



Newsletter

CATHOLIC PARISHES

Clayfield ● Hendra ● Hamilton ● Northgate



FOURTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME (YEAR A)

1 FEBRUARY 2026

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Gospel Reflection by Greg Sunter (*Liturgy Help*)



Fr Michael Grace

The gospel of Matthew is keen to cast Jesus in the role of the 'new Moses'. Moses was revered in Jewish history not only as the one who led the people out of Egypt, but even more importantly as the one who received the Ten Commandments from God. The first five books of the Bible, known to Jews as the Torah, or the Law, were accredited to Moses for a very long time. So Moses was seen as the one who received the Commandments from God and who also wrote down the Law of the people, the Torah. He was the Law-Giver for the Jewish people. When the gospel of Matthew portrays Jesus as the new Moses it emphasises the way in which Jesus sought to bring the Law of Moses to fulfilment and bring about a new understanding and appreciation of both the Law and God. Jesus introduced a new way of perceiving God; as a God of compassion and mercy, rather than the jealous, vengeful God that is often expressed in the Old Testament.

The Sermon on the Mount that begins with the Beatitudes comes out of this historical context. Jesus is trying to present a new interpretation of the right way to be in relationship with God; one that is not dominated by rules and regulations. The text is so familiar to us today that it is almost bland. However, at the time it must have been incredibly confronting. The attitudes and states of being that Jesus blesses were not the characteristics that were valued in the society of his time. Poverty, gentleness and mourning were not considered strong, desirable qualities. So, the picture Jesus paints of how to be in right relationship with God and others was confronting the standards and expectations of the time.



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 1 February

- 8.00am Mass** Morning tea hosted by:
Marie Deuble, Judy and Paul Bartels, Jane Cameron
- 5.30pm Mass** Pizza evenings will resume Sunday 15 March.



St Agatha's Parish Messages....

- ♦ **Children's Liturgy** resumes **THIS SUNDAY 1 FEBRUARY**.

THANKS FROM ST AGATHA'S SVDP CONFERENCE



The St Agatha's SVDP Conference would like to sincerely thank all parishioners who contributed to the Christmas hamper appeal. We were able to deliver great hampers to 21 grateful recipients.

Thanks are also due for the generous response to our Christmas appeal for funds. This will allow us to continue our work in 2026.

St Agatha's School also provided 14 wonderful hampers for families with children. It was our privilege and joy to deliver these splendid gifts on behalf of the School. Thank you to all the staff, parents and children who contributed to the provision of these hampers.

Whole School Opening Mass

St Agatha's School Opening Mass will be held next Thursday 5th February at 9am. All welcome!!!

In our prayers we remember. . . .

Those who have died recently:

Annette Hallett, Joan Fallon

Those who are sick: Maureen Munt, Peter Johnson Snr



What's happening in MOM Parish this week

Sunday 1 February

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



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

1 February: Jen Cridland

8 February: Kerrie Fernicola

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.

THANKS FROM HENDRA SVDP CONFERENCE

Thank you from the Hendra St Vincent de Paul Conference for your generosity, which enabled 45 Christmas hampers to be delivered to very grateful families, bringing hope and support at Christmas.



Thank You



We Pray for



Recently Deceased: Fr Peter Casey

Anniversaries: Joan Finucane, Eileen Hall, John Vider, Anne Carmody, Dr Ailbhe Cunningham, Fr Dermot Casey, Margaret Murphy, Margaret Baxter, Lyle and Gerald Reid,

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

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

ST AGATHA'S FEAST DAY

To celebrate the feast of St Agatha, which this year falls on Wednesday 5th February, we will be holding a BBQ on Sunday 8th February after the 8am Mass, in conjunction with the normal morning tea. Come and join Father Michael and the Parish for a sausage sandwich and a drink for all to celebrate the great community that comes together under her name each week... All welcome!!!



ST VINCENT DE PAUL - ITEMS WANTED

SVDP Hendra Conference is in need of good working **mobile phones and laptops** for needy clients. Donations would be gratefully appreciated. Please contact Mike on 0419 027 430.



The Banyo-Nundah Catholic Parish Computer Project refurbishes donated computers and provides them to people in need, locally and overseas. For more information contact Allan Head via email: nundahcomputerproject@gmail.com

GOSPEL REFLECTION GROUP will resume

NEXT Tuesday 3 February, 9.30am in the Parish Centre, Hendra

The Sacraments of EUCCHARIST & PENANCE

Open to all children Year 4 and above who have completed Baptism and Confirmation.

Enrolments close March 1st.

For preparation schedule and enrolment form please visit the following website:

**Mother of Mercy & St Agatha's
Parishes**
Hendra, Northgate, Hamilton, Clayfield

<https://motherofmercy-stagathas.org.au/eucharist/>



- ♦ **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.

MOTHER OF MERCY PARISH PRAYER ENGINE will resume

NEXT Tuesday 3 February, OLHC Church from 1.00 - 2.15pm.

Pope Leo's intention for February For children with incurable diseases

Let us pray that children suffering from incurable diseases and their families receive the necessary medical care and support, never losing strength and hope.



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... *The Pope is in his limousine and tells his chauffeur he's always wanted to drive, but never gets the chance. After some hesitation, the chauffeur agrees and lets the Pope take the wheel. As the Pope is driving, he starts speeding - really pushing the limits - and soon enough, a police officer pulls him over. The officer takes one look at who's driving and immediately radios his supervisor.*

"Uh, we have a situation here," the officer says. The supervisor asks, "What's the problem? Did you pull someone over?" "Yes, but I think it's someone really important." "Like... the mayor?" "No, bigger." "The governor?" "No, bigger." "The president?" "No, even bigger!" "Well, who is it?" "I don't know," the officer replies, "but he's got the Pope driving him! "I think it might be God.

PRAYER SUPPORT

First Sunday of every month after the 9.30am Mass at OLHC Church, Hendra.

A team of volunteers will be available to pray for the individual needs of parishioners. Everything shared with the prayer team will remain confidential.



Are you a uni student or young adult?

**Are you looking to make friends
and deepen your faith?**

Join us at 6pm at St Stephen's Cathedral for
adoration!

Tuesday 3rd February, 6pm

Followed by fellowship at Stockies (18+)

Stock Exchange Hotel

NEWS FROM OUR PARISH SCHOOLS

Our Lady Help of Christians Catholic Primary School

A huge welcome back to all our staff, students and families. It was so lovely to see all our old and new families return this week. We have had a great start to the year and our 2 new Prep classes were so excited to join us and we were so excited to meet them again. They have fitted into our community so beautifully.

This year we also welcome some new staff members: Mrs Bennie, Miss Constable, Mrs Doughty, Miss Hughes, Mrs Jensen and Mrs Young. They have been a lovely addition to our OLHC school.

This year our school will be guided by the theme: **Courage to be YOU! Shine your GEM each day!** We would also like to remind all families that Term 1 enrolments are now open for 2027.

Courage to be YOU! Shine your GEM each day!

Marie-Louise Stolberg Assistant to the Principal in Religious Education

St Agatha's Catholic Primary School

We're delighted to share that our students have thoroughly enjoyed their return to St Agatha's for the beginning of the new school year. **The community have warmly welcomed Kristen Garrett as Acting Principal and Jon Tracey as APRE.** The term has started with eager faces reconnecting with friends, settling into new classrooms, and getting to know their teachers. There has been a wonderful sense of energy and positivity around the school as everyone finds their rhythm again.

This week has also provided a valuable opportunity for students to pause, reflect, and be present through prayer in their classrooms. Prayer has helped set a calm and purposeful tone for learning, encouraging students to ground themselves, show gratitude, and begin the year with a spirit of openness and care for one another.

Alongside this, classes have been focusing on establishing routines and shared ways of working that support positive learning environments. Students are learning expectations, building respectful relationships, and developing habits that will help them grow academically, socially, and spiritually throughout the year. We look forward to the many opportunities ahead as we continue this journey together as a school community.

Jon Tracey Assistant Principal Religious Education

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
1 February	Saxon Mew Nik Kure	<i>Volunteer</i> Louis Currie	Paul McLean Robyn Jeynes	Barbara Nelson Dona Rotolone
8 February	Dianne Eden Amanda Bell	Maddy Brown Giselle Hossinger	Angela Devereux Cutella Dias	Lorelei Gozzard Kate McLean

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

8 FEBRUARY 2026

Fifth Sunday in Ordinary Time

First Reading: Isaiah 58:7-10

Second Reading: 1 Corinthians 2:1-5

Gospel: Matthew 5:13-16



Commemoration of Saints

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*
- Sat 14** Sts Cyril, *monk* and Methodius, *bishop*

March 2026

- Tues 17** St Patrick, *bishop*
- Thurs 19** St Joseph, *spouse of the Blessed Virgin Mary*



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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