



Newsletter

CATHOLIC PARISHES

Clayfield ● Hendra ● Hamilton ● Northgate



FIFTH SUNDAY OF LENT (YEAR A)

22 MARCH 2026

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What drives me? This is a fundamental question that bears considerable attention. At the most basic level, often even before a thought has arisen within us, we will be driven by our appetites and instincts. Furthermore, we are driven by a range of cultural assumptions - again, many operative in a way that we are scarcely conscious of. We are delighted by our senses and drawn by that which is apparent to us. Our emotions must drive us too, though in a way which is regulated by values and the engagement of our wills. Yet all this must come towards some kind of a whole - or else, we would be scattered in thought and motivation, pulled this way and that by our varied desires.



Fr Michael Grace

The world proposes various answers as to what this 'whole' should be: Self-attainment, the pursuit of happiness, success, material comfort and pleasure, and so on. These will all prove insufficient. We are made for more, for greatness. Indeed, the heart of men and women is ordered not just toward the material, but by the Spirit toward the spiritual, the infinite, and the eternal. We are made by God and for God.

St Paul writes, in this weekend's second reading, that *"People who are interested only in unspiritual things can never be pleasing to God."* The things of this world are blessings meant to be enjoyed - but ultimately, if they function as a substitute for the one who is the source of every blessing, then they lead only and inevitably towards death.

During Lent, we seek to restrain our appetites and become sensitive to our deeper desires. For it is the *"Spirit of Him who raised Jesus from the dead... who will give life to your mortal bodies through His Spirit living in you."* Now, more than ever, may our interest be directed towards the spiritual; that we may attain the fullness of life promised to us in Christ.



Blessings,
Fr Michael



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 22 March

8.00am Mass Morning tea hosted by:
Linett, Grevin, Biju, Dani

5.30pm Mass



St Agatha's Parish Messages....

- ◆ **Children's Liturgy** this Sunday 22nd.

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

Mia, Mila and Hazel

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

- ◆ St Agatha's **EASTER RAFFLE**.
Drawn **NEXT** Sunday 29 March, 8am Mass



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 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 22 March

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



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

22 March: Jen Cridland

29 March: Rosemary Woods

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 25 March at 8.45am. 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.

- ◆ **EASTER EGGS WANTED:** The Parish would be very grateful for the donation of packets of small easter eggs for our Easter Egg Hunt after the 9.30am Mass on Easter Sunday. Please place in collection basket at all Church's foyer areas.



MARCH PARISH BIRTHDAYS: We will be celebrating the March Parish birthdays **NEXT** Sunday 29 March after 9:30am OLHC Mass. Please come along and join us!



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

Together we pray for



Recently deceased: Dennis Mulheran, Sr Bernice Langsdorf RSM,

Anniversaries: Reg Shun Wah (Snr), Ivy Adams, Brian Dowd, Cecil Dowd, Roy Phillips, William White, Bishop James Cuskelly MSC, Francis and Richard Martin, Barbara Hanlon, Mary McDonald, Dr Francis McDonnell, Royal Atkins, Robert McGee, Raymond Stockwell, Frank Vidgen, Eileen Anderson, Aileen Kavanagh

Sick: Daniel Andrews, Aaron Andrews, 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 Tuesday through to Wednesday 8.30am at OLHC.

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



2nd Rite of Reconciliation

2nd Rite of Reconciliation will be held at St Agatha's Church, Clayfield on Wednesday 1 April 6.00pm – 7.00pm.

2026

2026 Prayer Calendar

The 2026 Prayer Calendar for Seminarians and Priests are now available at the entrance of all Churches. Please take one home to prayer for the nineteen seminarians by name and be a part of their journey in faith.



BOARD GAMES SOCIAL EVENT ALL WELCOME!!

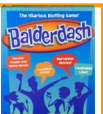
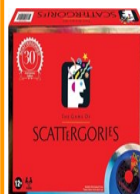
You are invited to join a group of parishioners who will meet at the MoM parish centre at 2.00pm

THIS Sunday 22nd March to play games such as Herd Mentality/Balderdash/Scattergories/Pictionary/Articulate.

BYO drinks & optional snacks to share.

No need to RSVP.

Simply turn up for an afternoon of fun!!



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

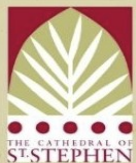
7:00pm

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
AUSTRALIA

PROJECT
COMPASSION

Project Compassion Sunday 21 - 22 March 2026

Since October 2023, Caritas Jerusalem staff in Gaza have endured displacement, personal loss, and danger alongside the communities they serve. Despite unimaginable challenges, they remain committed to providing lifesaving support, standing in solidarity with families enduring this conflict.

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 Agatha's Catholic Primary School

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our school



Enrol Now for Prep 2027 and beyond

For details phone 3326 9222 or

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



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NEWS FROM OUR PARISH SCHOOLS

Our Lady Help of Christians Catholic Primary School

Thank you to everyone for their support so far with our Project compassion. Caritas is such a proactive and wonderful organisation which is great for our school to be involved with. On Thursday we had our 'Chilled for a Cause' day. This was advertised and organised by our Senior Leaders, and the ice blocks were sold by the Year 6 class. On the day we raised \$255 which was a fantastic effort. So far through our money boxes, Blue Day, and Chilled for a Cause we have raised \$665. We are trying to raise \$2000 by Easter.

This week in our classes our students took time to acknowledge St Patrick and St Joseph's feast days with a variety of prayer and craft activities. It was wonderful to see the diversity of ideas and creativity used to acknowledge these great saints.

We finished the week by celebrating the end of Harmony Week with Harmony Day. All the students were invited to wear orange or their cultural colours as an opportunity to show how wonderfully diverse and different we all are.

At our assembly next Tuesday, March 24 our senior year students will be receiving their Senior Shirts. This is an exciting time for our seniors as this is another wonderful acknowledgement of the importance of their role in our school. All parents are invited to join us if they are free.

Marie-Louise Stolberg Assistant to the Principal in Religious Education

St Agatha's Catholic Primary School

Harmony Day

Our school community joyfully marked Harmony Day with a prayer at the start of the day. It was wonderful to see so many students wearing a splash of orange as we celebrated the rich diversity of cultures within our school. Throughout the day, students engaged in some classroom activities that explored the meaning of Harmony Day, reflecting on respect, inclusion, and the importance of ensuring that everyone feels a sense of belonging. This celebration encourages all of us to appreciate our differences, embrace one another, and work together to create a community where everyone can live in harmony.

Take care and God Bless

Jon Tracey Assistant Principal Religious Education

GROWTH · FRIENDSHIP · FAITH



Sunday Mass Rosters

Date	Reader Clayfield 8am Mass	Reader Clayfield 5:30pm Mass	Reader OLHC 9:30am Mass	Eucharistic Minister OLHC 9:30am Mass
22 March	Dianne Eden Joseph O'Brien	Leanne McDowall Karen Birtles	School Parish Mass	Kate McLean Barbara Nelson
29 March	Beth Casey Paul Bartels	Chris Begley Matteo Tickner	Serena Varendorff Bill Nott	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 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

29 MARCH 2026

Palm Sunday of the Passion of the Lord

First Reading: Isaiah 50:4-7

Second Reading: Philippians 2:6-11

Gospel: Matthew 26:14-27:66



Commemoration of Saints

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*

Mon 25 Our Lady, Help of Christians

Tues 26 St Philip Neri, *priest*

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: Seeing physically dead people return to life is not a common event. But Christians, serious about their vocation, are eager to help the "down and out" find new meaning in Christ and live a full life.



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

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