



# Newsletter

## CATHOLIC PARISHES

Clayfield ● Hendra ● Hamilton ● Northgate



### PENTECOST SUNDAY (YEAR A)

24 MAY 2026

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This weekend, we celebrate the great feast of Pentecost. We pray for an outpouring of the Holy Spirit upon each of us and upon our parish community as a whole. Just as was the case 2,000 years ago, so too today God is calling us to proclaim his Gospel so that all may know the saving power of our Lord Jesus Christ. We must leave the safety of "the upper room" of our private faith so that, with the help of the Holy Spirit, we may emerge onto the "balcony" as witnesses to the death and resurrection of Christ. Please pray for me, that the Holy Spirit may lead and guide me in my work as a priest.



Fr Michael Grace

This weekend, we welcome Fr Sholto Douglas, who will be presiding at all the Masses. As he did last year, he will provide an update on his beautiful missionary work in Zimbabwe. I hope you are able to be generous in supporting this work. I know that you always are!

Finally, we recently marked "Volunteer Appreciation Week" in Australia. Let me take this opportunity to express publicly my gratitude to all our parish volunteers. Our community quite literally would not function without their tireless dedication. Moreover, you all bring such warmth and character to our parish community. May God bless you for the spirit of service with which you cooperate in and contribute to the mission of the Church.

Blessings  
Fr Michael



#### Fr Sholto Douglas, OMI

This weekend, 23/24 May, we warmly welcome back Fr Sholto Douglas. Fr Sholto will be celebrating all the Masses in both parishes. He will share with us the great missionary work being done in Zimbabwe. They are in need of funds to maintain and support the communities, so please give generously. A retiring collection will be taken up after the Masses.



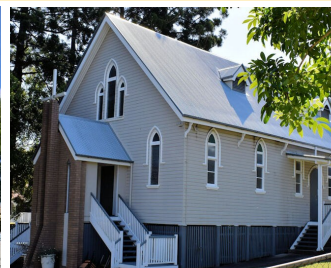
Mother of Mercy and St Agatha's parishes are blessed to have so many volunteers across multiple ministries. Apart from the ones we see at mass there are many other volunteers working behind the scenes, all of whom contribute to the successful running of parish activities. **Thank you to all our wonderful volunteers!!**



**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 24 May**

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



**5.30pm Mass**

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

- ◆ **Children's Liturgy** this Sunday 24 May.

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

**Lucy Hart, daughter of Matthew and Jessica**

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



### SACRAMENT OF EUCHARIST

**Please note**, the front section of OLHC and St Agatha's Churches will be reserved for the children and their families on the following dates:

**NEXT Sunday 31 May 9.30am OLHC**

**NEXT Sunday 31 May 5.30pm St Agatha's**

**Sunday 7 June 8.00am AND 5.30pm St Agatha's**



## What's happening in MOM Parish this week

**Sunday 24 May**

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



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

**24 May:** Rosemary Woods

**31 May:** Lorelei Gozzard

### 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 24 May.

- ◆ **WHOLE SCHOOL MASS** to celebrate the Feast of Our Lady Help of Christians will be held on **Monday 25 May at 9.00am**. All welcome!

### MAY PARISH BIRTHDAYS:

We will be celebrating the MAY Parish birthdays

**THIS** Sunday 24 May 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:** John Maclean MBE, James Sullivan, Rosario Russo

**Anniversaries:** Helen Orosz, Gloria and Ross McKenzie, Felix And Anthony Arden, Gregory Smith, Wayne Mitchell, Fr James Smith, Doreen Barry, Tonia Cairns, Olivia Shaw, Margaret Kanowski, Patricia Dowde, Francis O'Brien, Darcy Brown, Kathleen Bright

**Sick:** James Mort, John D, Peter Francis Johnson, Margaret Donelan, Greg Donelan, Brad Ryan, Betty Mahoney, Rosaria Fazio, Michael Hardy, Maria Ward



Calling all Year 3 Parents!

YOU ARE INVITED TO OUR

## Pentecost Party

**THIS SUNDAY 24 MAY**

JOIN US FOR A SPECIAL MORNING TEA AFTER THE PENTECOST MASS.

A SPECIAL INVITATION EXTENDED TO THOSE PLANNING TO COMPLETE THE SACRAMENT OF CONFIRMATION THIS YEAR.

CAKE AND PARTY HATS PROVIDED!



OLHC  
9:30AM MASS



ST AGATHA'S  
8:00AM MASS



**Celebrate the birthday of the church!**

### PENTECOST POTLUCK PARTY

You're invited to join a Potluck Lunch at the MoM Parish Centre **THIS** Sunday 24 May, 12.30pm.

No need to RSVP but please bring along a plate to share.

### 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.

## ARCHDIOCESE OF BRISBANE MASS COUNT 2026

This is the final weekend for the count of Mass attendance.

Age group information of attenders are required to be gathered this weekend. This information will then be forwarded to the Archdiocese of Brisbane.



# The Sacrament of CONFIRMATION



Open to all children Year 3 and above who have completed Baptism.

**Program runs August-November 2026**

**ENROLMENTS OPEN LATE MAY 2026**

For for information on the Sacrament of Confirmation and Program dates please visit our Parish Website:

**Mother of Mercy and St Agatha's Parishes**

<https://motherofmercy-stagathas.org.au/confirmation/>



## 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.**

## NEWS FROM OUR PARISH SCHOOLS

### Our Lady Help of Christians Catholic Primary School

Our Lady Help of Christians School has enjoyed a gentle and joy-filled Wellbeing Week, providing our students and staff with intentional opportunities to slow down, connect and care for one another.

We began with **Meaningful Monday**, encouraging students to reflect on what truly matters and to take time for quiet moments of mindfulness and meditation. **Time Together Tuesday** brought a special sense of community, as students spent time with their buddy classes, building friendships, sharing stories and learning from one another across year levels. **Wellbeing Wednesday** focused on checking in with ourselves and others, reminding us of the importance of empathy and recognising how those around us may be feeling. On **Thankful Thursday**, our community took time to pause in gratitude, noticing the many blessings in our lives and expressing appreciation for one another and what we have. We concluded with **Fit and Fresh Friday**, celebrating movement, healthy choices and the joy of being active together as we started the day with walk safely to school day.

A highlight of the week has been our commitment to "go slow," with no homework set this week, allowing families to enjoy more time together. Through mindfulness, meditation and meaningful connection, we have truly lived our theme of shining our GEM - showing Gratitude, Empathy and Mindfulness each day.

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

### St Agatha's Catholic Primary School

As we reach the midpoint of the term, our school community continues to be enriched by learning, participation and faith-filled life. Our students have been applying themselves diligently in their classrooms, demonstrating enthusiasm and commitment across all areas of school life.

In the week ahead, some of our students will represent the school at the QC Cup Netball Carnival, which has been rescheduled to Monday. On Wednesday, we will join schools across the country in celebrating National Simultaneous Storytime, recognising the joy of reading and its importance in the lives of children. We will also observe National Reconciliation Week, with one of our Year 4 classes leading our assembly. This provides a meaningful opportunity for our students to reflect on our shared journey towards reconciliation and to deepen their understanding of respect, listening and unity within our community. Many blessings,

**Jon Tracey** Assistant Principal Religious

NATIONAL RECONCILIATION WEEK 2026

27 MAY – 3 JUNE

# ALL IN

FOR RECONCILIATION

For more information and resources on National Reconciliation week, please visit <https://reconciliation.org.au>

## A note on the Church (Liturgical) Calendar

**Pentecost Sunday** concludes the important Easter season. From Monday 25 May, we return to celebrate Ordinary Time (time throughout the year) until Advent which will commence this year on the evening of Saturday 28 November. During Ordinary Time we continue to reflect on the life of Christ; this year reading Matthew's Gospel (Year A Sunday readings) and Year 2 for many of the weekday readings.

## 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
24 May	Phill Ryan Amanda Bell	Leanne McDowall Giselle Hossinger	Serena Varendorff Bill Nott	Kate McLean Louise Nott
31 May	Andrew Pippia Nick Kure	Andre Marino Amelia Marino-Cebulski	Paul McLean Robyn Jeynes	Barbara Nelson Dona Rotolone

## 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

31 MAY 2026

The Most Holy Trinity

**First Reading:** Exodus 34:4-6, 8-9

**Second Reading:** 2 Corinthians 13:11-13

**Gospel:** John 3:16-18



### Commemoration of Saints

#### May 2026

**Mon 25** Our Lady, Help of Christians

**Tues 26** St Philip Neri, *priest*

#### June 2026

**Mon 1** St Justin, *martyr*

**Wed 3** Sts Charles Lwanga & *companions, martyrs*

**Fri 5** St Boniface, *bishop, martyr*

**Thurs 11** St Barnabas, *apostle*

**Fri 12** The Most Sacred Heart of Jesus *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:** "There are different gifts, but the same Spirit." Each of us has been graced with certain gifts of the Spirit. And they are active if we utilise them for the building up of the Church. Name the way the Lord has gifted you.

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