



Newsletter

CATHOLIC PARISHES

Clayfield ● Hendra ● Hamilton ● Northgate



FOURTH SUNDAY OF EASTER (YEAR A)

26 APRIL 2026

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In Jesus' post-resurrection appearances to his disciples, he often appears in an exalted manner, with a risen and glorified body no longer bound by time and space, nor subject to the pain and limitations of our human condition. Yet, strikingly, his risen body still bears the wounds he endured on the cross. We see this, for example, in his encounter with St Thomas, where Jesus invites him to see and touch his wounds, and so come to believe. Risen as he is, he nevertheless remains marked by suffering.



Fr Michael Grace

This is deeply consoling for each of us. It reminds us that we have a God who is not distant or removed from the trials of this world, but one who, in his own body, carries its wounds -even while pointing us toward the glory that awaits those who trust in him.

St Peter, in this weekend's second reading, reflects on the brokenness of our world, and how the innocent so often suffer unjustly. This is the same world that crucified Christ, and if this is how the innocent Lamb was treated, we should not be surprised when, at times, we too are treated unfairly. This is not to justify such behaviour, nor to accept that the world must remain this way. We are called to strive for something better - for healing and renewal - just as Jesus did.

He sets the pattern for us to follow. He did not respond to evil with evil but endured it and answered with love. As we reflect this weekend on the sacrifice of so many in defence of our nations, we are reminded that violence met with violence can never bring a final and lasting peace. Rather, it is patience, mercy, and forgiveness that pave the way to the fullness of life to which God calls us.

Blessings
Fr Michael



World Day of Prayer for Vocations

26 APRIL GOOD SHEPHERD SUNDAY



Various resources are available at the entrance of all the Churches this weekend.



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 26 April

8.00am Mass Morning tea hosted by: Linet Dsouza, Grevin Fernandes, Debbie Jenkins, Sara Figueroa



5.30pm Mass

St Agatha's Parish Messages....

- ◆ **Children's Liturgy** resumes **THIS** Sunday 26 April.

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

Theodore Tindall, son of Mitchell and Dimity

Louis Gall, son of Alexander and Laura

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

Anzac Day Mass

Anzac Day Mass will be held at St Agatha's Church, Saturday 25 April at 9.00am.

Please join us for morning tea after Mass.

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.

What's happening in MOM Parish this week

Sunday 26 April

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



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

26 April: Anne Carroll

3 May: Jen Cridland

MOM Parish Messages....

- ◆ **LECTIO DIVINA** Sundays 11.00 - 11.45am (Parish Centre). All welcome.
- ◆ **MOTHER OF MERCY PARISH PRAYER ENGINE** Every Tuesday, OLHC Church from 1.00 - 2.15pm.
- ◆ **Baptismal Joy!** This Sunday at OLHC we welcome Freya and Kara.
- ◆ **Children's Liturgy of the Word (OLHC):** Children's liturgy resumes **THIS** 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 **THIS** 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: Margaret Hurley

Anniversaries: Ben White, Max Chirila, Jim Commane, William Guiney, Cardinal Idris Cassidy, Archbishop James Duhig, Monsignor John English, Bernard More, Fr Thomas Hunt OSA, Peter Howard, William Buckingham, Valerie O'Brien, Aileen Collins, Bernard Hickey, Rebecca Barker, Marie Burnett, Mavis Kronberg

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



The next **GOSPEL REFLECTION GROUP** will be held **TUESDAY 5 MAY** 9.30am in the Parish Centre Hendra.

THANK YOU!

Thank you to Father Michael and the Our Lady Help of Christians Parish community, for your wonderful support of our bake sale for the "Kingston House of Courage" mission in Fiji last weekend. With your amazing support we raised \$400!

The mission in Fiji, provides a safe haven for abandoned babies and children and helps reskill mothers for the workforce. You can read more by scanning the QR code below.

We are so happy we can help and thank you once again for your support.

Zara & Alysa



ARCHDIOCESE OF BRISBANE MASS COUNT 2026

Parishioners are advised that for a four week period starting next weekend 3 May, the Archdiocese of Brisbane has requested a Count of Mass Attendance.

Attendance is to be recorded at Mass for each church on the weekends of 3 May, 10 May, 17 May and 24 May.

A head count will be taken of all attending each respective Mass. This information will then be forwarded to the Archdiocese of Brisbane.

The annual Mass Count provides valuable insight into trends of attendance at both a local level and an Archdiocesan level.



NEXT SATURDAY 2 MAY

8AM TO 12 NOON
St John's Church Hall
688 Nudgee Road, Northgate
CASH ONLY

URGENT APPEAL FOR MORE DEDICATED ADORERS

Eucharistic Exposition and Adoration of the Blessed

Sacrament is available to everyone from 9am to 5pm every Tuesday at Our Lady Help of Christians. Nocturnal adoration is available to registered adorers from 6am Tuesdays through to 8.30am Wednesdays. However, in order to continue this, **we require more dedicated adorers to commit to a weekly Holy Hour on the roster.**

- ◆ Hours that need two permanent adorers are:
Tuesdays 9am and 3pm
- ◆ Hours that need a second permanent adorer are:
Tuesdays 6am, 8am, 12pm, 4pm, 6pm

If these hours are not filled, then it will not be possible to continue to offer Exposition and Adoration to everyone during the day. Please contact Colina via email at northside.adoration.bn@gmail.com or contact the Parish Office for registration information.

Feast of Corpus Christi (*Walk with Jesus*)

2PM Sunday 7 June 2026. For more information please scan QR Code or contact inclusion@bne.catholic.net.au



NEWS FROM OUR PARISH SCHOOLS

Our Lady Help of Christians Catholic Primary School

It was lovely to see all our staff and students returning so happily on Monday with stories of Easter and the school holidays. Week 1 has begun strongly with all students excited to see their teachers and their friends and ready to learn.

On Thursday our school community came together to acknowledge ANZAC Day supported by our parents. We listened to the courage demonstrated by 3 of our parents who have had long careers in the Army, Navy and Air Force. The strong connection with friends and mateship reverberated through all their stories and in our year of courage it was great to hear the work done by those in our community. A big thank you to Senior Years Action who led our liturgy. All the classes made such diverse and beautiful wreaths.

On Saturday we had staff, students and families participating in the St John's and Kalinga Park ANZAC Day ceremonies. It was so wonderful to see so many families join in and acknowledge this very special day.

Marie-Louise Stolberg Assistant to the Principal in Religious Education

St Agatha's Catholic Primary School

It has been wonderful to welcome our students back for the new term, with a positive and settled start across the school as routines are re-established and learning resumes with enthusiasm.

This week, our school community gathered in prayer to celebrate the Resurrection of Jesus. At the end of last term, students reverently participated in the Stations of the Cross, reflecting on the suffering and death of Jesus in a quiet and prayerful way. In contrast, our Resurrection Liturgy was filled with joy and hope as we proclaimed the Good News that Jesus is alive. The Easter message reminds us that even in times of sorrow, new life and hope can emerge, shaping the way we learn, relate and grow together.

We also came together to honour the courage and sacrifice of those who have served our country. Our Year 5/6 students led a thoughtful ANZAC Day Liturgy, inviting us to reflect on the freedoms we enjoy today. We thank our students, staff and families who will represent our school at the ANZAC Day March this Saturday, demonstrating reverence, gratitude and community spirit.

In the coming weeks, we will also acknowledge and celebrate the important role of mothers, grandmothers, stepmothers, carers and guardians within our community as part of our Mother's Day celebrations.

Jon Tracey Assistant Principal Religious

Our Lady Help of Christians Primary

Open Day

27 April | Hendra
9 am - 10.30 am

Discover our school
BCE Open Week



A Brisbane Catholic Education School

St Agatha's Primary

8.45am to 10am

Open Day

1 May | Clayfield



Discover our school
BCE Open Week

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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
26 April	Jane Arkinstall Saxon Mew	Karen Birtles Joel Perkins	Paul McLean Rosemary Woods	Dona Rotolone Robyn Jaynes
3 May	Annette Riba Amanda Bell	Chris Begley Louis Currie	Bill Nott Angela Devereux	Louise Nott 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

3 MAY 2026

Fifth Sunday of Easter

First Reading: Acts 6:1-7

Second Reading: 1 Peter 2:4-9

Gospel: John 14:1-12



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.



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

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