



Newsletter

CATHOLIC PARISHES

Clayfield ● Hendra ● Hamilton ● Northgate



FOURTH SUNDAY OF LENT (YEAR A)

15 MARCH 2026

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Rejoice! It may seem an abrupt declaration in the middle of Lent! And perhaps especially so given the backdrop of anxiety we currently inhabit, aware of conflict and disturbance around the world. Yet here boldness is necessary. This fourth Sunday of Lent is known as Laetare Sunday - from the Latin for 'rejoice' - and it is indeed timely. We rejoice because the great feast of Easter draws near, the feast of our salvation. Joy does not always come spontaneously, but the Christian always has reason for it. When we allow our minds to contemplate the immensity of God's love for us, and the glorious hope that awaits us, we discover a deep well of joy from which we can freely draw. At Easter we will give that joy its fullest expression, but even now, at Lent's midpoint, we allow it to rise to the surface - to move us and encourage us on our holy pilgrimage.



Fr Michael Grace

Our joy is not only for ourselves, it is called to be a service for our world. This week's second reading reminds us that all humanity must contend with darkness and brokenness. "You were darkness once" - yet St Paul's message is one of profound hope: "but now you are light in the Lord." Light not merely for ourselves, but for the world. Let our expression of joy be like a burst of light!

As we journey toward Easter, may we grow in anticipation and joy. We await the coming of light - for Christ is that light in the darkness, which the darkness can neither overcome nor comprehend.

A Note on Our Newsletter

You may notice a small but meaningful change to how we list anniversaries and remember our deceased. I believe deeply in our call to pray for one another - not only within our local congregation, but across the broader Mother of Mercy & St Agatha's community. From now on, rather than listing anniversaries separately for each parish, we will combine them into one. This reflects both our growing sense of community and the simple reality that where people worship and belong has become more fluid. Let us hold all our faithful departed together in prayer.

Blessings,
Fr Michael

IT'S FINALLY HAPPENING ... The works on the ramp area at the front of St Agatha's Church have commenced. 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.



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 March

8.00am Mass Morning tea hosted by:
Gloria Lee, Mel Lillcrap, Anna Chetcuti

5.30pm Mass **Pizza Night**



St Agatha's Parish Messages....

- ◆ **Children's Liturgy** this Sunday 15th

BAPTISMAL JOY!! This Sunday at St Agatha's we welcome with great joy four new members of Christ's faithful people:

Theodore Russell, son of Steven and Lucy

Edward Beutel, son of Scott and Caitlin

Arabella and Hugo Dimsey, children of James and Rebecca

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

- ◆ St Agatha's **EASTER RAFFLE.**

Drawn Sunday 29 March, 8am Mass



- ◆ **THURSDAY 19 MARCH 9AM MASS** St Agatha's School Year 4 students will be attending the 9am Mass next Thursday 19 March. All welcome

St Agatha's Planned Giving Envelope Users:

Planned Giving Envelopes are ready for collection at the entrance of the Church.

These envelopes begin on Sunday 5 April 2026.

Please collect your packet today. Please discard of any 2025 envelopes as of Sunday 5 April.

What's happening in MOM Parish this week

Sunday 15 March

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



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

15 March: Anne Carroll

22 March: Jen Cridland

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.

- ◆ **OLHC School Buddy Mass** will be held on **NEXT** Wednesday 18 March at 8.45am. All welcome!!

- ◆ **OLHC School Parish Mass** will be held on **NEXT** Sunday 22 March at 9.00am.

- ◆ **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.

- ◆ The next **Gospel Reflection Group** will be held on Tuesday 7 April 9.30am in the Parish Centre Hendra. All welcome.

- ◆ **Anointing and Healing Mass**: Friday 10 April at the 9:00am Mass at St John's, Northgate. Morning tea after Mass. All welcome.

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

Together we pray for



Recently deceased: Ivy Adams, Brian Dowd, Cecil Dowd, Roy Phillips, Juliet Quinlan

Anniversaries: William White, Joseph Brewer, Dr Ernest Cramond, Irvine Felsman, Joan Moroney, Yvonne Brittan, John Abrahams, Paul Neylan, Fr Gerard Dore, Betty Woulfe, Cardinal James Freeman, Cardinal Thomas Williams, Archbishop Guildford Young

Sick: Peter Johnson Snr, Henri Laher, Margaret Donelan, Greg Donelan, Brad Ryan, Betty Mahoney, Rosaria Fazio, Michael Hardy, Maria Ward

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: THIS 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.



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.



Awaken In Christ in collaboration with Catholic Charismatic Renewal Brisbane invite you to join with us for a one day retreat.

When: Saturday 21 March

Time: 10am - 3pm (BYO Lunch) tea and coffee provided.

Where: Twelve Apostles Catholic Church, 111 Yallambee Road Jindalee

Contact: Ellen 0488 220 606 or Len 0421 977 849

Mass starts at 10am with Fr Neville Yun. Arrive early to get your seats.

STATIONS OF THE CROSS

OLHC Church

Every Tuesday, 1.00pm during Lent.

St Agatha's Church

Every Thursday, 8.30am during Lent.



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

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



Caritas
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Project Compassion Sunday 14 - 15 March 2026



Life was hard for Manaini and her children living in rural Fiji. With the support from Caritas Australia's partner, FRIEND, she learnt food processing and gardening skills, improving nutrition and creating new income opportunities to support her children's education.

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.*

St Patrick's Day Mass 2026

The Annual St Patrick's Day Mass, organised by the St Patrick's Day Parade Association, will be celebrated again this year in the **Cathedral of St Stephen** at **10.00am on Tuesday 17 March 2026**.

Fr Gerard McMorro will be the celebrant.

All are invited to attend. And, for those who may be unable to do so, the Mass will be live-streamed on this link -

[Mass live stream - Archdiocese of Brisbane](#)

You may wish to pass the link on to someone overseas.

And we invite you also to join your fellow attendees for morning tea afterwards in the Hanly Room.



St Agatha's Catholic Primary School

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For details phone 3326 9222 or

visit www.stagathascayfield.qld.edu.au/enrolments

NEWS FROM OUR PARISH SCHOOLS

Our Lady Help of Christians Catholic Primary School

At OLHC our week began with celebrating International Women's Day and all the wonderful women who work at our school and help make it the very special place it is. The staff enjoyed a pot luck lunch on Monday and a **♥** Brownie to say thank you for all they do. It was a lovely way to start our week.

As we continue our Lenten Journey our community is reminded of the importance of taking time to **Pray / Fast and Give**. As part of our support for Project Compassion on Friday we began our fundraising with a **Blue Day! Every drop counts**. On this day students were asked to dress in the colour of clean water. Our students and staff took the challenge very seriously and we had a huge sea of blue flowing through OLHC. Thank you to everyone for helping those less fortunate than us and supporting the great work Caritas does. What a great start to our fundraising adventure.

During the next 3 weeks we will be participating in a variety of water themed activities to encourage our community to 'Unite Against Poverty' and help provide communities with clean water and better sanitary options.

Marie-Louise Stolberg Assistant to the Principal in Religious Education



St Agatha's Catholic Primary School

Last Sunday, we celebrated our first Family Mass of the year at St Agatha's, bringing together many families for a meaningful morning of worship and fellowship. Heartfelt thanks go to Fr Michael, Sandra Cantarutti, and everyone who helped make the Mass warm and welcoming for all.

During Wellbeing Week, students explored self-expression through a creative self-portrait art session, generously supported by the P&F. We are especially grateful to Deb Cavallaro and Rod Turpin for leading the activity with our classes.

Looking ahead, we will celebrate Harmony Day on Friday, 20 March. All students are encouraged to add a splash of orange to their uniform to show their commitment to inclusivity, respect, and a sense of belonging for everyone.

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
15 March	Jane Arkinstall Erin Bledsoe	Leanne McDowall Joel Perkins	Angela Devereux Rosemary Woods	Louise Nott Dona Rotolone
22 March	Phill Ryan Joseph O'Brien	Andre Marino Amelia Marino-Cebulski	George, Clara, Sylvie Shillington	Kate McLean 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 MARCH 2026

Fifth Sunday of Lent

First Reading: Ezekiel 37:12-14

Second Reading: Romans 8:8-11

Gospel: John 11:3-7, 17, 20-27, 33-45



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: If we cannot see where we are going, we will never get there. The Good Shepherd leads us to green pastures, refreshes our souls and brings light to a darkened world.



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