



Newsletter

CATHOLIC PARISHES

Clayfield ● Hendra ● Hamilton ● Northgate



SIXTH SUNDAY OF EASTER (YEAR A)

10 MAY 2026

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Today, many are struggling to find a sense of optimism or hope. The world seems full of trouble, some are experiencing financial challenges, and a spirit of anxiety is present in our culture. For this reason, I think the words of St Peter in this week's second reading are particularly poignant: "always have your answer ready for people who ask you the reason for the hope that you all have."



Fr Michael Grace

Firstly, St Peter assumes that the Christian is a person of constant hope. For sure, we are subject to the same realities as everyone else, but our reason for hope is rich. We are sons and daughters of God, sharers in the Kingdom of God, and inheritors of the promise of eternal life. And our hope is not founded on mere words, nor on aspirations for an uncertain future. Rather, it is established by the death and resurrection of Christ. In our troubled times, perhaps the best witness we can give is to share the reason for our hope.

On another note, I am pleased to welcome Celine Funke to our parish team. Celine has taken the position of Parish Manager. While it will take her a little while to learn the ropes, she brings a wealth of expertise to the role, and I am confident that she will do a great job. Celine can be contacted via the parish office or by using this email: pm.hendra@bne.catholic.net.au.

Finally, let me give my heartfelt blessing and appreciation to all the mothers in our community, and to all those who play a mother's role. Our community is so much better because of your indispensable care and service. May God bless you all abundantly on this Mother's Day.

Blessings
Fr Michael



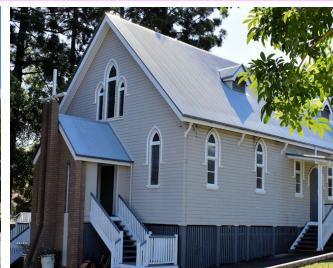
Happy Mother's Day to all the wonderful mothers in our Parish. Many blessings today and always!



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 10 May

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



5.30pm Mass Pizza evening Sunday 17 May

St Agatha's Parish Messages....

- ◆ **NO Children's Liturgy** this Sunday 10 May.

Family MASS

and morning tea

THIS Sunday 10 May, 8am

It's the Mass- made for children!

*All children wave
ribbons during the
closing hymn.*

The second Sunday of the month,
during school terms

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 10 May

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



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

10 May: Kerrie Fericola

17 May: Lynn Rogers

MOM Parish Messages....

ANNUAL RACING MASS

Sunday 7 June, 9.30am OLHC

All Welcome

Refreshments following the Mass

- ◆ **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.
- ◆ **Children's Liturgy of the Word (OLHC):** this Sunday 10 May.
- ◆ **Gospel Reflection Group:** will be held on **Tuesday 2 June**,
9.30am in the Parish Centre Hendra. All welcome.
- ◆ **Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament:** **Friday 5 June** after the
9:00am Mass at St John's, Northgate. Morning tea after Mass.
- ◆ **PRAYER SUPPORT:** **Sunday 7 June** after the 9.30am Mass at
OLHC Church, Hendra.

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

Together we pray for

Recently deceased: Michael Watson, Rosario Russo

Anniversaries: William Kirby, Ross Caruso, Archbishop Leonard Faulkner, Bishop Edward Doody, Fr Norbert Olsen SJ, Fr Kevin Bates SM, Christian and Mavis Thomsen, David French, Rita Wrafter, Mary Tierney, Donald Thompson, Albert Podesta, Kevin Brazel, Marie O'Malley

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



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.**

The Hendra Parish is seeking **two Playgroup Facilitators** (volunteer roles) to facilitate playgroup (babies to Prep). Playgroup is held every Friday 9.00am-11.30am (school term only) in the OLHC Primary School OSHC, 23 Bowman Street Hendra. If you are interested, please contact the Parish Office - 3268 3040.



**Celebrate
the birthday
of the
church!**

PENTECOST POTLUCK PARTY

You're invited to join a Potluck Lunch at the MoM Parish Centre on Sunday 24 May. Arrive at 12.30pm and please bring some food to share with others (it can be a cold platter or a hot dish). No need to RSVP but please bring along a plate to share. If you have any questions please ask Joe, Ash, Kathleen, Mary G or contact the Parish Office 3268 3040.

ARCHDIOCESE OF BRISBANE MASS COUNT 2026

Parishioners are advised that for a four week period for the month of 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.

Adoration and Healing Prayer

Catholic Charismatic Renewal Bardon will be offering adoration and healing prayer in front of the Blessed Sacrament on the 3rd Friday of every month at St. Mary Magdalene's Church, 51 Cecil Road, Bardon, starting on Friday 15th May 2026 at 7.30pm. Everyone is welcome.

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.

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@ccbrbrisbane.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...



NEWS FROM OUR PARISH SCHOOLS

Our Lady Help of Christians Catholic Primary School

It was great to start the week with a Monday off and a day to catch up. Beginning our week with our assembly was wonderful for our community to come together and hear a GEM chat from Early Years Faith. The students presented all they are learning about being grateful for all the amazing things God has given us and our role as stewards of creation.

A big thank you to our parish helpers, Mary, Robyn, Dona and Mary who put on a beautiful breakfast for all the special mothers and mother figures in our school. It was so nice for our mums to go slow and enjoy each other's company, not to mention enjoying all the lovely treats.

The highlight of our week was our lovely acknowledgement of our mums led by the youngest members of our school. Our Prep students led our Mother's Day Liturgy and did an amazing job of reminding us why Mum and Mum figures are so important in our life. The children shared what they love about their mums and what makes their mum so special.

We wish all in our community a very special day on Sunday. Enjoy all the creative gifts your children have made for you.

Marie-Louise Stolberg Assistant to the Principal in Religious Education

St Agatha's Catholic Primary School

BCE Open Day

Last Friday, we warmly welcomed many families to our school as part of Brisbane Catholic Education Open Week. It was wonderful to see so many prospective parents and students visit our community and experience the vibrant learning environment we are so proud of.

Guests enjoyed performances by our talented school choir, led by Ms Llewellyn and Mr Williams, before joining one of our senior student leaders for a guided tour of the school. Visitors also had the opportunity to see our dedicated teachers and students engaged in learning throughout the classrooms. We thank everyone who attended and helped make the day such a positive and welcoming experience.

Mother's Day Liturgy

It was wonderful to welcome so many mothers, stepmothers, aunts, and grandmothers to our school on Wednesday as we gathered to celebrate Mother's Day through a beautiful liturgy. We extend our sincere thanks to Father Michael for presiding over the celebration and offering a special blessing for the mothers and special women in our community.

We also thank our senior student leaders and readers for their thoughtful participation, which helped make the liturgy such a meaningful and memorable occasion.

To all the wonderful mothers and carers in our school community, thank you for the love, care, and dedication you give so generously each day. The quality and character of our students are a reflection of your support, guidance, and commitment, and we are truly grateful for all that you do.

Jon Tracey Assistant Principal Religious

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



Ready to enrol?

St Agatha's Primary Clayfield

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Next steps

- Step 1** Start your journey with an online application
(please allow 15 minutes to complete)
- Step 2** We'll email you confirmation that your application has been received
- Step 3** Please forward copies of the requested documentation
- Step 4** Confirm your application by paying the fee
- Step 5** We will invite your family to an interview closer to your child's intake date.



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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
10 May	Family Mass	Maddy Brown Karen Birtles	Olivia Hatch Henrietta Hatch	Kate McLean Lorelei Gozzard
17 May	Dianne Eden Joseph O'Brien	Matteo Tickner Joel Perkins	Trish Dunn Rosemary Woods	Dona Rotolone Robyn Jaynes

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

17 MAY 2026

The Ascension of the Lord

First Reading: Acts 1:1-11

Second Reading: Ephesians 1:17-23

Gospel: Matthew 28:16-20



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: That Jesus rose from the dead is our Faith. That we can be reborn in the Spirit is our Hope. That we can do God's work is our Love. Follow God's Call.

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