



Newsletter

CATHOLIC PARISHES

Clayfield ● Hendra ● Hamilton ● Northgate



TWENTY-SECOND SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

31 AUGUST 2025

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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

Our Lady Help of Christians Primary School

23 Bowman St, Hendra **Phone:** 3268 3070

School Principal: Mr Adam Bennie

APRE: Mrs Marie-Louise Stolberg

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I am pleased to announce that our two parishes now have a new, combined website. I believe that a good, actively updated website is very important, because for many people it will be the means through which a new parishioner or enquirer first interacts with our community. Our website is the 'front door' through which they engage with the parish.



Fr Michael Grace

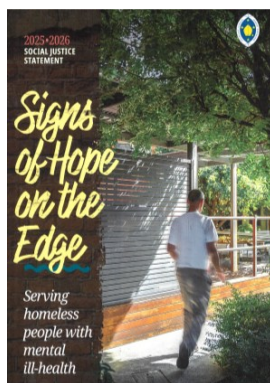
The design of the website seeks to achieve a couple of things. Firstly, it will streamline our administration and reduce complications for those seeking to engage with either parish. Secondly, it aims to go beyond mere functionality by sharing content that will enrich the faith of our community and invite all who interact with it to a fuller understanding of, and participation in, the life of the Church.

Our new parish website, while up and running, is not 'finished'. Rather, it will always be a work in progress, updated and built upon into the future. In this regard, I would be delighted to hear any feedback you may have. Likewise, if you have any thoughts about further enhancements to the website, please let me know!

I warmly invite you to log on and have a look.

The website can be accessed at: <https://motherofmercy-stagathas.org.au/>

Blessings,
Fr. Michael



SOCIAL JUSTICE THIS SUNDAY 31 AUGUST

The 2025-2026 Social Justice Statement focuses on "Signs of Hope on the Edge: Serving People Living in Homelessness and Mental Ill-Health." The statement encourages Australians to pay attention to, listen to, and serve those experiencing homelessness and mental ill-health with compassion and love. The statement also highlights the need for practical actions like affordable housing, better mental health services, and stronger support systems. To view the Statement go to:

<https://socialjustice.catholic.org.au/tag/australian-catholic-bishops-conference/>



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 31 August

8.00am Mass Morning tea hosted by:
Jane Arkinstall + volunteers

5.30pm Mass



St Agatha's Parish Messages....

- ♦ **Children's Liturgy** this **Sunday 31 August, 8am Mass**. We invite children to come along to learn more about Jesus and the gospel through child-friendly, engaging activities.



Family MASS

and morning tea

Sunday 14 September, 8am

It's the Mass- made for children!

*All children wave
ribbons during the
closing hymn.*

The second Sunday of the month,
during school terms



THANK YOU

Thank you to everyone who responded generously to Archbishop Mark's call for support. If you didn't get a chance to make a gift last week, there is still time. If you took the envelope home, please pop it in the mail or leave it here on your way out or place in the collection.

In our prayers we remember. . . .

Those who have died recently: Reg Goves, Christina Kritakis
Those whose anniversaries occur at this time:
Jim Duncan, Robert Maguire, Chaille Lansell
Those who are ill: Ann Goves



What's happening in MOM Parish this week

Sunday 31 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)

31 August: Kathryn Bourke

7 September: Kerrie Fernicola



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.

AUGUST PARISH BIRTHDAYS:

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



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 **TUESDAY 2 SEPTEMBER**.

WE PRAY FOR....

Anniversaries: Cardinal Patrick Moran, Fr William Ross, Sr Mary Bernard RSM, Sr Mary Michaeli RSM, Sarah Marley, Michael Fourro, Andrew Walsh

Sick: Trevor Gozzard, 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.motherofmercyparish.org.au/penance--reconciliation.html>

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



Present and past Alpha participants are invited to join our **Holy Spirit Retreat Day** at ACU Banyo **THIS** Sunday 31st August from 11.30am - 3.30pm and the subsequent sessions on Sundays 14th and 21st September.



RSVPs are appreciated either directly to team members or via the parish's email address hendra@bne.catholic.net.au

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>

GROUNDS MAINTENANCE PERSON

Hendra Parish is seeing a reliable and dedicated Grounds Maintenance Person to care for the grounds and assist with light maintenance tasks. This causal role offers flexibility in working hours, with schedules adjusted to meet parish needs, including funerals and special events. To apply or for more information on the role description:

<https://brisbanecatholic.org.au/our-diocese/careers-and-volunteering/open-positions/?ja-job=1032778>

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

Parish Community Jumble Sale

NEXT Saturday 6 September

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

Next event: **Saturday 4 October**



2025 SEASON OF CREATION

Each year from **September 1 to October 4**, the Christian family unites for this worldwide celebration of prayer and action to protect our common home. It is a special season where we celebrate God as Creator and acknowledge Creation as the divine continuing act that summons us as collaborators to love and care for the gift of all that is created. As followers of Christ from around the globe, we share a common call to care of Creation. We are co-creatures and part of all that God has made. Our well-being is interwoven with the well-being of the Earth. This year, the theme for the season is *"Peace with Creation"*.

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

NEWS FROM OUR PARISH SCHOOLS

Our Lady Help of Christians Catholic Primary School

This week at school, our students proudly achieved second place in the Metropolitan North Tennis competition, following their notable participation in Red Ball Tennis at Tennyson. They also enjoyed an exciting behind-the-scenes tour of the Pat Rafter arena and facilities, deepening their appreciation for the sport.

Our Early Years students were delighted to embark on a church tour with Fr Michael, discovering the rich traditions and special places within our church. Their curiosity and wonder made for a memorable experience that brought our faith community even closer together. Our staff participated in a special Resilience Project twilight session on Tuesday, furthering their commitment to student wellbeing. Their dedication ensures our school community continues to thrive both inside and outside the classroom.

Lizbeth Iles

(Acting Assistant Principal Religious Education Primary Learning Leader)

St Agatha's Catholic Primary School

This week was 'Wellbeing Week' at St Agatha's Clayfield. Wellbeing Week is held in Week 7 to replicate the idea of 'rest on the seventh day'. Instead of a complete rest, our Wellbeing Week includes a week off homework, no staff meeting and some fun activities to help us recharge and reconnect. This week we enjoyed a visit from Brainstorm Productions who presented an educational play on friendships, bullying and how to stay safe online.

We also celebrated with a crazy sock day and Father's Day liturgy on Wednesday, a free dress day on Friday and a 'pop-up' bracelet shop from our Year 1 students. Our staff didn't miss out on the fun, enjoying 'double denim' Tuesday and a Mexican Fiesta shared lunch on Wednesday.

Special thanks goes to Lib Croft (St Agatha's parent) who led our staff in an after school yoga class on Monday. After this week, I know we all feel rested, recharged and ready to face the last few weeks of Term Three with positivity, hope and joy. Have a great week everyone!

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
31 August	Nam Tran Paul Bartels	Andre Marino Amelia Marino-Cebulski	Paul McLean Kathryn Bourke	Dona Rotolone Robyn Jeynes
7 September	Annette Riba Amanda Bell	Chris Begley Louis Currie	Andrew Devereux Cutella Dias	Kate McLean 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



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.

NEXT SUNDAYS' READINGS

7 SEPTEMBER 2025

TWENTY-THIRD SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

First Reading: Wis 9:13-18

Second Reading: Phil 9-10, 12-17

Gospel: Lk 14:25-33



Commemoration of Saints 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
- Mon 15** Our Lady of Sorrows
- Tues 16** Sts Cornelius, *pope, martyr*, and Cyprian, *bishop, martyr*
- Sat 20** Sts Andrew Kim Tae-gŏn, *priest, martyr*, Paul Chŏng Ha-sang & companions, *martyrs*



Pray for us....

A vocation view: Humility is needed for those who choose to serve. Recognise your gifts and offer them in humble service (Luke 14:1, 7-14)

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.

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