



Newsletter

CATHOLIC PARISHES

Clayfield ● Hendra ● Hamilton ● Northgate



SIXTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME (YEAR A)

15 FEBRUARY 2026

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In his letter to the Corinthians, St Paul speaks of a wisdom he offers to those who are mature in faith. It is a wisdom quite different from the kind admired and pursued by the world. Worldly wisdom aims at power, success, prestige, and control. Paul, however, points us to the Cross of Christ.



Fr Michael Grace

Christ himself is wisdom incarnate - and yet his life sought none of these things. Rather than grasping at success in an earthly sense, he gives himself away as a gift, even to the very last drop of his blood. This is the hidden wisdom Paul speaks of: the wisdom that animated the life of Christ and was ultimately revealed in the Cross.

Wisdom, then, can be understood as the science of life. Science seeks the underlying patterns that make reality intelligible; wisdom seeks the deeper truth that makes a human life meaningful. Knowledge may tell us how things work, but wisdom helps us discern what truly matters.

I recall a conversation many years ago with a man who was, at the time, my boss - before I entered the priesthood. He had run a successful business and appeared to have everything in order materially. Yet, with some sadness, he spoke of the breakdown of his marriage. "If only I had spent more time caring for my family," he said, "I would be happier - and probably better off financially as well." It was, perhaps, the beginning of that hidden wisdom, learned through sorrow.

The wisdom Christ teaches goes even further. It is precisely as we take up our own cross, and - bearing our grief - make ourselves a gift for others, that our lives discover a purpose and meaning strong enough to carry the burden of existence itself. We have all made mistakes, and through them - if we are open to learning - there comes a deeper maturity, and, with the help of the Holy Spirit, the true wisdom that comes from God alone.

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.

OLHC Church

Every Tuesday, 1.00pm 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 15 February

- 8.00am Mass** Morning tea hosted by:
Gloria Lee, Mel Lillcrap, Anna Chetcuti
- 5.30pm Mass** Pizza evenings will resume Sunday 15 March.



St Agatha's Parish Messages....

- ♦ **Children's Liturgy THIS SUNDAY 15 FEBRUARY**, 8am MASS

Baptismal Joy!! This Sunday at St Agatha's we welcome with great joy two new members of Christ's faithful people:

Hugo Ellingham, son of Simon and Ainsley

Olivia Kearney, daughter of Daniel and Anna

May they always know God's love and the support of this Christian Community.



Olive Branches | Book Palms | Golden Cane Palms for St Agatha's Church

Olive branches, golden cane palms and book palms (small to large) are required for Palm Sunday. If you are able to supply any, please deliver to the back of

St Agatha's Church, outside the back door on **Friday 27 March** or contact Peter Bowden on 0407 751 946. Your assistance is much appreciated.

In our prayers we remember. . . .

Those who have died recently:

John Mulholland, Chris Newman

Those whose anniversaries occur at this time:

Patrick and Veronica Gallagher, Renee Ramaekers, Sarina Caruso, Joseph Williamson

Those who are sick: Maureen Munt, Peter Johnson Snr



What's happening in MOM Parish this week

Sunday 15 February

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



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

15 February: Lynn Rogers

22 February: Rosemary Woods

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.
- ♦ **MOTHER OF MERCY PARISH PRAYER ENGINE** Every Tuesday, OLHC Church from 1.00 - 2.15pm. Stations of the Cross will be held during Lent.
- ♦ **Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament:** Friday 6 March after the 9:00am Mass at St John's, Northgate. Morning tea after Mass.

FEBRUARY PARISH BIRTHDAYS:

We will be celebrating the February Parish birthdays **NEXT** Sunday 22 February after 9:30am OLHC Mass. Please come along and join us!



We Pray for

Anniversaries: John Sparre, Rita Surawski, Nancy Zavaglia, Betty Friedman, Mabel Fogarty, Mary Hutchinson, Very Rev. Pedro Arrupe SJ, Br Cornelius Moloney cfa, Brian and Edwin Hazell, George Boldeman, Bruce Beale,

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

"The Journey Home" for Lent 2026 are available. 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.



Commemorative Mass – St John's Northgate Friday 27 February, 9am

On Friday 27 February at the 9am Mass, we will be commemorating the 468 Royal Australian Navy personal who lost their lives in the Sunda Strait during World War II.
All welcome.

The Parish Office will be closed:
Monday 23 February and Tuesday 24 February

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



SATURDAY 14 FEBRUARY

8AM TO 12 NOON
St John's Church Hall
688 Nudgee Road, Northgate
CASH ONLY

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/>





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



God's lighter side... Jesus was walking along one day, when He came upon a group of people surrounding a lady of ill repute. It was obvious that the crowd was preparing to stone her, so Jesus made His now-famous statement, "Let the person who has no sin cast the first stone." The crowd was shamed and one by one began to turn away. All of a sudden, a lovely little woman made her way through the crowd. Finally getting to the front, she tossed a pebble towards the woman. Jesus looks over and says, "I really hate it when you do that, Mum."



VISIT OUR MARKET DAY STALL!

WEDNESDAY 19TH FEBRUARY

10AM - 2PM

UQ ST LUCIA

QUT
CATHOLICS
WELCOME
WEEK

Visit our stall
QUT Gardens Point
Monday 16 February
11am - 2pm



PROJECT
COMPASSION

Project Compassion Sunday 14-15 of February 2026



This Lent, we are called to *Unite Against Poverty* through Caritas Australia's Project Compassion.

Your generosity this Lenten Season will enable Caritas Australia to provide life-changing support to vulnerable communities in need.

Please donate today.

You can support Project Compassion 2026 through the donation boxes, envelopes or by scanning the QR code.

Or online at: www.projectcompassion.org.au/donate

Or by calling: 1800 024 413

Thank you for standing with us, as we *Unite Against Poverty* this Lent.

NEWS FROM OUR PARISH SCHOOLS

Our Lady Help of Christians Catholic Primary School



On Wednesday we had a beautiful beginning to the school year. We gathered as a whole school community to officially open the school year, commission our 2026 Senior Leaders and welcome our new preps. It was a special moment, shared with staff, parents and parishioners, united under our 2026 theme *Courage to Be You!* Shine your GEM each day!

We are incredibly grateful to Fr Michael for leading us in prayer and helping set such a reflective and meaningful tone for the year ahead. A very big thank you to our students who participated so beautifully — they led with grace, confidence and pride. A big thanks also to the volunteers from the Parish for providing a lovely morning tea for our parents.

It was a wonderful way to begin the year together as a faith-filled courageous community.

Marie-Louise Stolberg Assistant to the Principal in Religious Education

St Agatha's Catholic Primary School

Senior Student Formation Day at St. Agatha's

On Thursday, our senior students took part in a Leadership Formation Day themed "*Step Forward with Courage,*" inspired by Mary MacKillop.

Students reflected on what it means to lead with faith, courage and compassion, explored their personal strengths, and participated in team building and reflection activities. We thank them for their positive engagement and the leadership they continue to show within the St Agatha's community.

As we enter the season of Lent, this focus on courage and kindness reminds us all to consider how we treat others and to strive to live with greater care, compassion and faith each day.

Jon Tracey Assistant Principal Religious Education

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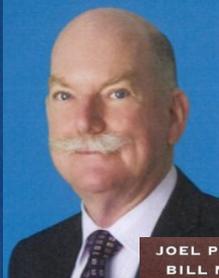
MENS DINNER

WHEN: SATURDAY 14TH
MARCH 2026
DINNER FROM 6PM
CHRIS FROM 7PM

COST: \$20 TO COVER
CHICKEN & SALAD
(BYO - LIMITED ALCOHOL
PROVIDED)

WHERE: OLHC PARISH
CENTRE
(9 BOWMAN ST, HENDRA)

CHRIS KENNEDY:
A JOURNEY FROM
PROPERTY GURU TO
PRISON CHAPLAIN



Bring your
mates and
sons!

RSVP:
Friday 13 March

JOEL PERKINS: 0438 241 524
BILL NOTT ON 0418 183 400

Chris Kennedy spent most of his professional life working as a property valuer specialising in the valuation of commercial and resort properties throughout Australia until retirement in 2016.

In 2005 he undertook the life changing journey of completing the "Full Spiritual Exercises of St Ignatius". This a life changing retreat undertaken in daily life which fuelled his passion for guiding others to come to a deeper relationship with God.

Acting on his passion from 2013 to 2017 Chris studied and graduated from the University of Divinity, Melbourne with a 'Master of Arts - Spiritual Direction'. Since graduation Chris has worked as a Spiritual Director with Jesuit Ignatian Spirituality Australia offering his skills in spiritual direction/companionship. Thus, offering individual and small group spiritual direction, the giving of the full spiritual exercises and the first spiritual and God field hospital exercises.

He also volunteers as the Catholic Prison Chaplain at the Palen Creek Correctional Centre via Beaudesert; is an active member of the Burleigh Heads Catholic Parish, Gold Coast; and is a serving team member with menALIVE Presentation Ministry.

St Agatha's Catholic Primary School



ST AGATHA'S
OPEN DAY

FRIDAY 6 MARCH 2025
8.45AM - 10 AM



Sunday Mass Rosters

Date	Reader Clayfield 8am Mass	Reader Clayfield 5:30pm Mass	Reader OLHC 9:30am Mass	Eucharistic Minister OLHC 9:30am Mass
15 February	Matthew Crossley Nam Tran	Louis Currie Karen Birtles	Olivia Hatch Henrietta Hatch	Robyn Jeynes Dona Rotolone
22 February	Beth Casey Paul Bartels	Andre Marino Amelia Marino-Cebulski	George, Clara and Sylvie Shillington	Louise Nott Barbara Nelson

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

22 FEBRUARY 2026

First Sunday of Lent

First Reading: Genesis 2:7-9; 3:1-7

Second Reading: Romans 5:12-19

Gospel: Matthew 4:1-11



Commemoration of Saints

March 2026

Tues 17 St Patrick, *bishop*

Thurs 19 St Joseph, *spouse of the Blessed Virgin Mary*

April 2026

Tues 28 St Peter Chanel, *priest, martyr*

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

May 2026

Sat 2 St Athanasius, *bishop, doctor*

Thurs 14 St Mattias, *apostle*



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: God in his wisdom predestined our glory before the ages began. Some people he predestined to be priests or religious - might you be one of them? List to the call!



Contact Vocation Brisbane. P: (07) 3336 9392

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

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