



Newsletter

CATHOLIC PARISHES

Clayfield ● Hendra ● Hamilton ● Northgate



SECOND SUNDAY OF LENT (YEAR A)

1 MARCH 2026

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Gospel Reflection *by Greg Sunter (Liturgy Help)*

In all three versions of this Transfiguration event that appear in the gospels of Matthew, Mark and Luke, the context in which the event occurs is identical. That's a little unusual with these three gospel writers who like to put their own spin on events and often play with the chronology or settings of events. However, in this case, all three writers report the Transfiguration event as taking place immediately after a particular sequence of events. Jesus has asked the disciples who they think he is and Peter has made his confession of faith by declaring that Jesus is the Messiah. This declaration is followed by Jesus teaching about the demands of discipleship and then the account of the Transfiguration. Furthermore, all three versions are directly followed by an account of a man who brings his possessed son to Jesus for healing after the disciples have tried and failed to cast out the demon.

When all three of the synoptic gospels use the same story with little variation and all three retain the same context around the event then there are some pretty clear signals that this was a commonly accepted sequence of events and their sequence holds significance. The core message of this sequence of stories is about the faith of the disciples. Whilst Peter declares Jesus to be the Messiah, he and the others don't really yet know what this means. In the Transfiguration, they are given the clearest possible indication of Jesus' identity and yet they're confused and scared by what they witness. The following failure by the disciples to cast out a demon shows that they still haven't understood fully who and what Jesus is.

During this Lenten season, like the disciples, we are called to consider who Jesus is and what role he plays in our lives.



STATIONS OF THE CROSS

OLHC Church

Every Tuesday, 1.00pm during Lent.

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 1 March

- 8.00am Mass** Morning tea hosted by:
Marie Deuble, Judy and Paul Bartels, Jane Cameron
- 5.30pm Mass** **Helpers are needed for our Pizza Nights.**



St Agatha's Parish Messages....

- ◆ Children's Liturgy **THIS SUNDAY 1 MARCH**, 8am MASS



Family Mass and morning tea SUNDAY 8 MARCH, 8AM

Would your child like to have a role/reading? Roles are open to all children! Please email Sandy: cantaruttis@bne.catholic.net.au
Please bring a plate to share for morning tea!!

HELPERS ARE NEEDED FOR OUR ONCE-A-MONTH PIZZA NIGHT AFTER THE 5.30PM MASSES. IF YOU ARE WILLING TO BE PART OF A ROSTER, PLEASE CONTACT ROSEMARY AT THE PARISH OFFICE.

- ◆ St Agatha's **EASTER RAFFLE**.
Tickets are \$2.00 each or 3 for \$5.00.
Drawn Sunday 29 March, 8am Mass



- ◆ **THURSDAY 5 MARCH 9AM MASS**
St Agatha's School Year 5/6 students will be attending the 9am Mass next Thursday 5 March. All welcome

In our prayers we remember. . . .

Those who have died recently:

Maureen Munt

Those who are sick: Peter Johnson Snr



What's happening in MOM Parish this week

Sunday 1 March

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



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

1 March: Lorelei Gozzard

8 March: Kate McLean

MOM Parish Messages....

- ◆ **PLAYGROUP** at the OLHC Primary School OSHC will be in recess until further notice.
- ◆ **LECTIO DIVINA** Sundays 11.00 - 11.45am (Parish Centre).
Using the *Journeying Home* 2026 Lenten reflection books.
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.
- ◆ **Anointing and Healing Mass:** Friday 13 March at the 9:00am Mass at St John's, Northgate. Morning tea after Mass. All welcome.

We Pray for

Recently deceased: Sr Margaret Mary Shannon SGS,
Sr Mary Johnson RSM, Marie McCarthy

Anniversaries: Trevor Hennessey, Zdenek Stodulka, Daniel Conanan, Pamela Gerrand, Giovanni Caniglia, Enid Magnani, Olive "Joy" Long, Fr Vincent Harkins OSM, Br David (Francis) White cfc, James O'Brien

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

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

WILL YOU GIVE JESUS ONE HOUR OR YOUR TIME EVERY WEEK?

Eucharistic Adoration will resume at the Parish on St Patrick's Day (Tuesday 17th March) at Our Lady Help of Christians. The aim is to offer Adoration from Monday mornings through to Wednesday mornings. However, we will be starting with Tuesday through to Wednesday, until more adorers volunteer their time. There are particular vacancies in the afternoons on both Mondays & Tuesdays. People are needed to ensure that there are at least two permanent adorers at every hour.

Everyone is encouraged to sign up for at least **ONE HOLY HOUR EVERY WEEK**. If the Lord has touched your heart to be part of this incredibly fruitful devotional practice, please contact Colina via email at northside.adoration.bn@gmail.com

IMPORTANT EUCHARISTIC ADORATION MEETING: SATURDAY 14TH MARCH at 10.00am at Our Lady Help of Christians Church

- For all adorers and those interested in becoming adorers:
- All permanent (dedicated) adorers must be registered with the Parish.
- All nocturnal (night hours) casual adorers must be registered with the Parish.
- Only registered adorers will be able to access the Church outside of parish office hours.



PRAYER SUPPORT THIS Sunday 1 March after the 9.30am Mass at OLHC Church, Hendra.

The next **GOSPEL REFLECTION GROUP** will meet **NEXT TUESDAY 3 MARCH** 9.30am in the Parish Centre Hendra.



Parishes Women's Dinner
Saturday 14 March, 5.45pm
at Hu Tong Li Restaurant,
near Woolies on Nudgee Rd, Ascot.
Questions or RSVPs to Mary G, Louise, Kathleen or Lynn



Captain Hec Waller was one of many remembered at the memorial Mass at St John's on Friday 27 February Captain Hec Waller was killed in action in the sinking of HMAS Perth in the Sunda Strait in the Dutch East Indies (now Indonesia) on the night of 28 Feb/1 March 1942. He was born in Benalla, Victoria in 1900 and had a distinguished 21-year career as an officer in the Royal Australian Navy. In 1941, he fought in the Mediterranean Sea as captain of HMAS Stuart and later HMAS Vampire. As leader of a battle flotilla of destroyers, minesweepers and auxiliary vessels, he took part in the Battle of Bardia, the attack on Tobruk and the Allied landings in Greece. An admired, highly respected Captain, he was awarded the Distinguished Service Order with Bar for leadership and bravery. He took command of HMAS Perth in Sydney in October 1941. The ship joined the American British Dutch Australian Command allied fleet in late February 1942 to attempt a defence of the Dutch East Indies. That fleet suffered a major defeat by an overwhelming Japanese Naval force in the Battle of the Java Sea. Shortly after that battle, HMAS Perth and the US Navy's heavy cruiser USS Houston attempted to pass southwards through the Sunda Strait between Sumatra and Java on 28 February 1942. They were intercepted by a powerful Japanese invasion fleet. In that battle, they disposed of four Japanese transport ships and a minesweeper before they were both sunk. HMAS Perth's guns expended all ammunition. 357 of the HMAS Perth's complement of 686 were killed in action in that sinking. 310 survivors became Prisoners of War. A memorial to Captain Waller was unveiled in his home town of Benalla in 2010. His uniforms and medals are displayed in a museum in that city.



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



Representatives for World Day of Prayer

Would you be interested in being a representative for the Catholic Churches who are part of the Clayfield/Hamilton World Day of Prayer Committee? Our committee, active for around 40 years, would welcome new faces to join our local group in promoting this international movement of Christian fellowship. We are made up of local Catholic, Anglican, Uniting Church, Baptist, Presbyterian and other Christian communities. Currently Mary Nicholls has assumed the role of coordinating for OLHC, St Agatha's and St Cecilia's Churches. This year OLHC is hosting the service which focuses on Nigeria, with Guest Speaker Helen Fernandes. We will be donating to the Bible Society WDP project and Leprosy Mission Australia. Next year WDoP celebrates its 100th year with the theme *United in prayer for justice and peace*.

Please come along to the service on the 6th of March and join in Christian fellowship and prayer; please speak to Mary about joining the committee as a representative. Duties are light, but the rewards are many. Mary's contact: 0408080723.

NEWS FROM OUR PARISH SCHOOLS

Our Lady Help of Christians Catholic Primary School

Last week as a school community we celebrated Wellbeing Week, our halfway mark of the term. This is an important week to slow down and regenerate after an amazing start to the year of learning and growing.

During this week each day is themed and children, staff and parents enjoy no homework and lots of mindful activities that help us reset. The students particularly loved the extended play break and the opportunity to connect with their buddies. Meditation and mindfulness colouring was also a great way to cool down after our hot playtimes this week.

On Wellbeing Wednesday OLHC was transformed into a sea of colour as part of our Wellbeing Week celebrations! Our pathways came alive with vibrant chalk drawings, beautiful pictures and uplifting words reflecting the kindness, happiness, gratitude, empathy and mindfulness that fill our school each and every day. Our students loved expressing these positive emotions in such a fun and creative way — a beautiful reminder that wellbeing isn't just something we talk about, it's something we live and share together as a community.

Marie-Louise Stolberg Assistant to the Principal in Religious Education

St Agatha's Catholic Primary School

Last week, our students from Years 3-6 represented St. Agatha's with pride at the Swimming Carnival, many showing remarkable courage as they stepped up to participate. Embodying our 2026 theme, **Step Forward with Courage**, inspired by Mary MacKillop, we saw students giving things a go, cheering each other on, and persevering - whether competing in races or simply pushing themselves to try something new. Their willingness to support their friends and put in their best effort was a true reflection of living our faith through action.

We're now looking forward to our Year 6 Leadership Commissioning next Wednesday afternoon, when our senior students will be presented with their leadership badges and senior shirts. As they take on their new roles, we pray they continue to show courage - leading by example in their learning, sport, and relationships, and striving each day to act justly, act kindly, and walk humbly within our school and parish community. Take Care and God Bless

Jon Tracey Assistant Principal Religious Education

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Caritas
AUSTRALIA

PROJECT
COMPASSION

Project Compassion Sunday 28 February - 1 March 2026

Sisilia is a 13-year-old girl living in remote Tanzania, who had to walk long distances to collect water every day. Thanks to Project Compassion, Sisilia's school and village now have safe clean water close by and she can spend more time studying so she can fulfil her dream of one day becoming a pilot.

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*.

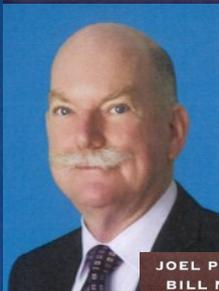
MENS DINNER

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

WHY DO WE PRAY?

https://youtu.be/LXlSrglaxql?si=b5e7UNI_9SQxg9gY



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
1 March	Terry Manso Annette Riba	Matteo Tickner Louis Currie	Neville Canham Mary Nichols	Lorelei Gozzard Kate McLean
8 March	Family Mass	Giselle Hossinger Catie Kelly	Robyn Jaynes Cutella Dias	Robyn Jaynes 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

8 MARCH 2026

Second Sunday of Lent

First Reading: Exodus 17:3-7

Second Reading: Romans 5:1-2, 5-8

Gospel: John 4:5-16, 19-26, 39-42



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 Matthias, *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: The Lord called Abraham to go forth to a new land and begin a new nation. There is no telling what we can become by responding to the Lord's invitation to us.



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

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