



Newsletter

CATHOLIC PARISHES

Clayfield ● Hendra ● Hamilton ● Northgate



THE MOST HOLY BODY AND BLOOD OF CHRIST (YEAR A) 7 JUNE 2026

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This weekend, we celebrate the mystery which sits at the heart of our worship. For at the Last Supper, the Lord took the humble and ordinary elements - bread and the wine - and spoke extraordinary words. "This is my Body, This is my Blood"; "Do this in memory of me."



Fr Michael Grace

In this weekend's second reading, St Paul affirms the significance of Christ's words: when we take and eat and take and drink, as Christ commanded, we celebrate 'communion'; we enter into communion with Christ himself, and with the members of the church who are part of his mystical body. We become that which we celebrate and consume.

Last weekend and again this weekend, many of the children in our community have made their first Holy Communion. My sincere congratulations to each of them, and to their families who have prepared them and accompanied them on their journey of faith. It is always beautiful to see the joy of the children as they prepare for and encounter this mystery. And it serves as a good reminder to us as well.

It is all too easy to fall into the routine of coming to Mass and receiving the Eucharist - and that is a double-edged sword. For indeed, we ought to come to Mass, as Christians have done since the earliest of times (it is to that which St Paul refers, albeit in its primitive form). Yet let us be mindful of the mystery we celebrate. Let us do it truly as a memorial of Him.

Blessings,
Father Michael

Annual Racing Mass 9.30am, Sunday 7 June - OLHC

Fr Michael, as Racing Chaplain, and parishioners welcome members of the Racing Fraternity to this year's Annual Racing Mass. A brief history... Each year, at the start of the Brisbane Horse Racing Winter carnival, Our Lady Help of Christians Church at Hendra celebrates a Racing Mass. This annual tradition has been in place since the existing church was built in 1961.

The Racing Mass serves to officially bless the start of the Brisbane racing season and pray for the wellbeing of all in the racing community. It also commemorates racing industry colleagues who have passed on in the preceding year.

All are most welcome to join the Racing community for refreshments after Mass in the Parish courtyard.



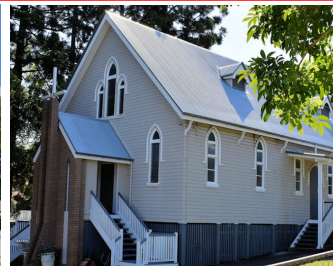
Congratulations and blessings to the children who will be receiving First Holy Communion at **St Cecilia's 4.30pm Mass** and **St Agatha's 8.00am and 5.30pm Masses** this Sunday. May this special day be the start of a lifelong friendship with Jesus.



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 7 June

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



5.30pm Mass PIZZA NIGHT: Sunday 21 June

St Agatha's Parish Messages....

- ◆ **NO Children's Liturgy** this Sunday 7 June.

SVDP Winter Appeal The St Agatha's Conference will be conducting, the SVDP Winter Appeal during the month of June. Donation envelopes are 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.

Family Mass

and morning tea

NEXT SUNDAY 14 JUNE, 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.



What's happening in MOM Parish this week

Sunday 7 June

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



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

7 June: Kate McLean

14 June: Kerrie Fernicola

MOM Parish Messages....

◆ **MOTHER OF MERCY PARISH PRAYER ENGINE**

Every Tuesday, OLHC Church from 1.00 - 2.15pm.

- ◆ **Baptismal Joy!** This Saturday at St Cecilia's we welcome Cecilia.

- ◆ **Children's Liturgy of the Word (OLHC)** this Sunday 7 June.

- ◆ **LECTIO DIVINA** Lectio Divina is taking a break this Sunday and will resume next Sunday 14 June.

- ◆ **Anointing and Healing Mass:** Friday 12 June at the 9:00am Mass at St John's, Northgate. Morning tea after Mass. All welcome.

- ◆ **OLHC School Parish Mass** will be held **NEXT** Sunday 14 June at 9.30am.

- ◆ **Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament:** Friday 3 July after the 9:00am Mass at St John's, Northgate. Morning tea after Mass.

PRAYER SUPPORT THIS 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: Hazel Mezgar, Father Peter Hayes OSA, Archbishop Peter Hollingworth, Rev Neville Nixon

Anniversaries: Liam Robert O'Brien, Fr Denis O'Rourke, Peter and Dianne Savage, Godfrey Lawrence, Charles and Catherine Martin, Aileen Warburton, Peter Hoffmann, Mary Donaldson, Pauline Whelan, Terry Charles, Muriel Gracie, Dr Carmel Marshall, Kerry Brazil, Rosslyn McLeod

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



Scan to register
by Friday 19th
June 2026



Is your child in Yrs 4 to 6? Join us for our once-a-term youth group with games and craft. Drop-off your child or stay and help!

When? Term 2 Sunday 21st of June | **Where?** St Agatha's OSHC

Details: 4:00pm start. Snacks included. Move on to Mass at 5:30pm.

Pickup at 6:30pm. Families may stay for FREE PIZZA dinner afterwards.

Places limited | Registrations necessary | Cost is Free!

Questions? email Sandy at cantaruttis@bne.catholic.net.au

Web address to register:

https://app.tickets.org.au/StAgathasParish/TweenMeetTerm2_2026

SACRAMENT OF EUCHARIST - 6/7 JUNE

Please note: a few front rows at St Cecilia's and the front section at St Agatha's, 8.00am and 5.30pm Masses will be reserved for the children and their families this weekend.



THIS SATURDAY 6 JUNE

8AM TO 12 NOON

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

CASH ONLY



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 Pellicaan



The Sacrament of
CONFIRMATION



Open to all children Year 3 and above who have completed Baptism.
Program runs August-November 2026
ENROLMENTS ARE NOW OPEN

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/>



Ready to enrol?
**Our Lady Help of Christians Primary
Hendra**

BCEschools.com/enrolOLHC



THE OLHC ANNUAL TRIVIA NIGHT
Aussie Legends and Icons

Saturday 13 June 5pm-10pm
Xavier Place, OLHC School, 23 Bowman St, Hendra

Tickets just \$20 each or \$180 for a table of 10. Buy through Qkr!
BYO food or get it delivered. Cash bar, no BYO drinks.

Come dressed as an Australian legend or icon.
Prizes for best dressed, best decorated table, trivia champions and more!

Parents, friends and locals welcome. This is a grown-ups-only event.



Wouldn't miss it for quids. See ya there mate!

Tickets can also be purchased at the School Office or on the night!!!

NEWS FROM OUR PARISH SCHOOLS

Our Lady Help of Christians Catholic Primary School

This week at OLHC, our community came together to celebrate Under 8s Day with a fun-filled, action-packed morning that truly reflected the joy of childhood. The theme for 2026, *70 Years of Play Across the Generations*, invited children and adults alike to revisit the games, creativity and imagination that have delighted children for decades.

Good Start Kindy students joined us for the morning, adding to the excitement and energy of the day. We were blessed to have wonderful parent and family support, helping to create such a welcoming and joyful atmosphere for all involved.

The children enthusiastically moved through a wide range of activities including face painting, painting, bowling, elastics, a perceptual motor course, making Under 8's crowns and masks, parachute games, skipping and so much more. We were also delighted to welcome visits from the police, fire brigade and lifesavers, which added a real sense of community connection and learning. Not sure who enjoyed this more, the adults or the children.

A sausage sizzle and ice blocks were the perfect way to finish the celebrations. It was truly a wonderful day of play, laughter and togetherness, and a beautiful reminder of the importance of celebrating childhood. A huge thank you to Mrs Acton for coordinating the event and all the staff who assisted to make it such a success.

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

Wellbeing Week

This week, our school community celebrated Wellbeing Week, providing students with opportunities to connect, participate and reflect. Activities included author visits, a whole-school drumming experience with Rhythm Culture, and a free dress day.


A highlight was the drumming incursion, where students came together through music, experiencing the joy of participation and belonging. We extend our sincere thanks to the P&F for their generous support of this event.

As a Catholic school, we understand wellbeing as caring for the whole person spiritually, emotionally, socially and physically. Grounded in our belief that each person is created in the image of God, we strive to foster a community where every child feels valued, supported and connected.

Throughout the week, students were encouraged to reflect on the importance of kindness, gratitude and healthy relationships. These values not only contribute to positive wellbeing but also help us to live out the Gospel message in our daily lives.

We are grateful for the many opportunities our students have to grow in faith, confidence and connection as members of our school and parish community.

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
7 June	Terry Manso Scott Fitzpatrick	Chris Begley Louis Currie	Neville Canham Kathryn Bourke	Lorelei Gozzard Kate McLean
14 June	Family Mass	Leanne McDowall Maddy Brown	Parish School Mass	Robyn Jeynes 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: 100029170

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: 100029160

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 ELEVENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

First Reading: Exodus 19:2-6

Second Reading: Romans 5:6-11

Gospel: Matthew 9:36-10:8



Commemoration of Saints

June 2026

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

Mon 29 Sts Peter and Paul, *apostles*

July 2026

Fri 3 St Thomas, *apostle*

Sat 11 St Benedict, *abbot*

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: To share in the living bread of Christ is our core vocation as Christians. How are you called to be a representative of Jesus in sharing the Good News with others?

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

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