



Newsletter

CATHOLIC PARISHES

Clayfield ● Hendra ● Hamilton ● Northgate



FIFTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME (YEAR A)

8 FEBRUARY 2026

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I am always amazed, when scrolling through YouTube and other internet media sources, at just what an amazing resource it truly is. Despite some potential downsides, there really is a wide array of resources and expertise - more or less freely available. If you want to know the best way to do an oil change on your motorbike, upgrade your computer, or learn a recipe, as they say, "Bob's your uncle!"



Fr Michael Grace

Similarly - but perhaps more controversially - there are any number of people who, claiming to be wise, are all too happy to offer life advice as well. The genuine expertise of these purveyors of wisdom varies greatly, so discernment is necessary. Yet, even with this caveat, it is now possible for us to access top-class professionals, thinkers, and experts in so many fields. It is great, but it can also be a danger, for we can be overwhelmed by the promise - "just change these five things and your life will be so much better" - and the like.

While good advice is a good thing, we need to make space for that which is truly important. We need to make space for the wisdom that St Paul speaks about in the second reading: a wisdom which is "not a philosophy of our age." It is the wisdom that so often runs counter to the spirit of the world, as exemplified in the crucifixion of Christ.

One of the risks that comes with so much access to information is that we can become overwhelmed. This wisdom can be crowded out in our information-saturated world. While there are good spiritual resources online as well, true wisdom comes from listening to the Holy Spirit - and he doesn't have a YouTube channel! Rather, he speaks to us in the silence, in the very depths of our hearts.

Blessings,
Fr Michael



ASH WEDNESDAY MASSES – 18 FEBRUARY

8.45am Our Lady Help of Christians, Hendra

6.00pm St Agatha's, Clayfield

STATIONS OF THE CROSS

St Agatha's Church

Every Thursday 8.30am, during Lent.



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 8 February

- 8.00am Mass** Morning tea hosted by:
The Community and Mission Council
- 5.30pm Mass** Pizza evenings will resume Sunday 15 March.



St Agatha's Parish Messages....

- Children's Liturgy THIS SUNDAY 8 FEBRUARY.

ST AGATHA'S FEAST DAY

To celebrate the feast of St Agatha, we will be holding a BBQ THIS 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!!!



In our prayers we remember. . . .

Those who have died recently:

Chris Newman, Annette Hallett, Joan Fallon

Those whose anniversaries occur at this time:

Joseph Williamson

Those who are sick: Maureen Munt, Peter Johnson Snr



What's happening in MOM Parish this week

Sunday 8 February

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



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

8 February: Kerrie Fericola **15 February:** Lynn Rogers

MOM Parish Messages....

- WHOLE SCHOOL OPENING MASS** OLHC School Opening Mass will be held NEXT Wednesday 11 February at 8.45am. Morning tea to follow at the Parish Centre. All welcome!!
- 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



Anniversaries: John Ahern, Angela Smith-Barry, Barbara Cottee, Maria Salmon, Hazel Messinbird, Rita Stower, Dr John Casey, Jeffrey and Maureen McKellar, David Boldeman, John Miles

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

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

DAILY REFLECTIONS FOR LENT 2026

Copies of the Daily Reflections booklet "The Journey Home" for Lent 2026 are available. They provide beautiful and thoughtful reflections in this Lent season. The author of the Lenten reflections is Archbishop Emeritus Mark Coleridge. The booklets are available at the entrance of the church. A \$5.00 donation would be welcomed by cash (donation boxes are placed nearby), EFTPOS or Tap and Go also accepted.



The Sacraments of EUCHARIST & 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/>



PROJECT COMPASSION

begins next weekend
14/15 February

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

◆ **Anointing and Healing Mass:** Friday 13 February at the 9:00am Mass at St John's, Northgate. Morning tea after Mass. All welcome.

◆ **Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament:** Friday 6 March after the 9:00am Mass at St John's, Northgate. Morning tea after Mass.

MOTHER OF MERCY PARISH PRAYER ENGINE
EVERY Tuesday, OLHC Church from 1.00 - 2.15pm.



WORLD DAY OF
PRAYER
SERVICE 2026

Nigeria

'I will give you rest:
Come'

Friday 6th of March

10 am - 11 am,

Followed by morning tea

Our Lady Help of Christians Church
9 Bowman Street Hendra

contact Mary Nicholls 0408080723
or your WDoP representative
to find out more, offer to assist

Guest Speaker - Helen Fernandes
Leprosy Mission International
Guest Organist - Chris Larter

www.worlddayofprayeraustralia.org



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.

Real Talk Australia's Annual Gala Dinner

THURSDAY | 26 FEB 2026

Victoria Park,
Herston Rd, Herston

Tickets \$150 PP

visit: realtalkaustralia.com/dinner

Guest speakers

Danny & Leila Abdallah



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.

NEWS FROM OUR PARISH SCHOOLS

Our Lady Help of Christians Catholic Primary School

A big thank you to our parents and teachers for
coming together for our Parent Information Evening
on Tuesday. It was a wonderful way to begin the
year, strengthening our partnership as we support, nurture, and
care for our students and their learning at OLHC. We're so
grateful to start the year connected and working together for the
best outcomes for our children.

Next week we look forward to coming together as a
whole school to celebrate our new school year. This celebration
will be on Wednesday February 11 at OLHC Church at 8:45am.
Under our theme '**Courage to be You! Shine your GEM each
day!**' We will welcome all our new staff, students and parents
and particularly acknowledge our Prep students and
commission our school leaders. All are welcome to join us for
this special celebration. The parish will also be hosting morning
tea after the mass for our families who are able to join us.
Looking forward to blessing our year ahead.

Marie-Louise Stolberg Assistant to the Principal in Religious Education

St Agatha's Catholic Primary School

The Opening Mass on Thursday signalled the
beginning of our school year and gave us a chance
to honour St Agatha. This event was especially
meaningful because it kicked off our 2026 journey while also
aligning with St Agatha's Feast Day, making it extra significant
for everyone involved. Our students showed respect through-
out, truly embodying the school's spirit and values. Sincere
thanks to all who contributed to organising the Mass and to
those who joined in and supported this key occasion.

Theme for 2026

Our theme for 2026 is "**Stepping Forward with Courage,**"
inspired by Australia's first saint, Mary MacKillop. It calls us to
meet difficulties head-on, uplift one another, and grow as a
community through perseverance, compassion, and faith.

Jon Tracey Assistant Principal Religious Education

GROWTH · FRIENDSHIP · FAITH

PARISH COMMUNITY

JUMBLE
SALE

SATURDAY 14 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...

After the Baptism of his baby brother in church, little Johnny
sobbed all the way home in the back seat of the car. His father
asked him three times what was wrong. Finally, the boy replied,
"That priest said he wanted us brought up in a Christian home,
but I want to stay with you guys."

Sunday Mass Rosters

Date	Reader Clayfield 8am Mass	Reader Clayfield 5:30pm Mass	Reader OLHC 9:30am Mass	Eucharistic Minister OLHC 9:30am Mass
8 February	Dianne Eden Amanda Bell	Maddy Brown Louis Currie	Angela Devereux Cutella Dias	Lorelei Gozzard Kate McLean
15 February	Matthew Crossley Nam Tran	<i>Volunteer</i> Catie Kelly	Olivia Hatch Henrietta Hatch	Robyn Jeynes 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

15 FEBRUARY 2026

Sixth Sunday in Ordinary Time

First Reading: Ecclesiasticus 15:15-20

Second Reading: 1 Corinthians 2:6-10

Gospel: Matthew 5:17-37



Commemoration of Saints

February 2026

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*

Tues 28 St Peter Chanel, *priest, martyr*

Wed 29 St Catherine of Siena, *virgin, doctor*



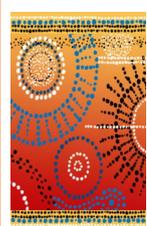
Pray for us....

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 speaks on Vocations: "You are the salt of the earth. You are the light of the world. Your light must shine before people so that they may see your goodness in your acts, giving praise to your heavenly Father"



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

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