

# Newsletter

## CATHOLIC PARISHES

Clayfield ● Hendra ● Hamilton ● Northgate



**THIRD SUNDAY OF LENT (YEAR A)**

**8 MARCH 2026**

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It might be tempting, during this season of Lent, to imagine that it is by our efforts - and in particular by the practice of our Lenten disciplines - that we can enter into a state of 'grace' (favour) with God. After all, during this season we place a special emphasis on prayer, fasting and almsgiving - that is to say, on 'good works' and discipline. Thus, the Church gives us a timely reminder in this weekend's readings that it is by faith in Christ that we are adjudged righteous, and that the one who has worked so that we might enter into a state of grace is Jesus himself.



Fr Michael Grace

Here we need to exercise careful thinking, lest we fall into an ultimately unhelpful rigidity of terms and hard distinctions. For faith is not opposed to good works; indeed, good works often flow from, and give concrete expression to, faith. Prayer, fasting and charitable giving apart from Christ will not bring us righteousness before God. However, these actions, when they flow as a response to the gracious offer of life given by the Father through Christ, have unquestionable value. In disciplining our instincts and appetites, we are freed to focus instead upon God, who is the true source of our life.

Let me also take this opportunity to acknowledge and thank the women of our community as we celebrate International Women's Day this weekend. It goes without saying - and yet it is still important to acknowledge - that the contribution of so many women, as they bring their diverse gifts and talents to bear, is truly fundamental in making our community what it is. Thank you for your faith, intelligence, passion and drive.



Blessings,  
Fr Michael

**IT'S FINALLY HAPPENING ...** The works on the ramp area at the front of St Agatha's Church have been approved and are expected to start soon, with safety fencing, skip bins and a site shed installed.

These works are expected to take from 10-12 weeks and therefore unfortunately there will be some disruption until approximately early May.

Hopefully there will still be some limited access to the disabled parking, but this cannot be guaranteed.



**Sunday 8 March**

International *Women's* Day



**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 March

**8.00am Mass** Morning tea hosted by:  
The Community and Mission Council team



**5.30pm Mass** Helpers are needed for our Pizza Nights.

### St Agatha's Parish Messages....

- ◆ **NO Children's Liturgy** this Sunday 8th.



## Family Mass

**THIS SUNDAY 8 MARCH, 8AM**

**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**.  
Drawn Sunday 29 March, 8am Mass



### 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 are sick:** Peter Johnson Snr



## What's happening in MOM Parish this week

### Sunday 8 March

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



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

**8 March:** Kate McLean

**15 March:** Anne Carroll

### MOM Parish Messages....

- ◆ **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.
- ◆ **Anointing and Healing Mass:** Friday 13 March at the 9:00am Mass at St John's, Northgate. Morning tea after Mass. All welcome.
- ◆ **No 9am Mass at St John's, Northgate on Friday 3 April.**  
Stations of the Cross will be held at 10am.
- ◆ **Prayer Support :** Sunday 5 April after the 9.30am Mass at OLHC Church, Hendra.

### We Pray for ....

**Recently deceased:** Sr Gabrielle Ryan RSM, Mary Murrins



**Anniversaries:** Brian Boyle, Joseph Goff, Gloria Sfetina, Harold Pudniks, Louis Hailey, Stanley Obi, William Redmond, Colleen O'Brien, Phillis Sullivan, Colin Jackson, Archbishop John Bathersby DD, Fr Peter Gillam, Mary Curtin, Kathleen Curtin

**Sick:** Henri Laher, 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](mailto: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.



### 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

### BOARD GAMES SOCIAL EVENT ALL WELCOME!!

You are invited to join a group of parishioners who will meet at the MoM parish centre at 2.00pm Sunday 22nd March to play games such as Herd Mentality/



Balderdash/Scattergories/Pictionary/Articulate.

BYO drinks & optional snacks to share.

No need to rsvp. If you have questions, ask Lynn / Dave / Joe / Ash / Kathleen / Louise.



Archbishop Shane Mackinlay  
invites you to the annual

## CHRISM MASS

Thursday 26th March 2026

7:00pm

Cathedral of St Stephen

249 Elizabeth Street, Brisbane

A celebration for the entire Archdiocese

All Welcome

The undercover carpark will be available

from 6:00pm



## STATIONS OF THE CROSS

OLHC Church

Every Tuesday, 1.00pm during Lent.

St Agatha's Church

Every Thursday, 8.30am during Lent.



<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=pO4tj2lPpQE>

### HOW DO WE PRAY?



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## Project Compassion Sunday 7 - 8 March 2026



Monoranjon lives in a village in Bangladesh close to the sea, where floods and storms often damage his crops and his home. With support from Project Compassion, he learnt climate-resilient farming techniques and new ways to diversify his income, helping his family survive and build a safer, more sustainable future.

**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](http://www.projectcompassion.org.au/donate)

Or by calling: 1800 024 413

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

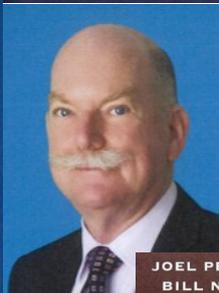
## MENS DINNER

**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

## PARISH COMMUNITY



### THIS SATURDAY 7 MARCH

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

## EASTER 2026 – Holy Week Liturgies



Mother of Mercy Parish and  
St Agatha's Parish



### 2nd Rite Reconciliation

6.00 - 7.00pm Wednesday 1 April St Agatha's, Clayfield

### Holy Thursday - 2 April

Mass of the Lord's Supper 6.30pm St Agatha's, Clayfield

7:00pm OLHC Church, Hendra

### Good Friday – 3 April

Stations of the Cross 10.00am St Agatha's, Clayfield

10:00am St John's Church, Northgate

The Lord's Passion 3.00pm St Agatha's, Clayfield

3:00pm OLHC Church, Hendra

### Holy Saturday – 4 April

Easter Vigil Mass 6.30pm St Agatha's, Clayfield

7:00pm OLHC Church, Hendra

### Easter Sunday – 5 April

Easter Sunday Mass 8.00am St Agatha's, Clayfield

9:30am OLHC Church, Hendra

No evening Mass on Easter Sunday

## NEWS FROM OUR PARISH SCHOOLS

### Our Lady Help of Christians Catholic Primary School

As always at OLHC it was easy to find our GEM this week. On Thursday we had our Year 2-6 swimming carnival. It was great to see all the children participate so happily and give their best in all they did. We were so proud to see such wonderful sportsmanship on display throughout the day, cheering each other on, trying their best and showing true house pride. A big thank you to staff and parents for all their help to make this such a successful day.

We have started school tours and Prep interviews for 2027. Our prep sibling interviews have now been completed and we have now begun our interviews for our new families this week. If you want to enrol your child in prep for 2027, please contact our office to enrol at: [phendra@bne.catholic.edu.au](mailto:phendra@bne.catholic.edu.au)

This Sunday we stop to acknowledge International Women's Day (IWD), which has been celebrated for over a hundred years. IWD belongs to all who care about gender equality, celebrate women's achievement, raise awareness about discrimination and take action to forge gender parity. Take time to acknowledge the special women in your life this Sunday.

**Feminism is not just about women; it's about letting all people lead fuller lives... Jane Fonda**

**Marie-Louise Stolberg** Assistant to the Principal in Religious Education

### St Agatha's Catholic Primary School

#### Leadership Commissioning

On Wednesday, our Year 6 students were officially commissioned as school leaders. It was a special occasion as they committed themselves to leading our school community with responsibility and care.

Thank you to our Year 5 students and parents who kindly provided afternoon tea for the Year 6 cohort and their families. We also extend our thanks to Fr Michael, who blessed and presented the senior shirts and badges.

We look forward to the Parish Family Mass this Sunday!

Take care and God Bless

**Jon Tracey** Assistant Principal Religious Education

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# Sunday Mass Rosters

Date	Reader Clayfield 8am Mass	Reader Clayfield 5:30pm Mass	Reader OLHC 9:30am Mass	Eucharistic Minister OLHC 9:30am Mass
<b>8 March</b>	Family Mass	Giselle Hossinger Catie Kelly	Robyn Jeynes Cutella Dias	Robyn Jeynes Barbara Nelson
<b>15 March</b>	Jane Arkinstall Erin Bledsoe	Leanne McDowall Joel Perkins	Angela Devereux Rosemary Woods	Louise Nott 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](mailto: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 MARCH 2026**

**Fourth Sunday of Lent**

**First Reading:** 1 Samuel 16:1, 6-7, 10-13

**Second Reading:** Ephesians 5:8-14

**Gospel:** John 9:1, 6-9, 13-17, 34-38



### 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:** Only the Lord can give true living water, the fullness of life. Our body cannot survive without water; our spirit cannot survive without living water. Now is the time to renew our lives in water and Spirit of Baptism.



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