



# Newsletter

## CATHOLIC PARISHES

Clayfield ● Hendra ● Hamilton ● Northgate



### THE EXALTATION OF THE CROSS

14 SEPTEMBER 2025

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School Principal: Mr Adam Bennie

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On Thursday, we celebrated an occasion of considerable significance for the Church of Brisbane and beyond: the installation of Archbishop Shane Mackinlay as the 8th Bishop of Brisbane. Let us keep Archbishop Shane in our prayers as he begins his role as chief shepherd of the Church in Brisbane.



Fr Michael Grace

Bishops carry many responsibilities, particularly in governance and in their teaching ministry. Yet even more important than these 'practical' roles is whom they represent. Bishops are the locus of communion in the Church and a visible sign of its unity. They represent the universal communion of the Church, in union with their fellow bishops under the leadership of the Pope. Most importantly of all, they represent the crucified and risen Christ.

This weekend we celebrate the Feast of the Exaltation of the Cross. This feast reminds us that those who exercise leadership in the Church must do so in the manner exemplified by the Good Shepherd: Christ, who, taking up the wood of the Cross, laid down his life for the salvation of the flock entrusted to his care. He is the universal Shepherd in whom all legitimate pastoral ministry has its source. In a particular way, the ministry of the bishop should stand, within his local Church, as the prime example of and the continuation of Christ's own ministry for the sake of his people.

Blessings,  
Fr. Michael

#### SAFEGUARDING SUNDAY - 14 SEPTEMBER

Today we are gathered on



Safeguarding Sunday, a day when we pause to focus on our responsibility to protect and care for those who are vulnerable. In the Bible, we find a clear and strong message about justice, compassion, and speaking up for those who cannot speak

for themselves. We are called to be a safe, welcoming and hope-filled church.

In our everyday lives, let's be mindful of those around us who are vulnerable or marginalised. Who are the "silent" ones in our society, the ones without a voice? Today, God may be calling you to stand up for them. Whether it's through prayer, support, or direct action, we are invited to participate in God's work of justice.



**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 14 September**

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

**5.30pm Mass**



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

- ♦ **No Children's Liturgy this Sunday 14 September.**  
Please join us for the Family Mass.

## St Agatha's - Father's Day celebrations



## In our prayers we remember. . . .

**Those who have died recently:** Reg Duffy  
Dr Tyson Doneley Jnr, Timothy Rafter

**Those whose anniversaries occur at this time:**  
Frank Maguire, Jim Cuming, Jim Duncan, Robert Maguire

**Those who are ill:** Ann Goves



## What's happening in MOM Parish this week

**Sunday 14 September**

**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)**

**14 September:** Rosemary Woods

**21 September:** Lorelei Gozzard



## MOM Parish Messages.....

- ♦ **PARISH SCHOOL MASS THIS SUNDAY 14 SEPTEMBER:**

Please join our school community for a Parish School Mass **THIS** Sunday at OLHC, Hendra at 9.30am.

All welcome to share morning tea after Mass in the Parish Courtyard.



- ♦ **Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament:**

Friday 3 October after the 9:00am Mass at St John's, Northgate. All welcome.

- ♦ **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.

## WE PRAY FOR....



**Recently deceased:** Sr Francine Caesar rsj. Reg Duffy, Tyson Doneley, Duncan Crosbie

**Anniversaries:** Ines Ambrosini, Sonia Ambrosini, Gerard De Leon, Mary Crimean, Maureen Foxlee, Judith Bakhsh, John Bein, Paul Pawlowski, Mary Kelly, Dr Bernard Mason, Bishop Henry Kennedy, Richard and Francis Martin, Thora and George Ferguson

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

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



*Congratulations and blessings*  
*Archbishop Shane Mackinlay*

## SACRAMENT OF PENANCE

**Rite of Enrolment Mass**

**THIS** weekend 13/14 September.

Attend any of the following Masses and children to bring their 'PRAY FOR ME' card

St Cecilia's 4.30pm Saturday 13 September

St Agatha's 8.00am Sunday 14 September

OLHC 9.30am Sunday 14 September

St Agatha's 5.30pm Sunday 14 September

**Discover the Heart of the Early Church: The Letters of St Paul**  
Step into the world of the Apostle Paul – missionary, theologian and passionate voice of the early Christian movement.

Join us **this October** for an enlightening journey through Paul's letters which continue to speak to us today. We'll explore –

- ♦ The historical and cultural context of Paul's writings
- ♦ Key themes of his letters
- ♦ His relationship with the early churches and his vision for the Christian Life
- ♦ How his letters might speak to us today.

Whatever your level of familiarity with Paul, come along to learn and to share, as we explore Paul's experiences and his message across the centuries.

**Starts: Wednesday October 8**, and continues on Wednesdays throughout October.

**Venue:** Mother of Mercy Parish Centre, 9 Bowman Street, Hendra.

**Time:** Morning Session: **9.30am** Alternative evening session: **7pm**.

Evening sessions are repeats of daytime ones, so it is possible to mix and match as appropriate.

**We hope to see you there!**

## Parish Community Jumble Sale

**Was postponed last Saturday 6 September**

**Will be rescheduled - WATCH THIS SPACE!!**



Alpha is continuing this Sunday 14th  
and next Sunday 21st



RSVPs are appreciated either directly to team members or via the parish's email address [hendra@bne.catholic.net.au](mailto:hendra@bne.catholic.net.au)



## Together we can keep the faith alive - Aid to the Church in Need (ACN)

Did you know that across the world tens of millions of Christian families are in exile following persecution because of their faith? Aid to the Church in Need is a spiritual and pastoral charity which seeks to keep the flame of faith alive in those places where it is at risk of extinction.

**NEXT WEEKEND (20/21 September)** we welcome to our parishes an ACN speaker who will share with us about the work of **Aid to the Church in Need** and how we can help our suffering and persecuted brothers and sisters.



Aid to the  
Church in Need

ACN AUSTRALIA NEW ZEALAND

## Join St Agatha's Community and Mission Council (CMC)

The Community and Mission Council (CMC) is dedicated to nurturing the faith life of St Agatha's Parish and strengthening the bonds within our community. Guided by a shared vision, the council has introduced several initiatives to bring our parish family closer, including:

- ♦ Morning teas following the 8.00am Sunday Mass.
- ♦ Pizza evenings after the 5.30pm Mass on the third Sunday of each month.
- ♦ Honouring St Agatha, Patron Saint of Breast Cancer, through dedicating the month of October to breast cancer awareness and prayer for all affected -our parish's "Think Pink" initiative.
- ♦ Celebrating 100 years of parish life with historical displays, presentations, and a special Mass and luncheon.

Looking ahead, we hope to expand the CMC so it reflects the breadth of our parish - especially the 5.30pm Mass community. We warmly invite parishioners, including families connected with St Agatha's and St Rita's schools, to share their gifts, ideas and enthusiasm by joining us.

The CMC meets every third Wednesday of the month at 6.00pm in the Parish Office. To learn more or to express your interest, please contact Matthew Crossley (CMC Chair) at

[matthew.crossley@hotmail.com](mailto:matthew.crossley@hotmail.com), or the Parish Office at [clayfld@bne.catholic.net.au](mailto:clayfld@bne.catholic.net.au) | Tel: 3268 3040.

**Together, let us continue to grow our parish and deepen our connections in faith and community.**

## MENS DINNER

**When:** Saturday 20<sup>th</sup> September 2025  
Dinner from 6PM  
Presentation from 7PM

**Cost:** \$20 for dinner and drinks

**Where:** OLHC Parish Centre, 9 Bowman Street, Hendra

**RSVP:** Monday 15<sup>th</sup> September - SMS to Joel or Bill



### 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



## Golden Wedding Anniversary Mass



**Saturday 27<sup>th</sup> September 2025**

**11:30am**

**Cathedral of St Stephen**

Couples celebrating their 50<sup>th</sup> Wedding Anniversary or beyond, are invited to attend, together with their family and friends.

## NEWS FROM OUR PARISH SCHOOLS

### Our Lady Help of Christians Catholic Primary School

This week at OLHC was filled with vibrant learning and community spirit.



On Tuesday, students immersed themselves in Japanese culture during our Mini Matsuri Day, enjoying bento boxes with chopsticks and engaging in hands-on cultural experiences.

Thursday was all about connection and care as we celebrated RU-OK Day, wearing a splash of yellow and checking in on one another.

We wrapped up the week on Friday by proudly displaying our writing pieces in preparation for Monday's Writing Showcase, highlighting the creativity and effort of our young authors, as well as a lively dance concert, where families joined in celebrating the culmination of a wonderful dance program.

### Lizbeth Iles

(Acting Assistant Principal Religious Education Primary Learning Leader)

### St Agatha's Catholic Primary School

This week St Agatha's celebrated all things books with our annual Book Week celebration. On Monday we were visited by author Charlotte Barkla who entertained our P-3 students. On Wednesday, author Sarah Armstrong spoke with our Year 4,5,6 students about writing. Throughout the week our students enjoyed Book Week Bingo, a Book Week Kahoot and we rounded off the Book Week celebrations with our Book Week parade on Friday.



This week our students were able to share their learning with families on Wednesday afternoon and Thursday morning through our Term Three Celebration of Learning. Our Year 5/6 students loved their Science excursion to Caboolture Regional Environmental Education Centre and learnt a lot about animals, habitats and adaptations.

We also congratulate our amazing athlete, Year 5 student Bella Emery who placed 2nd at the 2025 School Sport National Cross-Country Championships, what a star!

Our students have not let the end of term slow them down one bit and we are looking forward to the fun and excitement of Week 10. Wishing you all a great week ahead!

### Anne-Marie Maw (Principal)

PS: A reminder, we still have some vacancies in our 2026 Prep cohort. It's not too late to place an application and be part of our amazing school family. For more information email:

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

*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
14 September	Family Mass	Maddy Brown Karen Birtles	Parish School Mass	Louise Nott Lorelei Gozzard
21 September	Beth Casey Joseph O'Brien	Declan Harte Joel Perkins	Trish Dunn Rosemary Woods	Dona Rotolone Kate McLean

## 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

21 SEPTEMBER 2025

**TWENTY-FIFTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME**

**First Reading:** Amos 8:4-7

**Second Reading:** 1 Tim 2:1-8

**Gospel:** Lk 16:1-13



## Commemoration of Saints September 2025

- 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
- Tues 23** St Pius of Pietrelcina, priest
- Sat 27** St Vincent de Paul, priest
- Mon 29** Sts Michael, Gabriel, Raphael, archangels
- Tues 30** St Jerome, priest, 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.



**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)**



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

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