



Newsletter

CATHOLIC PARISHES

Clayfield ● Hendra ● Hamilton ● Northgate



TWENTY-FIFTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

21 SEPTEMBER 2025

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Authentic Christian faith will always be, to some extent, countercultural. This is true even in countries that are more or less Christian, and it becomes even more evident in our so-called 'post-Christian' culture. There is nothing new in this. The early Church was persecuted, and ultimately Paul himself died a martyr's death at the hands of the Roman authorities. The authority figures of his time were by no means benign, yet, in his Letter to Timothy he urges Christians to pray for them. This flows from Jesus' teaching to pray for those who persecute you - not only for their own good, but also in the hope that the Church might have the freedom to live its faith and carry out its mission of evangelisation in peace.



Fr Michael Grace

Compared with many places and times, the Church in Australia enjoys relative freedom and, often enough, even a sense of overlap and cooperation with government, especially in causes related to the common good, such as education and social justice. Yet at times our faith places us in some level of conflict with government - for example, around issues relating to the sanctity of life or, increasingly, questions about human identity.

When faith is lived in a secular society, within the context of an increasing diversity of views and ethical frameworks, there will be points of tension and, at times, radical disagreement. This can be difficult to navigate, yet St Paul offers us a way: we should always continue to advocate for the truth and for freedom of conscience, offering our own lives as an example of faith. And we should pray - even for those who place themselves wholly or partly in opposition to the Gospel.

Have a blessed week.

Fr. Michael



**AID TO THE CHURCH IN NEED (ACN)
20 / 21 SEPTEMBER**



THIS WEEKEND we welcome to our parishes Ora Duffley 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.

Ora will be speaking at the following Masses:

St Cecilia's 4.30pm | St Agatha's 8.00am | OLHC 9.30am

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.

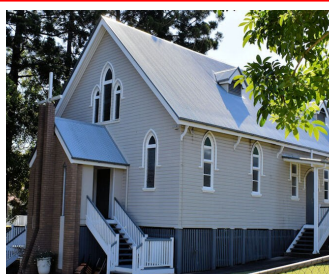
Together we can keep the faith alive - Aid to the Church in Need (ACN)



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 21 September

8.00am Mass Morning tea hosted by:
Gloria Lee, Mel Lillicrap, Anna Chetcuti, Karlie Keating

5.30pm Mass Pizza evening after Mass



St Agatha's Parish Messages....

♦ **Children's Liturgy** will resume Sunday 19 October.

Baptismal Joy!! This Sunday at St Agatha's we welcome with great joy four new members of Christ's faithful people:

Max and Woodie Porter, sons of Mitchell & Emily
Harry and Archibald Shelley, sons of Christopher & Ashleigh
May they always know God's love and the support of this Christian Community.

St Agatha's Catholic Primary School



Limited vacancies for 2026

The principal will be conducting school tours every Saturday from 9am throughout the month of October.

Phone 3326 9222 to book your spot.

In our prayers we remember. . . .

Those who have died recently: Sr Francine Caesar rsj, Reg Duffy

Those whose anniversaries occur at this time:

Frank Maguire

Those who are ill: Ann Goves



What's happening in MOM Parish this week

Sunday 21 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)

21 September: Lorelei Gozzard

28 September: Kathryn Bourke



MOM Parish Messages.....

♦ **REMINDER: Men's Dinner THIS SAT 20 SEPTEMBER**

Dinner from 6pm. Guest Speaker Peter Gabauer from 7pm in the Parish Centre, Hendra.

♦ We most warmly welcome **Harriette, Hadleigh and Olivia** who will be baptised at Mother of Mercy Parish this weekend. We ask God's blessings on them and their families.

♦ **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: Salustia Zavaleta, Geraldine Gregory, Paul Ziegenfusz,

Anniversaries: Patrick "Paddy" Ryan, Mary Adams, Callum McKerr, Mary Byrne, Maureen O'Connor, Marie Fisher, Violet Conquest, Bishop Edward Kelly MSC, Timothy Vallance, Keith Howland, Sarah Marley

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



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



Golden Wedding Anniversary Mass

Saturday 27th September 2025
11:30am
Cathedral of St Stephen

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



WOMEN OF THE WAY RETREAT

24 - 26 October 2025

"Calling all Daughters of the King"

Zechariah 9:9

Where: Watson Park Convention Centre
337 Old Gympie Road, Dakabin

For more information contact:

Rosa Montegrando 0400 755 516

Women of the Way: wowqld@gmail.com

To Discover - Acceptance - Forgiveness - Love & Healing



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!



Alpha concludes this Sunday 21st
with viewing and discussion of
"What about the Church"



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, or the Parish Office at clayfld@bne.catholic.net.au | Tel: 3268 3040.

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



100 YEARS
1925 - 2025

ST AGATHA'S CLAYFIELD

Honouring the past
Celebrating the present
Embracing the future

St Agatha's, Clayfield
Centenary Celebration
Friday 24 October, 2025

*Past, present and future families and staff
are warmly invited to attend*

FROM 7:30AM REFRESHMENTS AVAILABLE
FOLLOWED BY
PERFORMING ARTS SHOWCASE
AT 8:45AM

Optional school tours available after Showcase

Please RSVP by 21/10/25
via this link <https://forms.office.com/r/euEVTrCN4Y>

INVITATION TO A HEALING MASS An invitation is extended to the people of the Archdiocese to attend a **Healing Mass** at St. Mary Magdalene's Church, 51 Cecil Road, Bardon, Friday, 3rd October at 7.30pm. The Sacrament of Anointing will be administered during the Mass and further prayer ministry will be available after Mass. For more information, contact Len Airey on 0421 977 849 or by email to lenpatairey@gmail.com. Sponsored by CCR Bardon.

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.



Fall in love with opera's most beloved arias and Neapolitan favourites brought to life by:

Soprano: Vanessa West

Tenor: Raffaele Pierno

Pianist: Janet Brewer

For bookings or more information, please click on the links below:

Caloundra <https://www.trybooking.com/DDQDH>

Noosaville <https://www.trybooking.com/DDQDI>



TICKETS: ADULTS \$45/CONC \$40 (also sold at door/cash only)

NEWS FROM OUR PARISH SCHOOLS

Our Lady Help of Christians Catholic Primary School

This week at OLHC, we held an inspiring writing showcase where creative talents were recognised, and winners received prizes for their excellent work across every year level.

On Tuesday, our Senior Years students embarked on an educational excursion to Queensland Parliament House, engaging in a lively discussion with Tim Nicholls, who generously answered a range of parliamentary questions.

To round out the week on Friday, our annual colour run brought students and staff together for a vibrant afternoon of energetic activities, laughter, and fun in the sun.

We're now delighted to be heading into the holidays, ready for a well-earned break.

Lizbeth Iles

(Acting Assistant Principal Religious Education Primary Learning Leader)

St Agatha's Catholic Primary School

Our final week of Term Three at St Agatha's was reflective of our motto 'Growth, Friendship, Faith'.

This week, Olympian Amelia Weber visited our school as part of the 'Olympians Unleashed' program. Amelia spoke to our Year 4, 5 and 6 students about her dreams of being an Olympian, how to channel your mindset and what it meant to perform at a high level of sport.

On Tuesday, our Year 1 students visited Lone Pine Koala Sanctuary for an excursion. The students loved the opportunity to build their scientific knowledge and have an opportunity to see the beautiful animals.

Wishing you all a wonderful holiday and we look forward to returning in Term Four!

Anne-Marie Maw (Principal)

PS: A reminder, we have limited spaces in our Prep 2026 classes. If you would like to submit an enrolment application, please email PCLAEEnrolments@bne.catholic.edu.au or visit our school website www.stagathasclayfield.qld.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
21 September	Dianne Eden Joseph O'Brien	Declan Harte Joel Perkins	Trish Dunn Rosemary Woods	Dona Rotolone Kate McLean
28 September	Phill Ryan Andrew Pippia	Leanne McDowall Amelia Marino-Cebulski	Serena Varendorff Bill Nott	Robyn Jeynes 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 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

28 SEPTEMBER 2025

TWENTY-SIXTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

First Reading: Amos 6:1, 4-7

Second Reading: 1 Tim 6:11-16

Gospel: Lk 16:19-31



Commemoration of Saints September 2025

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*



October 2025

Wed 1 St Therese of the Child Jesus, *virgin, doctor*

Thurs 2 The Holy Guardian Angels

Sat 4 St Francis of Assisi

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: You cannot serve two masters. Whom do you choose to follow? You must make a choice. (Luke 16:1-13)

To talk to someone about your vocation:



Contact Vocation Brisbane. P: (07) 3336 9392

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

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