



# Newsletter

## CATHOLIC PARISHES

Clayfield • Hendra • Hamilton • Northgate



### THE BAPTISM OF THE LORD

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This weekend we celebrate the Feast of the Baptism of the Lord. From a liturgical point of view, today marks the end of the Christmas season and the beginning of Ordinary Time. Indeed, this is a feast about transition. In Jesus' life, this event marks the beginning of his public ministry. As he emerges from the liminal space of the waters of the Jordan River, the doorway to heaven is thrown open and the Holy Spirit descends upon him 'like a dove' — a reference to the flood story in Genesis, where the return of the dove confirms for Noah that God's work of re-creation has begun. Jesus comes to make a new humanity — and so all humanity stands at the threshold, awaiting the work of grace.



Fr Michael Grace

This weekend our community welcomes a number of people to the waters of baptism — to share in the Lord's baptism and in his mission. Others will be confirmed and welcomed into full communion with the Church. This will be a special moment for each of them, but it can serve as a moment of renewal for us as well.

Let us pray, then, that today the Lord will throw open the doorway to heaven; that through the grace of these sacraments, those who receive them today, and those who have already received them, may be truly transformed. May we receive, in its fullness, the presence and power of the Spirit, and be moved to live lives of holiness, service and joy, and, by God's grace, bring change to our world. May we see in Christ our leader on the pilgrimage of life, the Beloved of the Father. And may we recognise that in Baptism and Confirmation we too have been anointed by the Spirit, and that through the ministry of the Church we can hear the voice of the Father say to each of us: you too are my beloved; my favour rests on you.



Blessings

Fr Michael



St Agatha's Church

52 Oriel 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 11 January

**8.00am Mass** Morning teas will resume Sunday 18th January 2026.  
**5.30pm Mass** Pizza evenings will resume Sunday 15 March 2026.

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

- ♦ Children's Liturgy will resume in February 2026.

**Baptismal Joy!!** This Sunday at St Agatha's we welcome with great joy two new members of Christ's faithful people:  
*Bella Brodie, daughter of Kristian and Gabriella*  
*Everleigh De Chalain, daughter of Gregory and Samara*  
 May they always know God's love and the support of this Christian Community.

### In our prayers we remember....

**Those who have died recently:** Jeannine Treston, John Bertelsen 

### Those whose anniversaries occur at this time:

Craig Andrews, Tom McCormack, Helena Lewandowska, Jennifer, Allan and Max Leutenegger

**A SACRAMENTAL MOMENT** When we speak about receiving the sacraments, we speak about them as particularly graced moments when God is especially present in our life. The moment of Jesus' baptism was a particularly sacramental and graced moment: God spoke in approval of Jesus and bestowed God's favour upon him. It would be nice for the rest of us if God's presence could be so easily recognised at such times! However, in the absence of a voice from Heaven, we need to be fully present ourselves to sacramental moments and fully present to the moments that celebrate the sacramentality of our everyday lives.

## What's happening in MOM Parish this week

### Sunday 11 January

9.30am Morning tea after 9.30am Mass (Parish Centre)



**Lectio Divina** WILL RESUME NEXT SUNDAY 18 JANUARY MOM Parish Centre

**Volunteer(s) at Parish Morning Tea (10.30am Sundays)**

11 January: Kathryn Bourke

18 January: Kate McLean

### MOM Parish Messages....

- ♦ **PLAYGROUP** at the OLHC Primary School OSHC will be in recess until further notice.
- ♦ **Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament:** Friday 6 February after the 9:00am Mass at St John's, Northgate. Morning tea after Mass. All welcome.
- ♦ **Anointing and Healing Mass:** Friday 13 February at the 9:00am Mass at St John's, Northgate. Morning tea after Mass. All welcome.

### We Pray for ....

**Recently Deceased:** Janet Ferguson, Fr Paul Emmanuel CP



**Anniversaries:** Ines Ambrosini, Sonia Ambrosini, Sir Edward Williams, Frank Andrews, Joan Ryan, Bishop John Torpie DD, Bishop John Gerry DD, Pope Benedict 16th, Fr Peter Grice PP, Peter Kelly, Berta Cordova, Anthony Norris, Colin Dobbie, Michael Kelso, Therese Claffey, Nathaniel Scanlan-North, Alfia Tornabene, Anton Slivar, Valerie Reilly, Norman Hall, Garry Ahern, Rosa Masinello, Kristine Moscato

**Sick:** Wayne O'Toole, Jane Dhann, Brad Ryan, Betty Mahoney, Rosaria Fazio, Michael Hardy, Maria Ward

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

### Board Games Social Event ALL WELCOME!!

 You are invited to join a group of parishioners who will meet at the MoM parish centre at 2.00pm **THIS** Sunday 11 January to play games such as Balderdash/Pictionary/Articulate and depending on interest possibly even some cards. BYO drinks & optional snacks to share. No need to rsvp. If you have questions ask Lynn / Dave / Joe / Kathleen / Louise / Ash.

This Saturday 10 January at the 4.30pm Mass at St Cecilia's, Tricia, Tyson and Cooper will be welcomed into the Catholic faith.

This Sunday 11 January, at the 9.30am Mass at OLHC Nadine, Nishamini and Deanna will also be welcomed into the Catholic faith.

*Congratulations and blessings to you all!!!*

### PRAYER SUPPORT

will resume Sunday 1 February  
 after the 9.30am Mass at OLHC Church, Hendra  
 Prayer Support will be offered once a month only.

### MOTHER OF MERCY PARISH PRAYER ENGINE

will resume Tuesday 3 February

### GOSPEL REFLECTION GROUP

will resume Tuesday 3 February



### Sunday Mass Rosters

Date	Reader Clayfield 8am Mass	Reader Clayfield 5:30pm Mass	Reader OLHC 9:30am Mass	Eucharistic Minister OLHC 9:30am Mass
<b>11 January</b>	Jane Arkinstall Scott Fitzpatrick	Maddy Brown Karen Birtles	Neville Canham Kathryn Bourke	Kate McLean Lorelei Gozzard
<b>18 January</b>	Beth Casey Joseph O'Brien	Matteo Tickner Joel Perkins	Trish Dunn Rosemary Woods	Dona Rotolone Kate McLean