



Newsletter

CATHOLIC PARISHES

Clayfield ● Hendra ● Hamilton ● Northgate



SUNDAY OF THE RESURRECTION OF THE LORD (YEAR A) 5 APRIL 2026

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Once again, we boldly proclaim Jesus risen from the dead. Even though, as we continue to witness war in the Middle East and Ukraine, our triumphal alleluias may sound a discordant note. It has ever been thus, for our faith arose from the darkness of the tomb, and the more that darkness looms and threatens, the more boldly must our cry be: 'Alleluia!'



Fr Michael Grace

Yes, we feel the anxiety of the moment - both with world affairs and our own personal struggles. Nevertheless, the Gospel we preach is fundamentally a message of hope. Not naive fairy tale hope - "and they lived happily ever after" - for we know the battle rages still. Yet, in Christ, we see a way forward. It is to confront darkness, not with more darkness, but rather with light. For Christ is the light that has shone in the darkness, which the darkness can never overcome.

And so we rejoice this Easter - not as people who have escaped the world's pain, but as people who have entered into the tomb and found it empty! Here, hope is resurrected and courage mustered.

As we cry out once more the Easter Alleluia, may our prayer truly be for peace. Peace is far more than the mere absence of violence, though that would be a good start! Rather, true and lasting peace is founded in genuine harmony and built on bonds of trust and fellowship. But as always, let it be our hearts which are first changed, so that we may truly be the people of the Risen Lord.

Let me take this opportunity to wish you all a happy and holy Easter. May it be a special time of God's grace for you and your family. May those travelling be kept safe, and may our faith be renewed.

Blessings
Fr Michael



Father Michael together with Rosemary, Helen, Sandra and Alex wish all of you the blessings of Easter.

Spread the warmth and joy in your hearts to all those you meet.

Rejoice for the Lord has risen from the dead!
Happy Easter to you and your family.



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 5 April

8.00am Mass Morning tea hosted by:
Marie Deuble, Judy & Paul Bartels, Jane Cameron



5.30pm Mass

St Agatha's Parish Messages....

- ◆ **NO Children's Liturgy** this Sunday 5 April.
Children's liturgy will resume Sunday 26 April.

- ◆ St Agatha's **EASTER RAFFLE.**

Congratulations to our raffle winners:

Peter Rawlings and Erik Hossinger.

And also to **Harry McGovern** for guessing the number of M&Ms in the jar.

Many thanks to our wonderful parishioners who sold raffle tickets and to everyone who purchased tickets and donated prizes.

A total of \$1,241.90 was raised.

THANK YOU EVERYONE!!!

St Agatha's Planned Giving Envelope Users:

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

These envelopes begin **this** Sunday 5 April 2026.

Please discard of any 2025 envelopes as of this Sunday 5 April.

What's happening in MOM Parish this week

Sunday 5 April

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



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

5 April: Lynn Rogers

12 April: Kathryn Bourke

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:**
St John's Northgate, **Friday 3 April at 10am.**
- ◆ **Prayer Support:** **THIS** 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.
- ◆ **Children's Liturgy of the Word (OLHC):**
Children's liturgy will resume Sunday 26 April.



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

Together we pray for

Anniversaries: Judy Power, Isabella D'Penha, Sidney D'Penha, Joseph Abreu, Idalina Abreu, Darryl Gollan, Mary Ross-Walis, Krista Kerr, Margot Forgan-Smith

Sick: Daniel Andrews, Aaron Andrews, Peter Francis Johnson, Margaret Donelan, Greg Donelan, Brad Ryan, Betty Mahoney, Rosaria Fazio, Michael Hardy, Maria Ward



St John's

ROYAL AUSTRALIAN NAVY
WAR MEMORIAL CHURCH

688 NUDGE ROAD NORTHGATE

is holding an

*Anzac Day
Commemoration Service*

Saturday 25th April 05.45

*all defence families, friends and the whole of
the community are warmly invited to attend*

☺ breakfast will follow the service ☺



*We Will
Remember
Them*



Lest We Forget

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

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. 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.

Please place your envelope in the collection plate on Good Friday or at any of the Easter liturgies.

Thank you for your generosity.



Caritas
AUSTRALIA

PROJECT
COMPASSION

Project Compassion Sunday 4 - 5 April 2026

Happy Easter from all of us here at Caritas Australia!

Thank you for your continued support through Project Compassion. Your generosity is helping to empower the world's most vulnerable communities, enabling them to overcome challenges and lift themselves out of poverty. There is still time to donate!

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.*



What is Alpha?

an exploration of big questions about
Faith ? Life? Meaning?

<https://www.bing.com/videos/riverview/relatedvideo?q=alpha+promo+ad&mid=604CD78A0D83F012423F604CD78A0D83F012423F&FORM=VIRE>

Please contact hendra@bne.catholic.net.au if you would like to be involved in Alpha, either as a participant or a team member.

St Agatha's Primary

8.45am to 10am

Open Day

1 May | Clayfield



Discover our school

BCE Open Week



A Brisbane Catholic

Education School



EUCCHARISTIC EXPOSITION & ADORATION of the BLESSED SACRAMENT

When: Every Tuesday from 5am to Wednesday 8.30am
(followed by Benediction and Holy Mass).

All casual adorers are welcome between the hours of 9am to 5pm. If you wish to undertake nocturnal adoration, then you must be registered and obtain an activated key fob to enter the Church.

Where: Our Lady Help of Christians, Hendra

We need more Adorers: Everyone is very welcome and encouraged to come and visit Our Lord in the Blessed Sacrament for a Holy Hour. In order for this to be available, **we need more dedicated adorers that are willing to commit to a regular weekly timeslot.**

- Times requiring two permanent adorers: 9.00am / 3.00pm / 4.00pm
- Times requiring a second adorer: 5.00am / 6.00am / 8.00am / 12.00pm / 6.00pm

For more information please contact Colina at northside.adoration.bn@gmail.com

NEWS FROM OUR PARISH SCHOOLS

Our Lady Help of Christians Catholic Primary School

What an amazing Term 1 we have shared at Our Lady Help of Christians. We have achieved so much and come together as a community in so many wonderful celebrations. From our Welcome and Commissioning Mass, Assemblies, Welcome Disco, Ash Wednesday Mass, Swimming Carnival, Well Being Week, Buddy Masses and Parish School Mass, just to name a few. It has been a very special term demonstrating courage to be ourselves and shining our GEM each day.

This week has been action packed with our Senior Years joining the Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament in the Church on Tuesday, a first for these children. It is so lovely to continue and share such beautiful prayer rituals. We celebrated our Holy Week Pilgrimage on Wednesday where the children moved to areas around the school to acknowledge Holy Week. On Holy Thursday the day began with our whole school Easter Bonnet Parade and our final fund raiser for Project Compassion, the Big Walk for Water. Altogether we raised over \$2000 which is a huge effort. A big thank you to all our community for your support to achieve this it will be a great help to those less fortunate than us.

We wish all our staff, students, families and community a safe, happy and blessed Easter. Enjoy this special time.

Marie-Louise Stolberg Assistant to the Principal in Religious Education

St Agatha's Catholic Primary School Easter Holiday Reflection

As Term 1 draws to a close, I want to express my heartfelt appreciation for the warm welcome extended by every member of the St Agatha's School and Parish community. This first term together has been a wonderful period of growth, learning, and genuine connection for us all.

I look forward to continuing our journey as a faith-filled community in Term 2, sharing new experiences and supporting one another. May this Easter bring you and your loved one's joy, peace, and the renewing spirit of Christ's love.

ANZAC Day Liturgy and March

This year commemorates the 111th anniversary of the Gallipoli landing on 25/04/1915, a defining chapter in Australia's history. Our school community will gather for a special liturgy to honour the bravery and sacrifice of our ANZACs, reflecting on their lasting legacy of courage and service. Students and staff are warmly invited to join the march at Kalinga Park as we come together in remembrance and gratitude.

Wishing you all a safe and restful holiday. Take care and may God's peace and blessings be with you and your families this Easter.

Take care and God Bless

Jon Tracey Assistant Principal Religious

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
5 April	Dianne Eden Scott Fitzpatrick	No 5.30pm Mass	Robyn Jeynes Neville Canham	Kate McLean Lorelei Gozzard
12 April	Andrew Pippia Nam Tran	Maddy Brown Giselle Hossinger	Mary Nicholls Cutella Dias	Robyn Jeynes 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

12 APRIL 2026

Second Sunday of Easter (*Divine Mercy*)

First Reading: Acts 2:42-47

Second Reading: 1 Peter 1:3-9

Gospel: John 20:19-31



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: You have been given new life in Christ. Forsake earthly materialism to live life to the full.

Contact Vocation Brisbane. P: (07) 3336 9392



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

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