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ENROLMENT PACK – THE SACRAMENTS OF EUCHARIST AND PENCE 2026

St Agatha's Parish and Mother of Mercy Parish Combined Sacramental Program

January 8th, 2026

Dear Parents and Guardians,

With a heart of gladness I welcome parents to enrol your children in the **Sacraments of Eucharist and Penance** at the **Parishes of St Agatha's, Clayfield** and **Mother of Mercy, Northgate, Hendra and Hamilton**. As you may be aware, our parishes operate a combined sacramental program across both communities.

Your child is eligible to enrol for this program if she or he is in Year 4 or above and has already received the Sacraments of Baptism and Confirmation. In previous years, these Sacraments have been offered as separate courses over two separate years (Years 4 and 5). This year, we are merging both sacraments into the one program (Year 4 only).

Eucharist (also known as First Holy Communion) is the final sacrament of Christian initiation and marks the child's full participation in Holy Mass; your child will receive the body and blood of Christ for the first time. The Sacrament of Penance (also known as Confession or Reconciliation in the First Rite) is the sacrament of spiritual healing and mercy. We will speak about sin, but sin is not the point. It's the outcome that really matters, namely that – having said sorry – the children will receive the gift of forgiveness and be restored to a right relationship with God and with one another.

Preparation for the Sacrament of Eucharist and Penance requires commitment from your family to attend all preparation sessions outlined in the attached Preparation Schedule. All sessions are compulsory. Please peruse these dates carefully. I pray you are able to prioritise these sessions. **If so, please complete the steps below.** If you feel you are unable to fully commit to this program, please consider deferring your enrolment to another year.

- 1) **Register to the first session by Sunday 1st of March** using the links provided on the next page.
- 2) An **Online Enrolment Form shall be emailed to you** following the completion of your booking- so please check your email (and junk/spam). Both parents/legal guardians must complete this form to provide consent.
- 3) Complete the **online Enrolment Form by Wednesday 4th March.**
Note: For those of you who took part in our Confirmation Program last year in 2025, you may have already completed the Online Enrolment Form. When you receive the email, please inform us if any details have changed from last year.

At your first session, you shall receive a workbook, Mass Passport and 'Pray-for-me' card. You are most welcome to visit one of our churches now to collect a Mass Passport straight away if you wish to get an early-start on recording your Mass attendance.

I joyfully pray that you help to foster this Sacrament as an ongoing gift for your child. If you have any questions, please contact Alex Atkins, Parish Families Administration Assistant at sacramental.clayfield.@bne.catholic.net.au or call the St Agatha's and Mother of Mercy Parish Office on 07 3268 3040.

I also wish to inform you that the office for both parishes is now located at 9 Bowman Street, Hendra.

Blessings,

Fr Michael Grace

Parish Priest | Mother of Mercy Parish, Hendra, Hamilton, Northgate
Parish Administrator | St Agatha's Parish, Clayfield





Sacrament of Eucharist and Penance Preparation Schedule 2026

Open to Year 4 and Up (children who have already received Baptism and Confirmation)

Contact Person: Alexandria Atkins, Parish Families Administrative Assistant (for both parishes)

Email: sacramental.clayfield@bne.catholic.net.au | Work Mobile: 0411 930 794

St Agatha's Parish and Mother of Mercy Parish Office (Located at 9 Bowman St, Hendra) Ph: 07 3268 3040

Session 1: Enrolment and Family Workshop

Child+ at least one parent/guardian to attend. 1 hr duration. Cap of 30 families per session.

Choose a time! You may attend **any** of the following (no matter what parish you belong to!)

\$76 enrolment fee per child payable when you register below.

You will receive a workbook, pray-for-me card and Mass Passport. Session will be facilitated by Sandy (Pastoral Associate).

Register for a session by clicking links below. Registration necessary!

You shall be emailed an Online Enrolment Form, which must be completed strictly by Wednesday 4th of March.

Thurs 5th March 3:30pm-4:30pm St Agatha's Church, Clayfield	Thurs 5th March 5:00pm-6:00pm St Agatha's Church, Clayfield	Fri 6th March 4:30pm-5:30pm OLHC Church, Hendra	Fri 6th March 6:30pm-7:30pm OLHC Church, Hendra
Friday 13 th March may open in the event of illness/ /latecomer enrolments. Please contact Alexandria.			

Session 2: Rite of Enrolment Mass

1 hr compulsory Mass (child + at least one parent/guardian to attend)

Come to **any** Mass below (no matter what parish you belong to) for your child to receive a prayerful commissioning to prepare for the Sacrament of Eucharist. **Please hand in your 'pray-for-me' card** and get your **Mass Passport** stamped.

No registration required! Just come along with the whole family!

Saturday 7 th March 4:30pm St Cecilia's Church, Hamilton	Sunday 8 th March 8:00am St Agatha's Church, Clayfield	Sunday 8 th March 9:30am OLHC Church, Hendra	Sunday 8 th March 5:30pm St Agatha's Church, Clayfield
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Ongoing preparation: Do your workbook at home and complete your Mass Passport

Please attend any Mass 4 times at either St Agatha's, our Lady Help of Christians, St John's or St Cecelia's church.

[Click here for Mass times](#). **Please note: Mass Passports are available at all churches if you would like to start completing your Mass Passport earlier.**

Session 3: Penance Family Workshop, Book Review and First Communion Practice

Choose a time- no matter what parish you belong to. Child + at least one parent/guardian to attend. Registration is required (25 students cap per session). Duration: 1.5 hr approx. **Child MUST bring the completed booklet and Mass passport**. Children will learn about the Sacrament of Penance (1st Rite Reconciliation) and also rehearse how to receive Communion.

Registration links to these sessions will be emailed on **Monday 9th March** and shall close on **Sunday 11th May**.

Tuesday 12 th May 3:30pm- 5:00pm St Agatha's Church, Clayfield	Tuesday 12 th May 5:30pm-7:00pm St Agatha's Church, Clayfield	Friday 15 th May 4:30pm-6:00pm OLHC Church, Hendra	Friday 15 th May 6:30pm-8:00pm OLHC Church, Hendra
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Session 4: Individual Confessions (The Sacrament of Penance)

Child + at least one parent/guardian. According to the Catholic Church, children **must** receive the grace of confession **before** they receive First Holy Communion. Multiple 10 minute timeslots available from 3:10pm-6:30pm (like a parent/teacher evening). **You must book a confession time that falls in the week leading up to your First Communion Mass**; therefore registrations for the times below will open after you have booked your First Holy Communion Mass.

Tuesday 26th May St Agatha's Church, Clayfield	Thursday 28th May OLHC Church, Hendra	Wednesday 3rd June St Agatha's Church, Clayfield	Thursday 4th June St Agatha's Church, Clayfield
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FIRST HOLY COMMUNION MASS

Registration is required in order to reserve a pew. See more information on the next page.

Registration links shall be emailed only to parents who have completed the Online Enrolment Form as mentioned above.

Registration will be open from on **Monday 30th March** and shall close on the **Sunday 17th May**. Places limited.

Sunday 31st May 9:30am OLHC Church, Hendra	Sunday 31st May 5:30pm St Agatha's Church, Clayfield	Saturday 6th June 4:30pm St Cecilia's Church, Hamilton	Sunday 7th June 8:00am St Agatha's Church, Clayfield	Sunday 7th June 5:30pm St Agatha's Church, Clayfield
Once you register for Mass, you will be emailed a link to register for these individual confessions ONLY: Tuesday 26th or Thursday 28th May [COMPLUSORY- see above].		Once you register for Mass, you will be emailed a link to register for these individual confessions ONLY: Wednesday 3rd or Thursday 4th June [COMPULSORY- see above].		

FIRST HOLY COMMUNION MASS INFORMATION



Preparing for the day

- It is traditional to wear white, however this is not a requirement.
- Please practise fasting from food or flavoured drinks for one hour before you receive Communion.
- To help you plan for your own celebration/parties afterwards, you can expect the First Holy Communion Mass to go for a little over one hour.
- On this day, children focus on receiving the Blessed Sacrament and thus children are not allocated readings/extra jobs on this day.

Arrival

- St Agatha's Church, St Cecilia's Church and Our Lady Help of Christians Church has street parking only.
- Please come early to collect your gift upon entry. A staff member will tick your name on the roll. Due to street-parking only, it is wise to arrive at least half an hour early to park, find a pew and take photos. Being late causes delays for all parishioners.
- Your family will have access to **one** pew. Pews will be not be labelled by name so please observe a 'first in, first served' approach.

Photos on the day:

- Professional family photography is no longer available prior to Mass (as in previous years).
- You are very welcome to take your own family photos in the church and grounds prior to Mass and afterwards.
- A member of the Parish Staff will take photos during Holy Communion. Alexandria shall email the link to these photos later. **Please let us know if you would not like photos to be taken of your child.**
- Please **do not leave your seat** to take photos during Communion. This becomes a distraction to the child. It may also block other families' view of their child.
- A family member is **welcome to leave the seat to take photos during the certificates.**
- Digital Safety: If you take photos on this day, please ensure that you obtain the express permission of the child and his/her parents before posting images of children (persons under 18) to social media.

Gluten-intolerance

- If your child is gluten intolerant, please may your child be **last in line**. When s/he approaches Fr Michael for Communion, simply say straight away 'Hello Father, I am gluten free' and he will provide a low-gluten host very easily. It's a good idea to accompany your child to ensure that s/he voices that a gluten-free host is required.
- Please be aware that Catholic Hosts are very low gluten. They are endorsed by the Australia Coeliac Association. Please click [here](#) for our supplier's information. If you are still concerned about this small amount of gluten, please contact Alexandria to arrange your child to receive the precious blood only.

Cake after Mass

- *St Agatha's Parish/ St Cecilia's Church, Mother of Mercy Parish:* After mass you shall collect a boxed cupcake. Dietary requirement cakes will be labelled with child's name.
- *Our Lady Help of Christians Church, Mother of Mercy Parish:* After Mass, children shall collect their boxed cupcake and families are welcome to stay for some light refreshments. Dietary requirement cakes are separate and labelled with the child's name.

