



Newsletter

CATHOLIC PARISHES

Clayfield ● Hendra ● Hamilton ● Northgate



TWENTY-THIRD SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

7 SEPTEMBER 2025

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This Sunday, we take time to honour and thank the fathers in our community, and all those who are father figures. Fathers play a pivotal role in their families and in the wider community. Through their generosity and service, they teach us the value of love and constancy. In their self-giving, they offer us a sign of fatherly care which ultimately points us to the One in whom all fatherhood has its origin - namely, God.



Fr Michael Grace

While there is generally a biological dimension to fatherhood, our Christian faith has always recognised the value of those who fulfil a father's role. We need only think of the honour in which we hold St Joseph, the foster father of Jesus. This underlines the point that, for both fathers and father figures, their role extends far beyond the biological and material. They are called to be, along with their wives, spiritual leaders of their families.

This weekend's second reading, by coincidence, records Paul's intercession on behalf of his 'child' Onesimus. This is not Paul's literal child; rather, Paul is a father in the faith. His concern and affection for Onesimus are evident, as he appeals for his wellbeing and fair treatment. This further highlights the most important dimension of fatherhood: fathers must bring to life and nurture the faith in their children, ensuring that it grows to full maturity. They are to help their children assume their proper place in the world and before God - not as 'slaves', subject to the whims of this world, but as 'brothers', that is, sons and daughters of the Father in heaven.

Let us thank and pray for our fathers today. Their mission is critical. May they, along with their wives, be the best of parents and truly instrumental in the spiritual growth of their children.

Blessings,
Fr. Michael



Happy Father's Day
to all the wonderful fathers, grandfathers and
father figures in our Parish.
Many blessings today and always!



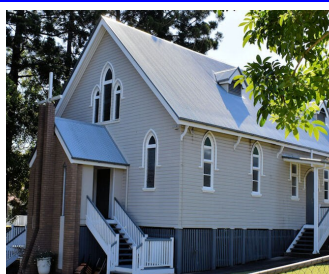
NEXT Sunday, 14 September 2025,
the Catholic Church in Australia will mark
Safeguarding Sunday, coinciding with the
conclusion of **National Child Protection Week**
and
Queensland Child Protection Week.



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 7 September

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 this Sunday 7 September 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



NEXT 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

In our prayers we remember. . . .

Those who have died recently: Dr Tyson Doneley Jnr, Timothy Rafter, Reg Goves, Christina Kritakis

Those whose anniversaries occur at this time:

Jim Cuming, Jim Duncan, Robert Maguire, Chaille Lansell

Those who are ill: Ann Goves



What's happening in MOM Parish this week

Sunday 7 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)

7 September: Kerrie Fernicola

14 September: Rosemary Woods



MOM Parish Messages.....

♦ PARISH SCHOOL MASS NEXT SUNDAY 14 SEPTEMBER:

Please join our school community for a Parish School Mass **NEXT** Sunday at OLHC, Hendra at 9.30am. All welcome to share morning tea after Mass in the Parish Courtyard.



- ♦ **Anointing and Healing Mass:** Friday 12 September, 9:00am at St John's, Northgate. Morning tea after Mass. 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. For enquiries, call Parish Office 3268 3040.

WE PRAY FOR....



Recently deceased: Fr Jerome O'Carroll, Fr John Chalmers

Anniversaries: Archbishop Roger Vaughan OSB, William Lovejoy, William Smithers, Hon. John Helman, Vladislava Kozlovskis, Veronica Standfield, Doris Grimley, Janice Moriarty, Patricia Lane, David Barrington-Rowe, Kathleen Hickey, Amando Menegazzo, Catherine Hyland

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

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

Confirmation highlights from St Agatha's and Mother of Mercy Parishes



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!

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 casual 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

POSTPONED FOR THIS Saturday 6 September

Will be rescheduled - WATCH THIS SPACE!!



Alpha will be taking a break this
Sunday 7 September and
will resume NEXT Sunday 14th.



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



The Australian Catholic Youth Festival (ACYF) will be held in Melbourne, 30 November - 2 December. A package has been developed with travel partner Harvest Journeys that includes flights, accommodation, event registrations, breakfasts & lunches and airport transfers. Total Cost \$1400.

ACYF is for young people in gr 9 - 25 years old (plus group leaders 25+). For those attending under 18 need to be accompanied with an adult and supervised throughout the festival.

More details about the Archdiocesan Package are available at catholic-collective.org.au/acyf.

More details about the festival can be found at acyf.org.au.

Registrations open till 10th September.

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



A wonderful day of celebration was held on Wednesday with the Father's Day breakfast, which was expertly catered by our fantastic parish helpers. Special thanks go to Robyn, Mary, Mary, and Dona from the parish, along with our dedicated staff members Mrs Durston and Mrs Coultis, for their efforts in making the morning a success.

Following breakfast, our Middle Years' teachers led a heartfelt Father's Day liturgy. The students sang beautifully, and the highlight of the event was a slideshow featuring photos of dads with their children, prompting gleeful shouts as students recognised themselves and their classmates.

In the afternoon, excitement filled the air as students selected gifts for their dads from a range of pre-purchased items. Each child took time to thoughtfully choose the perfect present.

We hope all dads enjoy a wonderful day this Sunday!

Lizbeth Iles

(Acting Assistant Principal Religious Education Primary Learning Leader)

St Agatha's Catholic Primary School



What a wonderful week of learning we've had at St Agatha's this week! Our Year 1M class hosted assembly this week and shared their knowledge about Australian animals. The special animal masks and the animal jokes were a particular highlight!

On Thursday, our Year 4,5 and 6 students took part in the Zone 6 Gala Day. Students played touch football or netball against other local Catholic schools.

On Friday our staff took part in the annual 'Consistency of Teacher Judgement' day. As part of this day, staff worked collaboratively on our 2026 annual plan and explicit improvement agenda, took part in spiritual formation and moderated deidentified work samples against the Australian Curriculum.

Luckily our students have a long weekend because next week is going to be a huge celebration with St Agatha's Book Week taking place! Bright and Early Books will be part of the fun, hosting a Book Fair at our school.

A reminder we have some vacancies in Prep for 2026 - please contact PCLAEnrolments@bne.catholic.edu.au to find out more.

Wishing you a great week ahead!

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
7 September	Annette Riba Amanda Bell	Chris Begley Louis Currie	Andrew Devereux Cutella Dias	Kate McLean Barbara Nelson
14 September	Family Mass	Maddy Brown Karen Birtles	George, Clara and Sylvie Shillington	Louise Nott 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 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

14 SEPTEMBER 2025

THE EXALTATION OF THE CROSS

First Reading: Num 21:4-9

Second Reading: Phil 2:6-11

Gospel: Jn 3:13-17



Commemoration of Saints September 2025

- 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....

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
W: catholicpriesthood.com



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

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