



Newsletter

CATHOLIC PARISHES

Clayfield ● Hendra ● Hamilton ● Northgate



THIRD SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME (YEAR A)

25 JANUARY 2026

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Even a fairly superficial reading of the Letters of St Paul to the various churches he fostered reveals a sad - but all too human - reality. Despite having received the Good News from the Apostle Paul himself, and having been formed and guided by this saintly missionary, fights and arguments broke out within these communities. This should not surprise us, still less alarm us. Human nature is human nature, and it is in fact encouraging to remember that the early Christians were people just like us: fallible, and yet called to sanctity and glory.



Fr Michael Grace

In this weekend's second reading, we hear of one such issue. Factions are emerging, and these are sowing the seeds of disunity. Paul's response is both simple and profound: "I am for Christ!" He points the Church in Corinth back to the very foundations upon which their community is built - the life, death, and resurrection of Jesus Christ.

Paul's answer transcends its original context in such a way that it still speaks very powerfully to us today. We too can become distracted from our true purpose and reason for being. We can cling to factions, or to insufficient identities, and fail to see the bigger and much more fundamental picture. In our own context this might sound like: I belong to St Agatha's Parish or I belong to Mother of Mercy Parish; I go to the 8.00 am Mass or I go to the 4.30 pm Mass. It might be expressed as preferences about music - traditional or more contemporary - and the like.

We will always have preferences; this is normal. As I said, human nature is human nature. We are creatures of habit, and we like what we like. Yet each of us is challenged to lift our gaze to the further horizon articulated by Paul: "I am for Christ."

Blessings,
Fr Michael



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 25 January

8.00am Mass Morning tea hosted by:

Linett, Grevin, Biju, Dani

5.30pm Mass Pizza evenings will resume Sunday 15 March.



St Agatha's Parish Messages....

- ♦ **Children's Liturgy** will resume 8th February.

Christmas Carols/Twilight Markets

Thank You



A huge thank you to everyone who helped in anyway with the Christmas Carols/Twilight Markets. A lovely evening was had by all.

A special thank you to the following ladies who baked delicious goodies for the cake stall: Marie Deuble, Geraldine Swindells, Gloria Lee, Jane Arkinstall, Jenny McKeon, Judy Bartels, Karlie Keating, Loretta Pippia, Diane Fraser, Jenny Collier, Mana Fua, Natalie Malczewski, Pam Casagrande, Rebecca Maple.



In our prayers we remember. . . .

Those who have died recently:

Anne Ambrose, Margaret Murphy, Tony Walsh

Those who are sick: Peter Johnson Snr



What's happening in MOM Parish this week

Sunday 25 January

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



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

25 January: Kerrie Fernicola

1 February: Jen Cridland

MOM Parish Messages....

- ♦ **PLAYGROUP** at the OLHC Primary School OSHC will be in recess until further notice.

- ♦ **LECTIO DIVINA** every Sunday 11.00 - 11.45am (Parish Centre). All welcome.

JANUARY PARISH BIRTHDAYS:

We will be celebrating the January Parish birthdays **THIS** Sunday 25 January after 9:30am OLHC Mass. Please come along and join us!



- ♦ **Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament:** Friday 6 February after the 9:00am Mass at St John's, Northgate. Morning tea after Mass.
- ♦ **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: Wayne O'Toole

Anniversaries: Tony Ambrosini, Brian Fludder, Pauline Rafter, Rupert Martinz, Colomba Porcaro, Patricia Anderson, Cardinal George Pell, Fr Edward Ryan OMI, Fr Thomas Boland, Fr William O'Connell, Simon Boswell, Ann Homan

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

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

Memorial Mass at St John's, Northgate Friday 30 January, 9am

Parishioners are warmly invited to attend the short memorial service that will be held in conjunction with the regular 9.00am Mass at St John's Royal Australian Navy War Memorial Church, Northgate on Friday 30 January.

It will commemorate those Honour Board members who lost their lives in the month of January over the five years of World War Two.

There will also be remembrance of the 82 Royal Australian Navy personnel who lost their lives in the sinking of HMAS Voyager after its tragic collision with HMAS Melbourne on 10 February 1964.

Morning tea and viewing of posters will be available after Mass.



REVEREND LEONARD NOEL KENTISH VICTIM OF THE SINKING OF HMAS PATRICIA CAM



Reverend Leonard Kentish was the Head of Methodist Missions in the Northern Territory during 1941-43. After the Japanese entered WWII, he also volunteered as a Coastwatcher in the waters off Arnhem Land. He was a passenger on board HMAS Patricia Cam delivering new code books to fellow Coastwatchers when the ship was bombed and rapidly sunk by a Japanese floatplane on 22 January 1943 off Marchinbar Island in the Wessel Islands group in the Arafura sea.

Survivors from the sinking were then strafed in the water.

The floatplane then alighted and captured Rev Kentish. It flew him to its base in the Aru Islands in the Dutch East Indies (now Indonesia) to the north of the sinking location. Rev Kentish was deaf. Interrogation and torture by his Japanese captors gained them little information.

After nearly four months in captivity, Rev Kentish was killed by beheading at Dobo in the Aru Islands in May 1943. He was 35. His wife and family knew nothing of his fate following his capture until 1946.

After war trials after WWII, his executioner was hanged. Reverend Kentish's body was later recovered and interred at the Commonwealth War Cemetery at Ambon, Indonesia.

SACRAMENT OF CONFIRMATION

This Sunday 25 January at the 8am Mass at St Agatha's, Jesse Pellicaan will receive the Sacrament of Confirmation. Please join Jesse and his family and friends on this wonderful occasion.

Congratulations and blessings Jesse!!



RELIGIOUS INSTRUCTION

Do you have half an hour or more to spare on weekday afternoons during school hours (even occasionally)? Make a real difference in the lives of young people by bringing them the Good News as Christ commanded us. Children in state schools are entitled to receive Religious Instruction if their parents allow them, but due to a lack of volunteers many children are missing out.

The children are brought into the classroom and a classroom teacher provides the disciplinary supervision.

Training and teaching materials are available.

Please call Genevieve (0434 284 251) if God is calling you to give this gift of time to His little ones.

Assistants and relief teachers are also needed, plus babysitters for the children of volunteers.

ANOINTING MASS

An invitation is extended to the people of the Archdiocese to attend the monthly Anointing Mass at St. Mary Magdalene's Church, 51 Cecil Road, Bardon, Friday 6th February at 7.30pm. Fr. William Aupito Luliano, PP St. Mary's Parish, South Brisbane will be the celebrant. 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.



SATURDAY 7 FEBRUARY

8AM TO 12 NOON

**St John's Church Hall
688 Nudgee Road, Northgate**

CASH ONLY

GRAB A BARGAIN!

**Huge selection of quality clothing,
brickabrack, books, toys, plants etc
Many treasures!**

God's lighter side... There was a preacher who fell into the ocean and couldn't swim. When a boat came by, the captain yelled, "Do you need help, sir?" The preacher calmly said "No, God will save me." A little later, another boat came by and a fisherman asked, "hey do you need help?" The preacher replied again, "No God will save me." Eventually the preacher drowned and went to heaven. The preacher asked God, "Why didn't you save me?" God replied, "fool I sent you two boats!"

PRAYER SUPPORT

will resume **NEXT** Sunday 1 February after the 9.30am Mass at OLHC Church, Hendra.

Prayer Support will be offered once a month only. A team of volunteers will be available to pray for the individual needs of parishioners. Everything shared with the prayer team will remain confidential.

GOSPEL REFLECTION GROUP

will resume Tuesday 3 February.

The group meet at 9.30am in the Parish Centre, Hendra to discuss the gospel reading for the next Sunday.

Morning tea follows the session. All are most welcome!!!!

MOTHER OF MERCY PARISH PRAYER ENGINE

will resume Tuesday 3 February.

The Prayer Engine meet at OLHC Church from 1.00 - 2.15pm. All are welcome.

Raffaele is available for weddings, funerals and other events.



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NEWS FROM OUR PARISH SCHOOLS

Our Lady Help of Christians Catholic Primary School

Thank you to all who supported our school in 2025. Keep safe, we look forward to seeing those returning in 2026.

Marie-Louise Stolberg

(Assistant to the Principal in Religious Education)

FAITH · COURAGE · ACTION



St Agatha's Catholic Primary School



Limited vacancies in 2026 Prep – Year 6

For details visit

www.stagathasclayfield.qld.edu.au/enrolments

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
25 January	Phill Ryan Andrew Pippia	Leanne McDowall Amelia Marino-Cebulski	Serena Varendorff Bill Nott	Robyn Jeynes Louise Nott
1 February	Saxon Mew Nik Kure	Chris Begley Louis Currie	Paul McLean Robyn Jeynes	Barbara Nelson Dona Rotolone

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

1 FEBRUARY 2026

Fourth Sunday in Ordinary Time

First Reading: Zephaniah 2:3, 3:12-13

Second Reading: 1 Corinthians 1:26-31

Gospel: Matthew 5:1-12



Commemoration of Saints

January 2026

Wed 28 St Thomas Aquinas, *priest, doctor*

Sat 31 St John Bosco, *priest*

February 2026

Mon 2 The Presentation of the Lord

Thurs 5 St Agatha, *virgin, martyr*

Fri 6 St Paul Miki and companions, *martyrs*

Tues 10 St Scholastica, *virgin*



Pray for us....

SAFEGUARDING CHILDREN & VULNERABLE ADULTS

PREVENTION AND PROTECTION POLICY

The Archdiocese of Brisbane holds that children, young people and vulnerable adults are a gift from God with an intrinsic right to dignity of life, respect and security from physical and emotional harm. They are to be treasured, nurtured and safeguarded.

For information:

<https://brisbanecatholic.org.au/safeguarding/>



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: Jesus said, "Come after me, and I will make you fishers of men." Today, He could say: "I will make you mechanics of souls; doctors of wounded hearts, counsellors of broken families; clowns in a joyless society." But regardless, Come...



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

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