



Newsletter

CATHOLIC PARISHES

Clayfield ● Hendra ● Hamilton ● Northgate



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This week we enter into the mystery that lies at the very heart of our faith. It is Holy Week, the time when we celebrate in a particular way the passion, death, and resurrection of Jesus Christ.



Fr Michael Grace

During these sacred days we journey with Christ as he labours for our salvation. Here we see the grace of God writ large. Christ's death is for our sins, and in his resurrection we too are raised to new life. Yet we are not mere observers of these events. By uniting ourselves with the sacrifice of Christ - through prayer, through attendance at the Holy Week liturgies, and especially through participation in the sacraments - we are drawn into this mystery ourselves. What we celebrate symbolically in the liturgy becomes, by God's grace, something real within us: the forgiveness of sins and the restoration of our relationship with our heavenly Father.

One particularly beautiful way to participate in this grace during Holy Week is through the **Sacrament of Reconciliation**. This Wednesday evening at St Agatha's we will celebrate the Second Rite of Reconciliation: a communal liturgy that includes individual confession (best kept brief!) and absolution. In this sacrament the Lord offers us his mercy, forgiving our sins and preparing our hearts to celebrate with renewed joy the resurrection of Christ.

I warmly invite you to come along, especially if you have fallen out of the habit of celebrating this sacrament - as many have. There is no better time than now. For those who are travelling away, please keep safe and have a wonderful time.

Wishing you all a blessed and grace-filled Holy Week.

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 29 March

8.00am Mass Morning tea hosted by:
Jane Arkinstall and helpers

5.30pm Mass



St Agatha's Parish Messages....

- ◆ Children's Liturgy this Sunday 29th.

◆ STATIONS OF THE CROSS - St Agatha's Church

Thursday 26 March, 8.30am

◆ St Agatha's EASTER RAFFLE.

Drawn THIS Sunday 29 March, 8am Mass



◆ PIZZA EVENINGS



Helpers are needed for our once-a-month pizza night after the 5.30pm Mass. If you are able to assist with this and be part of a roster, please contact Rosemary at the Parish Office. The next pizza evening is Sunday 19 April.

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 29 March

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



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

29 March: Rosemary Woods

5 April: Lynn Rogers

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

Anniversaries: Edward (Ted) Howard, Lina Ambrosini, Reg Shun Wah (Snr), Edgar Adams, Idalina Abreu, Iris Brasch, Bishop Michael Putney, Fr Dominic Cremasco SVD, Harold Lawson, Wayne Palmer, Bert Vanderham,

Sick: Daniel Andrews, Aaron Andrews, Peter Francis Johnson, 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.



As Our Lady Help of Christians Church is now using real candles for Mass could we please ask that parishioners:

- * extinguish flames carefully using candle snuffer on back Altar table.
- * wait until wax has set before moving candle from the altar.



This means we can all enjoy the light as well as avoid hot wax spills. Many thanks!

HOLY LAND COLLECTION - GOOD FRIDAY 3 APRIL

The annual collection for the support of the Church in the Holy Land will take place on Good Friday April 3rd. This collection promotes the missionary work of the Church in the Holy Land by providing welfare assistance to local Christians in areas such as health, education, employment and housing. The Holy Land continues facing an income shortfall in funds due to the ongoing effects of the Pandemic, the war in Gaza and now the war in Iran, all of which discourage or totally prevent pilgrims coming to the Holy Land. Catholics around the world are encouraged to be as generous as possible.

Envelopes will be available this weekend 28/29 March.

Please take one home and return on Good Friday or alternatively place in the collection plate at the Easter liturgies.

Thank you for your generosity.



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Project Compassion Sunday 28 - 29 March 2026

As Project Compassion 2026 comes to a close, we thank you for your generous support throughout Lent. This year, we shared the stories of inspiring people whose lives are being uplifted through your compassion. Your support is helping them overcome challenges and build stronger futures. There is still time to donate! Together, we can continue nurturing hope and empowering communities facing poverty and injustice.

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.*

INVITATION TO AN ANOINTING MASS

An invitation is extended to the people of the Archdiocese to attend the monthly Anointing Mass at St. Mary Magdalene's Church, 51 Cecil Road, Bardon, Friday 10th April 7.30pm. (3rd April is Good Friday, no Mass.)

Fr. Neville Yun, CCR Brisbane Chaplain will be the celebrant. The Sacrament of Anointing will be administered during the Mass and further prayer ministry will be available after Mass.

For more information, contact Len Airey on 0421 977 849 or by email to lenpatairey@gmail.com

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For details phone 3326 9222 or

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

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

It was amazing to see such a wonderful turnout at our Parish School Mass on Sunday. It was a beautiful morning spent together as a faith-filled community, coming together in prayer and reflection during this important season of Lent.

We sincerely thank all of our families and parishioners who joined us. Your presence continues to strengthen the special bond between our parish and school community which we are so lucky to have. A special thanks to all the children who assisted with reading, altar serving and offertory.

On Wednesday we continued our Project Compassion fund raising with our 'Water Drops Equals Life Drops'. Students were able to buy a water drop to help those in our world who struggle to get clean water. Our mission during Lent is to help Caritas to support communities who are not as lucky as we are in Hendra. Next week we will conclude our Project Compassion fundraising with our 'Big Walk for Water' which the students are very excited about as we come together to Unite Against Poverty

Marie-Louise Stolberg Assistant to the Principal in Religious Education

St Agatha's Catholic Primary School

Celebration of Learning

This week, we were delighted to welcome parents and carers into our classrooms to witness firsthand the outstanding learning that has taken place throughout Term 1. The Celebration of Learning offered students a chance to proudly display their work while families engaged with the daily teaching and learning at St Agatha's. Thank you to everyone who attended and encouraged our students in their efforts.

Holy Week Next Week

As we approach the end of term, we look forward to Holy Week in Week 10, an important period in our liturgical calendar. On Thursday, the entire school will come together for a special liturgy, praying and reflecting on the Stations of the Cross. This cherished tradition at St Agatha's offers a meaningful opportunity for students and staff to journey together through the final days of Lent. We encourage families to take time for prayer and reflection during this sacred season in preparation for the joy of Easter.

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
29 March	Beth Casey Paul Bartels	Chris Begley Matteo Tickner	Serena Varendorff Bill Nott	Louise Nott Dona Rotolone
5 April	Dianne Eden Scott Fitzpatrick	No 5.30pm Mass	Robyn Jeynes Neville Canham	Kate McLean Lorelei Gozzard

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

5 APRIL 2026

Easter Sunday

First Reading: Acts 10:34, 37-43

Second Reading: Colossians 3:1-4

Gospel: Matthew 28:1-10



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: Today's world is so filled with suffering, injustice, anger, depression, and loneliness that it cries for people waving palm branches of hope and resurrection, proclaiming new life.



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

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