozzard

## 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

10 AUGUST 2025

NINETEENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

**First Reading:** Wis 18:6-9

**Second Reading:** Heb 11:1-2, 8-19

**Gospel:** Lk 12:32-48



### Commemoration of Saints August 2025

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| <b>Mon 4</b>    | St John Vianney, <i>priest</i>                   |
| <b>Wed 6</b>    | The Transfiguration of the Lord                  |
| <b>Fri 8</b>    | St Mary of the Cross, <i>virgin</i>              |
| <b>Mon 11</b>   | St Clare, <i>virgin</i>                          |
| <b>Thurs 14</b> | St Maximilian Mary Kolbe, <i>priest, martyr</i>  |
| <b>Fri 15</b>   | <b>The Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary</b> |
| <b>Wed 20</b>   | St Bernard, <i>abbot, doctor</i>                 |
| <b>Thurs 21</b> | St Pius X, <i>pope</i>                           |



*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.



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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