



# Newsletter

## CATHOLIC PARISHES

Clayfield ● Hendra ● Hamilton ● Northgate



### SECOND SUNDAY OF EASTER (DIVINE MERCY SUNDAY) (YEAR A) 12 APRIL 2026

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This weekend the Church celebrates Divine Mercy Sunday - a feast inspired by the devotion entrusted to St Faustina Kowalska, but one that speaks to the very heart of the Gospel. For at its core is God's offer of mercy to all who place their trust in Christ.



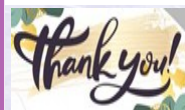
Fr Michael Grace

St Peter, in this weekend's second reading, praises God for His wonderful gift of mercy, received in Jesus Christ. And what mercy this is! In Christ, not only are our sins forgiven; we are also given "an inheritance that can never be spoilt or sold and never fade away, because it is being kept for you in the heavens." This goes far beyond our usual understanding of mercy. It is not simply kindness or compassion towards the deserving, but a mercy which seeks the healing and reintegration even of those who do not deserve it.

Brothers and sisters, the world is in great need of mercy at this time. There are many conflicts and troubles that seem beyond resolution by ordinary means. This is true on the world stage, but it is just as true in our families and relationships. It is mercy - extended not only to those who deserve it, but especially to those who do not - which can begin to heal our world. "To err is human," as the saying goes, "to forgive, divine." Let us then offer others in our lives the same gift of mercy we ourselves have received, and allow that mercy to overflow into the lives of others.



Blessings  
Fr Michael



**Thank you to everyone who helped in any way with the Easter Liturgies.** From lighting fires, switching lights on, ringing bells, reading and **much, much more.** Thank you for making Holy Week so meaningful and joyous. We are so blessed to have such wonderful volunteers who give of their time and support to our Parishes.



**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 12 April**

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



**5.30pm Mass**

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

- ◆ 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 PARISH NATIONAL TRUST APPEAL

Please find information at the back of the Church on proposed works to the Church and how to donate to assist with raising the required funds through the National Trust Appeal.

### 9am Mass Thursday 23rd April

Due to the installation of the new sound system in St Agatha's Church during the week of 20th – 24th April, the Thursday 9am Mass (23rd) will be held at Our Lady Help of Christians Church, 9 Bowman Street, Hendra.

## What's happening in MOM Parish this week

**Sunday 12 April**

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



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

**12 April:** Kathryn Bourke

**19 April:** Kate McLean

### 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.

- ◆ **Children's Liturgy of the Word (OLHC):**

Children's liturgy will resume Sunday 26 April.

- ◆ **Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament:** Friday 1 May after the 9:00am Mass at St John's, Northgate. Morning tea after Mass.

- ◆ **Prayer Support :** Sunday 3 May after the 9.30am Mass at OLHC Church, Hendra.

- ◆ **Anointing and Healing Mass:** Friday 8 May at the 9:00am Mass at St John's, Northgate. Morning tea after Mass. All welcome.

### APRIL PARISH BIRTHDAYS

We will be celebrating the April Parish birthdays Sunday 26 April 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:** Giuseppina Boccalatte

**Anniversaries:** Anthony Woodcock, Claire Condon, Dr Michael Geraghty, Marie Kirwan, Hazel Gordon, Ellen Overell, Judy Power

**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**

## Bake Sale

*Fundraising for  
the Kingston  
House of  
Courage*

**Sunday 19<sup>th</sup> April**

After 9:30am Mass

Our Lady Help of  
Christians Church  
HENDRA



Cash & Card accepted



**God's lighter side...** A little girl asked her mother why some of her hairs were white. The mother replied, "Every time you do something wrong and make me unhappy, one of my hairs turns white." The girl thought for a moment and said, "Wow, Mum, how come all of Grandma's hairs are white?"

**This Sunday 12 April we joyfully welcome:**

- \* **Tilli and Marlow Conias** who will be welcomed into the Catholic faith at St Agatha's during the 8.00am Mass.
- \* **Hannah Myler** who will be welcomed into the Catholic faith at OLHC during the 9.30am Mass
- \* **Felix** who will be baptised during the 5.30pm Mass at St Agatha's.

**Congratulations and blessings to you all.**



**Project Compassion Sunday  
THANK YOU!!**



Caritas Australia would like to extend heartfelt thanks for your generous support of Project Compassion 2026.

Your support is helping to bring hope, uphold dignity and create lasting change to communities facing poverty and injustice around the world. Helping to also bring clean water, education, nutritious food, healthcare and support for those living with disability - showing what's possible when we come together as a Church to live out the Gospel message of love and justice. Thank you for uniting with us this Lent to build a more just and compassionate world.

**If you still have your Project Compassion box or donation envelope at home, please return it next week at Mass**



**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](mailto:hendra@bne.catholic.net.au) if you would like to be involved in Alpha, either as a participant or a team member.



**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

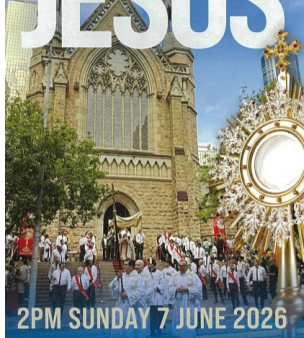
**We need more Adorers:** Everyone is very welcome and encouraged to come and visit Our Lord in the Blessed Sacrament for a Holy Hour. In order for this to be available, **we need more dedicated adorers that are willing to commit to a regular weekly timeslot.**

- 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](mailto:northside.adoration.bn@gmail.com)

FEAST OF CORPUS CHRISTI

**WALK WITH JESUS**



2PM SUNDAY 7 JUNE 2026

For more event information including donations please scan QR Code or contact

[inclusion@bne.catholic.net.au](mailto:inclusion@bne.catholic.net.au)



Procession starting and ending at the Cathedral of St Stephen and featuring prayers, rosary, hymns, benediction and the Migrant Jubilee Cross, with proceedings led by Archbishop Shane Mackinlay.



[CORPUSCHRISTIBRISBANE.COM](http://CORPUSCHRISTIBRISBANE.COM)

**NEWS FROM OUR PARISH SCHOOLS**

**Our Lady Help of Christians Catholic Primary School**

We wish all our staff, students, families and community a safe and restful holiday.



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

**St Agatha's Catholic Primary School**

**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.

Take care and God Bless

**Jon Tracey** Assistant Principal Religious

**GROWTH · FRIENDSHIP · FAITH**

**St Agatha's Primary**

8.45am to 10am

**Open Day**

**1 May | Clayfield**



Discover our school

**BCE Open Week**



**A Brisbane Catholic**

**Education School**

# Sunday Mass Rosters

Date	Reader Clayfield 8am Mass	Reader Clayfield 5:30pm Mass	Reader OLHC 9:30am Mass	Eucharistic Minister OLHC 9:30am Mass
12 April	Andrew Pippia Nam Tran	Maddy Brown <i>Volunteer</i>	Mary Nicholls Cutella Dias	Robyn Jeynes Barbara Nelson
19 April	Beth Casey Matthew Crossley	Louis Currie Catie Kelly	Trish Dunn Kathryn Bourke	Lorelei Gozzard Louise Nott

## 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

19 APRIL 2026

Third Sunday of Easter

**First Reading:** Acts 2:14, 22-33

**Second Reading:** 1 Peter 1:17-21

**Gospel:** Luke 24:13-35



### 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:** It is only through people like you that others will be able to say: "We have seen the Lord." With the resurrection to empower you and with Jesus to lure you, you too can inspire others who have not seen to believe.

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