



Newsletter

CATHOLIC PARISHES

Clayfield ● Hendra ● Hamilton ● Northgate



THE MOST HOLY TRINITY (YEAR A)

31 MAY 2026

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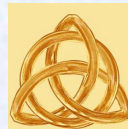
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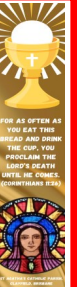
The readings selected for Trinity Sunday provide an opportunity to reflect on the nature of God. Over recent weeks, we have celebrated the Ascension and Pentecost – both of which reveal something about the nature of God through Jesus and the Spirit. Trinity Sunday is an opportunity to celebrate the unity of God whom we acknowledge as Father, Son and Spirit. Today's gospel reminds us that there is a seamless continuity between the different experiences of God. Although we sometimes regard the God of the Old Testament as judging and vengeful, today reminds us that God is, was, and always will be a God of love. The gospel reminds us that 'God loved the world so much that he gave his only Son.' Love is the characteristic of God that is experienced as Father, Son and Spirit. God loved the world into being and loved the people so much that God made a covenant relationship with them and repeatedly drew them back into that relationship when they strayed. God loved the world and the people so much that God became physically present through Jesus as yet another attempt to draw all people into an awareness of the loving relationship God desired for them. When Jesus could no longer remain a physical presence in the world, God's Spirit became more evident to continue the work of drawing people into that loving relationship with God.

Rather than focusing on the mystery of the Trinitarian God, today is an opportunity to marvel at the single-mindedness of God who is so determined to reveal the length and breadth of God's love to us. That revelation has been made manifest in different ways throughout time but remains constant and unchanging.



Father Michael extends his congratulations to all the children who will be making their First Holy Communion this weekend. He prays that you will feel the love, peace and joy of Jesus' closeness as you celebrate this beautiful Sacrament.

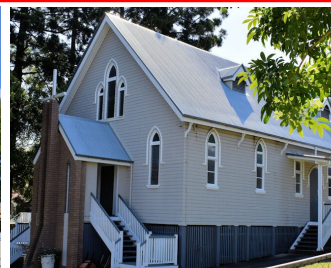
Congratulations and blessings to the children who will be receiving First Holy Communion at OLHC 9.30am Mass and St Agatha's 5.30pm Mass this Sunday 31 May. May this special day be the start of a lifelong friendship with Jesus.



St Agatha's Church
52 Oriol 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 31 May

8.00am Mass Morning tea hosted by:
Jane Arkinstall + helpers



5.30pm Mass

St Agatha's Parish Messages....

- ◆ **NO Children's Liturgy** this Sunday 31 May.

◆ THURSDAY 4 JUNE 9AM MASS

St Agatha's School Year 3 students will be attending the 9am Mass next Thursday 4 June. All welcome

SVDP Winter Appeal The St Agatha's Conference will be conducting, the SVDP Winter Appeal during the month of June. Donation envelopes will be available on the church seats or at the entrance of the Church. At present, with the rising costs of living, more people are requesting assistance from the SVDP Society. Any donations will be greatly appreciated by the people who call on the SVDP for help. Thank you.

Date Claimers

Family Mass – Sunday 14 June 8am Mass

Tween Meet – Sunday 21 June 4.00pm

What's happening in MOM Parish this week

Sunday 31 May

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



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

31 May: Lorelei Gozzard

7 June: Kate McLean

MOM Parish Messages....



ANNUAL RACING MASS

NEXT 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.
- ◆ **NO Children's Liturgy of the Word (OLHC)** this Sunday 31 May.
- ◆ **Baptismal Joy!** This Sunday at OLHC we welcome Oliver.
- ◆ The next **Gospel Reflection Group** will be held NEXT Tuesday 2 June, 9.30am in the Parish Centre Hendra.
- ◆ **OLHC School Parish Mass** will be held on Sunday 14 June at 9.30am.

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

Together we pray for

Recently deceased: Father Peter Hayes OSA, Archbishop Peter Hollingworth, Rev Neville Nixon, John Maclean MBE, James Sullivan

Anniversaries: Hon John Helman, Thomas and Margaret Curtin, Bruce McLachlan, Norman Melit, Helen Rogers

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



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:

THIS Sunday 31 May 9.30am OLHC

THIS Sunday 31 May 5.30pm St Agatha's

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



INVITATION TO AN ANOINTING MASS

An invitation is extended to the people of the Archdiocese to attend the monthly Anointing Mass at St. Mary Magdalene's Church, 51 Cecil Road, Bardon, Friday, 5th June at 7.30pm. Fr. William Aupito Luliano, PP, South Brisbane will be the celebrant. The Sacrament of Anointing will be administered during the Mass and further prayer ministry will be available after Mass. For more information, contact Len Airey on 0421 977 849 or by email to lenpatairey@gmail.com Sponsored by CCR Bardon.

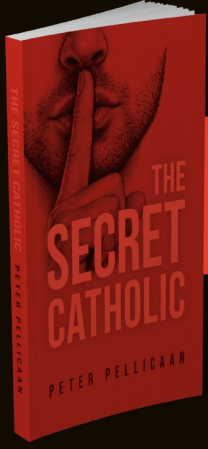
JUMBLE SALE UPDATE – ST JOHN'S NORTHGATE

We have now held several Jumble Sales in the hall at St John's Northgate with no set up funds incurred. The aim was to hold these events on the first Saturday of the month to bridge a gap in the community and slowly start to follow Pope Francis in his quest to nurture the environment by reducing waste.

We got off to a rocky start establishing continuity due to hall bookings, two extreme weather events, holiday clashes, etc. In spite of this it is happily reported that the Jumble Sale morning has been able to provide items such as school shoes, hospital kits, bedding, sanitary items, book bundles for elderly, assist Domestic Violence survivors with clothing and necessities and outfitting people for special occasions. We have been able to offer the community companionship and something to look forward to. These events are more about people than profit. We also have lovely customers who come to buy our wares and add great value to our morning. To date after providing for community caring and sharing, the grand sum of \$270 is in the kitty, all in coins! Our Jumble Sale motto is we care; we share and no fortune under the bed.

We would like to thank all the generous parishioners who have contributed to the success of these events.

Robyn Miller, Jumble Sale Coordinator



BOOK LAUNCH | TUESDAY
9 JUN 2026
7:00 pm
NORMAN HOTEL

We'd love to know you're coming
Register at tinyurl.com/TSCBookLaunch
or scan the QR code to help with catering

THE SECRET CATHOLIC - written by Peter Pellican

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/>

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>

Ready to enrol?

St Agatha's Primary Clayfield

Scan me




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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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 week began beautifully with our special Feast Day Mass, where the whole school gathered to celebrate together. The Mass was enriched with meaningful symbols and beautiful songs that honoured Our Lady Help of Christians and united us in prayer. During this celebration, one student from each class was presented with the OLHC Award. This award recognises students who reflect Mary through the values of **Faith, Courage and Action** in their daily lives, and it was a proud moment for our entire community.

As a school, we paused to acknowledge **National Sorry Day** on Tuesday and **Reconciliation Week**. The assembly was led by our senior year students, and we had one child from each class sharing their own, **All In** pledge, committing to walking together in respect, reconciliation, and hope. Thank you to Mrs Acton who organised this thoughtful and informative assembly.

On Wednesday, we joined schools across the nation for **National Simultaneous Storytime**, stopping together to enjoy the story *Luna Roo*. Students proudly wore their team colours to also acknowledge this special day and the excitement of the first State of Origin. Thank you, Mrs Keaveney-Jones and Mrs Lazzarini, for making this day possible.

This Sunday we also have several students who will be celebrating the Sacrament of the Eucharist, they are in our prayers as they commemorate this special experience.

Marie-Louise Stolberg Assistant to the Principal in Religious Education
St Agatha's Catholic Primary School

As part of our commitment to faith in action and the St Vincent de Paul Winter Appeal, our senior students will take part in a 'Mini Sleep Out' next week. This meaningful experience will encourage students to reflect on the challenges faced by members of our community experiencing hardship and homelessness, while considering how we are called as Catholic Christians to respond with compassion, dignity and service.

The experience links closely with the Religious Education curriculum, particularly the Mission and Justice strand, and provides students with an opportunity to deepen their understanding of social justice through prayer, discussion and action.

During the afternoon, students will hear from representatives of St Vincent de Paul, participate in guided reflection activities, and learn more about the realities faced by vulnerable people in our community. Students will also share a simple meal similar to the support often provided through St Vincent de Paul services.

At our school, opportunities such as this are an important part of forming compassionate and socially aware young people who seek to make a positive difference in the lives of others. We thank our staff, students and families for supporting this important initiative and living out our Gospel values in practical ways.

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
31 May	Andrew Pippia Nick Kure	Andre Marino Amelia Marino-Cebulski	Paul McLean Robyn Jeynes	Barbara Nelson Dona Rotolone
7 June	Terry Manso Scott Fitzpatrick	Chris Begley Louis Currie	Neville Canham Kathryn Bourke	Lorelei Gozzard Kate McLean

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 2026

THE MOST HOLY BODY AND BLOOD OF CHRIST

(Corpus Christi)

First Reading: Deuteronomy 8:2-3, 14-16

Second Reading: 1 Corinthians 10:16-17

Gospel: John 6:51-58



Commemoration of Saints

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

Mon 22 Sts John Fisher, *bishop*, and Thomas More, *martyrs*

Wed 24 The Nativity of St John the Baptist



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: Each of us experience a story of God's self-revelation in a unique way. Tell your story. Add to the beautiful mosaic of God's life in this world with the story of your life.

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