Newsletter

CATHOLIC PARISHES

Clayfield ● Hendra ● Hamilton ● Northgate

TWELFTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME (YEAR A) **21 JUNE 2026**

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Fr Michael Grace

There are some realities we would rather avoid speaking about, and sin is one of them. It seems too heavy and too negative a topic. Yet we all experience it, we all commit it, and we all suffer its consequences: the breakdown of our relationships with others and with God, the draining of life and energy, and the diminishing of hope.

In this weekend's second reading, St Paul names this reality clearly. From Adam onwards, sin and death have held sway over humanity. Worse than biological death is the spiritual death that sin entails, for left to ourselves we would be separated from God both in this life and in the life to come.

Yet Paul is not writing a moralistic treatise on the evils of sin. Rather, his instinct is to rejoice in the grace of God. The Good News he proclaims is that salvation has been offered to us as a free gift, yet one that must be received by faith.

We need not be afraid to acknowledge the reality of sin and human frailty, because without recognising our need we cannot fully appreciate the gift we have received in Christ. It was to reconcile us with the Father that God became man. In Christ, we are not merely freed from the punishment due to sin; we are given something greater than what was lost in the beginning - a share in the very life of God. Such is the abundance of God's grace, a gift surpassing all expectation.

Blessings,
Father Michael

NEW BANK ACCOUNT DETAILS

For any donations or payments via direct deposit/bank transfer, please note that:

Mother of Mercy and Clayfield Parishes have new bank account details.

Mother of Mercy Parish Account
BSB: 064 786
Account: 100029160

Clayfield Parish Account
BSB number: 064 786
Account number: 100029170

For any regular donors, please amend the details accordingly.
Thank you for your ongoing support to our parishes.

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 21 June

8.00am Mass Morning tea hosted by:
Gloria Lee, Mel Lillicrap, Anna Chetcuti

5.30pm Mass PIZZA NIGHT: THIS Sunday 21 June

St Agatha's Parish Messages….

- **Children's Liturgy** this Sunday 21 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.

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

Robert Kleimeyer, son of Christopher and Edwina
William Schoch, son of William and Clare

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

What's happening in MOM Parish this week

Sunday 21 June

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

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

21 June: Anne Carroll **28 June:** Jen Cridland

MOM Parish Messages….

- **MOTHER OF MERCY PARISH PRAYER ENGINE**
  Every Tuesday, OLHC Church from 1.00 - 2.15pm.
- **Children's Liturgy of the Word (OLHC)** this Sunday 21 June.
- **LECTIO DIVINA** Sundays 11.00 - 11.45am (Parish Centre).
  All welcome.

JUNE PARISH BIRTHDAYS:
We will be celebrating the June Parish birthdays **NEXT** Sunday 28 June after 9:30am OLHC Mass. Please come along and join us!

- **Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament**: **Friday 3 July** after the 9:00am Mass at St John's, Northgate. Morning tea after Mass.
- **PRAYER SUPPORT** Sunday **5 JULY** after the 9.30am Mass at OLHC Church, Hendra.
- The next **Gospel Reflection Group** will be held Tuesday 7 July, 9.30am in the Parish Centre Hendra.

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

Together we pray for ….

Recently deceased: Cardinal Emil Tacherring, Phillip Crevite

Anniversaries: Fr Ashley Warbrooke, Fr Kevin Noble, Ronald and Mary Savage, Bridget Sattler, Muriel Lyons, Paul McGuire, Dr Richard Seymour, Anne Seymour, Derek Francis, Irene Pringle, Daphne Felsman, Gabrielle O'Shea, Constance Adams, Kenneth Clifford

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

Help Shape a Children's Corner at St Agatha's

We are exploring the idea of creating a dedicated children's area within St Agatha's Church to help families participate more comfortably and fully in Mass.

If you are a parent or caregiver of young children, we would love to hear your thoughts. Please complete our short survey by scanning the QR code below.

Thank you for helping us create a welcoming parish for all families.

Scan to take survey

Eucharistic Exposition and Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament - OLHC

Please note: Adoration will cease from 9am to 2.00pm on **Tuesday 23 June.**

ST VINCENT DE PAUL - ITEMS WANTED

SVDP Hendra Conference is in need of good working **mobile phones and laptops** for needy clients. Donations would be gratefully appreciated. Please contact Mike on 0419 027 430.

Pilgrimage to the Marion Valley

Saturday 27 June celebrating the Feast Day of Our Mother of Perpetual Help. Bus transport is available for $35.00pp return.

Pick-up Time/Venue:

- 6:30am Holy Spirit Church Bray Park
- 7:00am Sacred Heart Church Sandgate
- 7:15am St. Flannan's Church Zillmere
- 7:30am Queen of Apostles Church Stafford.

For further information and to book your seat/s, contact Jima on 0432 374 239.

THE SECRET PLACE

A silent retreat for women
Hosted by Jo Hayes,
alongside the contemplative
Sisters Of The Morning Star
Sunday 21 June, 2026
3.30-6.30pm
7 Crown St, Mitchelton.
$25pp - strictly limited availability -
bookings essential -
Details and registration at johayes.com.au/retreats

PRAYER SUPPORT First Sunday of every month after the 9.30am Mass at OLHC Church, Hendra. A team of volunteers will be available to pray for the individual needs of parishioners. Everything shared with the prayer team will remain confidential.

NEWS FROM OUR PARISH SCHOOLS

Our Lady Help of Christians Catholic Primary School

Week 9 at OLHC has been filled with rich experiences of faith, learning, and community. We were delighted to celebrate our final Buddy Mass for the term, a special occasion that brought together our Early Years Faith students and their middle year buddies. It was a lovely opportunity to witness the connections between students as they shared in prayer and reflection.

A highlight of the week was the participation of a large group of our Year 4 students, along with some of our senior students, in BCE's Rugby 7's competition. They represented our school with great enthusiasm and sportsmanship, and it was wonderful to see them enjoy such a fabulous day together. Thank you to Mr Bennie for training the students and Miss Hall, Miss Hughes and Mr Halangahu for supporting the children on the day.

On Friday, we gathered for the OLHC Poetry Recital, where students from every year level confidently shared their poems. The variety of voices and creativity on display made for a truly engaging afternoon. It was a creative celebration of student expression and was thoroughly enjoyed by all who attended. Thank you to Mrs Bennie who has worked with the students this term on this special opportunity and wonderful poetry recital.

Marie-Louise Stolberg Assistant to the Principal in Religious Education

St Agatha's Catholic Primary School

This week has been a joyful and active one at St Agatha's, with many opportunities for our students to grow in confidence, teamwork and community spirit.

In particular, a group of Year 4 students recently took part in the Brisbane Catholic Education Rugby 7s Carnival. Our touch and tackle teams represented the school with great enthusiasm, skill and outstanding sportsmanship. The same spirit was also evident at our school Athletics Carnival, where students encouraged one another, celebrated personal bests and showed resilience in both success and challenge. These experiences are an important part of school life, helping our students to build friendships, develop perseverance and live out the values we cherish as a Catholic community. We are grateful to the staff, families and parish community whose ongoing support allows these opportunities to flourish for our children.

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
21 June	Matthew Crossley Nam Tran	Karen Birtles Louis Currie	Mary Nicholls Paul McLean	Louise Nott Barbara Nelson
28 June	Saxon Mew Paul Bartels	Andre Marino Amelia Marino-Cebulski	Serena Varendorff Cutella Dias	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: 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

THIRTEENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

First Reading: 2 Kings 4:8-11, 14-16
Second Reading: Romans 6:3-4, 8-11
Gospel: Matthew 10:37-42

Commemoration of Saints

June 2026

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*
Wed 15 St Bonaventure, *bishop, doctor*
Wed 22 St Mary Magdalene

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: Have you discovered yet that there is more to life than what only material things have to offer? We live in the Spirit. Only in the Lord can we find lasting peace. Speak the Good News.

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