



Newsletter

CATHOLIC PARISHES

Clayfield ● Hendra ● Hamilton ● Northgate



FIFTH SUNDAY OF EASTER (YEAR A)

3 MAY 2026

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Many of the grander buildings in the ancient world were built of stone. Stone is hard and durable — yet a skilled stonemason, by carefully selecting the right stone for the right spot, and with the use of shaping implements to help make the stone fit, can set the stones in just such a way that the building takes shape. It all grows around the cornerstone (foundation stone).

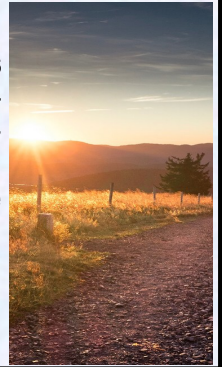


Fr Michael Grace

In presenting Jesus as a "living stone" — and inviting us to set ourselves close to him — the image is clear. We are called to belong to the spiritual unity which is the Church built of living stones. We are not uniform; we come with our own shape and size, not simply physically, but in our personalities, desires, hopes and fears, preferred spiritualities, and so on. These give texture to our spiritual lives, which often take on a distinctive shape. Yet the skilled mason can still fit us.

We must allow ourselves to be shaped, which is to say, conformed to Christ. This is the work of the Holy Spirit, but we are not passive. St Peter writes, "set yourselves close to Christ": we are co-masons, cooperators in this work. If we take up this gracious invitation, and allow ourselves to be shaped by the Gospel, the sacraments, and the Christian way of life (which often feels like a gentle tap of the chisel), we can be confident that God will finish the work.

I am filled with joy as I see you gather week after week, knowing God is building something beautiful — in each of us as we draw near to Christ, and in the way our lives are set alongside one another. A physical church building proclaims the Gospel, simply by its presence. Even more so does our spiritual church, reminding all that God is near and everyone is welcome to belong.



Blessings
Fr Michael



domestic & family
VIOLENCE May Prevention Month

Domestic and Family Violence

Remembrance Day

Wednesday 6 May



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 3 May

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



5.30pm Mass Pizza evening Sunday 17 May

St Agatha's Parish Messages....

- ◆ **Children's Liturgy** this Sunday 3 May at the 8am Mass.

Family MASS

and morning tea

NEXT Sunday 10 May, 8am

It's the Mass- made for children!

The second Sunday of the month,
during school terms

*All children wave
ribbons during the
closing hymn.*

New St Agatha's Sound System

There has been widespread approval for, and positive feedback about the newly installed sound system at St Agatha's which hopefully everyone is noticing. Heritage-listed churches such as St Agatha's require specialised digital technology systems to minimise echo, control sound direction and manage reverberation while allowing high speech intelligibility. To date, there have been significant acoustic challenges because of the church's high ceilings, particularly in the sanctuary, which previous systems have not been able to overcome. For both Fr Michael and the congregation the new system is a welcome improvement.

What's happening in MOM Parish this week

Sunday 3 May

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



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

3 May: Jen Cridland

10 May: Kerrie Ferricola

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 Lorenzo & Chloe.
- ◆ **Children's Liturgy of the Word (OLHC):** this Sunday 3 May.
- ◆ **PRAYER SUPPORT: THIS Sunday 3 May** after the 9.30am Mass at OLHC Church, Hendra.
- ◆ **Gospel Reflection Group:** will be held on **Tuesday 5 May**, 9.30am in the Parish Centre Hendra. All welcome.
- ◆ **Anointing and Healing Mass: Friday 8 May** at the 9:00am Mass at St John's, Northgate. Morning tea after Mass. All welcome.
- ◆ **Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament: Friday 5 June** after the 9:00am Mass at St John's, Northgate. Morning tea after Mass.

DATE CLAIMER: Racing Mass Sunday 7 June 9.30am OLHC.

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

Together we pray for

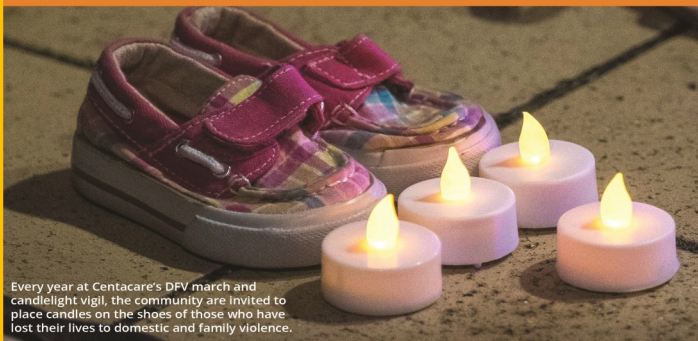


Recently deceased: Mario Zaupa

Anniversaries: Maria Rotolone, Ross Caruso, Ben White, Fr John Soulsby SM, Fr Ian Howells SJ, Br John Day SJ, Thomas and Ann Curtin, Malinda Melville, Angela Ahern, Barbara Brown, Graham Hows, Catherine Burke, Carmel Hanron, Anthony Hynes

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

Together we can prevent domestic and family violence



Every year at Centacare's DPV march and candlelight vigil, the community are invited to place candles on the shoes of those who have lost their lives to domestic and family violence.

The Archdiocese and its agencies reaffirm a united commitment to standing with victim-survivors calling out injustice, and working together as a community of faith to prevent domestic and family violence.



Find more information, tips to support and ways to donate.

A Prayer to end Domestic and Family Violence

Loving and Just God,

As we cry out for an end to the suffering of the innocent, **You cry with us.**

As we cry out in righteous anger against violence of all kinds,

You cry with us.

As we cry out in frustration that cultural change is happening far too slowly,

You cry with us.

While it may feel like it at times, we are not crying out alone, we are not crying out in vain... **Our cries are Your cries too.**

As You blend Your voice with ours, lend us Your strength too, so that we may continue to do what it takes to put an end to domestic and family violence.

Lend us Your strength, so we can continue to challenge harmful behaviours, misuses of power and authority, misconceptions and misinformation.

Lend us Your courage, so we can continue to bring to light the reality of who is impacted, and how widespread domestic and family violence is.

Our hands are Yours, so let us not shy away from reaching out to those in need of practical support.

Our feet are Yours, so let us not walk away from those in need of community and belonging as they bravely step out of violent relationships.

Our eyes are Yours, so let us not be blind to those that try to cover up the abuse out of fear or shame.

Our ears are Yours, so let us not be deaf to the roaring cry that enough is enough... it is time to end domestic and family violence once and for all.

We ask this in the name of Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

ARCHDIOCESE OF BRISBANE MASS COUNT 2026

Parishioners are advised that for a four week period starting this 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.

PARISH COMMUNITY
**JUMBLE
SALE**

THIS SATURDAY 2 MAY

8AM TO 12 NOON

**St John's Church Hall
688 Nudgee Road, Northgate**

CASH ONLY

**FESTIVAL OF
PENTECOST**

Saturday 23 May 2026

9.30am to 4.30pm

Church of the 12 Apostles,

111 Yallambee Road, Jindalee

BYO Lunch. Morning Tea Provided.

Enquiries: Len 0421 977 849

Audrey 0435 558 390

secretary@ccrbrisbane.org.au

Speakers: Fr Nev Yun, Pat Keady,
Steffanie Le and Len Airey

Coming together as one Current of Grace
to praise, pray and be inspired by the
Holy Spirit...



FEAST OF CORPUS CHRISTI
WALK WITH JESUS

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.

2PM SUNDAY 7 JUNE



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.

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.



NEWS FROM OUR PARISH SCHOOLS

Our Lady Help of Christians Catholic Primary School

We have had another action packed week at OLHC.

The week began with our very successful BCE Open Day! We were delighted to welcome so many new families and showcase all the wonderful things OLHC has to offer. It was especially lovely to see our future Preppies so comfortable in our community, full of smiles, excitement and curiosity as they experienced our school in action.

A very big thank you to all the families who came along. It was a pleasure meeting you, and we look forward to welcoming you back at our next event!

On Tuesday we had our Interhouse Cross Country Carnival! It was a wonderful event filled with incredible running, determination and sportsmanship from all our students. From our littlest runners right through to our senior students, there were some truly amazing efforts on display, we are so proud of everyone who gave it their all!

A very big thank you to all of our parent spectators who came along to support and cheer on our students. Your encouragement made the day even more special.

A huge congratulations to Woods House for taking out 1st place this year!

Marie-Louise Stolberg Assistant to the Principal in Religious Education

St Agatha's Catholic Primary School

Students have made a positive start to the term, quickly adapting to routines and engaging with their learning. Classrooms are active, with students showing enthusiasm as they reconnect and embrace new opportunities. It has been wonderful to see students settling into their classes, building relationships with their peers and teachers, and participating actively in lessons. Their curiosity and willingness to try new things has contributed to a vibrant learning environment throughout the school.

Containers for Change Thank you to Year 4N for leading this week's assembly. Our Year 4 students are launching the *Containers for Change* bins, assisting with recycling on tuckshop days and expanding these efforts throughout the year. We appreciate the commitment of our Year 4 students and teachers in supporting this initiative. By taking part in this important program, they are helping our school community reduce waste and support environmental sustainability. The students' efforts not only make a difference in our school but also encourage everyone to consider how we can contribute to caring for our environment every day.

Many blessings,

Jon Tracey Assistant Principal Religious



Sunday Mass Rosters

Date	Reader Clayfield 8am Mass	Reader Clayfield 5:30pm Mass	Reader OLHC 9:30am Mass	Eucharistic Minister OLHC 9:30am Mass
3 May	Annette Riba Amanda Bell	Chris Begley Louis Currie	Bill Nott Angela Devereux	Louise Nott Barbara Nelson
10 May	Family Mass	Maddy Brown Karen Birtles	Olivia Hatch Henrietta Hatch	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

10 MAY 2026

Sixth Sunday of Easter

First Reading: Acts 8:5-8, 14-17

Second Reading: 1 Peter 3:15-18

Gospel: John 14:15-21



Commemoration of Saints

May 2026

Thurs 14 St Mattias, *apostle*

Mon 25 Our Lady, Help of Christians

Tues 26 St Philip Neri, *priest*

Pray for us....



June 2026

Mon 1 St Justin, *martyr*

Wed 3 Sts Charles Lwanga & *companions, martyrs*

Fri 5 St Boniface, *bishop, martyr*

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: The institution of the Diaconate is mentioned in today's Scripture. Perhaps the Lord is calling you to assist with the charitable, educational or liturgical needs of the Lord's People today.

Contact Vocation Brisbane.

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