Newsletter

CATHOLIC PARISHES

Clayfield ● Hendra ● Hamilton ● Northgate

THIRTEENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME (YEAR A) **28 JUNE 2026**

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Fr Michael Grace

It is easy to assume that everybody who comes to Church on Sunday or perhaps reads this newsletter is baptised. Yet this may not always be so. It's helpful then, to stop and think about the importance of this sacrament. This is worth reflecting on for the baptised too, so that we can be attentive to what our baptism actually means.

Baptism is the sacrament of our salvation. For it is, as St Paul reminds us in this weekend's second reading, a sharing in the life, death, and resurrection of Christ. We symbolically participate in his death, and yet we receive what it has achieved in reality, for having died with Christ, we will share also in the glory of his Resurrection. Yet, St Paul insists, we must live our baptism's meaning every day: "…you too must consider yourselves to be dead to sin but alive for God in Christ Jesus".

Here we see a deeper meaning of our baptism. It is not just a sacrament received once, rather it initiates a way of living. We are called, through baptism, to become fully alive in Christ, not just in eternity, but here and now.

Dear brothers and sisters, if you have not been baptised, I urge you to act. For the promise of salvation is conferred through this sacrament. I would be delighted to discuss preparation for baptism with anyone, and answer any questions you might have. But likewise, let each of us who have been baptised seek to live out its meaning each and every day. May Christ make us all more fully alive in the faith, and safeguard us as we journey towards eternal life.

Blessings,
Father Michael

NEXT SUNDAY 5 JULY - NATIONAL ABORIGINAL AND TORRES STRAIT ISLANDER SUNDAY

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 28 June
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** will resume Sunday 19 July.

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 three new members of Christ's faithful people:

Matilda Black, daughter of Nicholas and Amelia
Hazel and Bobby Hicks, children of Joe and Victoria

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

What's happening in MOM Parish this week

Sunday 28 June
9.30am Morning tea after 9.30am Mass *(Parish Centre)*

Volunteer(s) at Parish Morning Tea (10.30am Sundays)
28 June: Jen Cridland **5 July:** Lynn Rogers

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) will resume 19 July.**
- **LECTIO DIVINA** Sundays 11.00 - 11.45am (Parish Centre).
  All welcome.

JUNE PARISH BIRTHDAYS:
We will be celebrating the June Parish birthdays **THIS** 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. All welcome. Father John Gillen will be celebrating this Mass.
- Father John Gillen will be celebrating the **4.30pm Mass at St Cecilia's** next Saturday 4 July.
- **PRAYER SUPPORT NEXT** Sunday **5 JULY** 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: Carmel Watson, Jennifer Harte, Fr John Hayes, Fr Patrick McKenna, St M. Rita Johnston FMM, Peter Boldeman
Anniversaries: Sidney D'Penha, Bishop Leonard Boyle DD, Shirley Boldeman, Patricia Kemp, Gary O'Connor, Reginald Carruthers, Mary Mauloni, Betty Clarke, Rocco Pagano, Denis Cleary
Sick: 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

A Funeral Mass for **Carmel Watson** will be held at 10.00am on Tuesday 7 July, at OLHC. May Carmel rest in the eternal embrace of our loving Father.

BOARD GAMES SOCIAL EVENT ALL WELCOME!!
You are invited to join a group of parishioners who will meet at the MoM parish centre at **2.00pm Sunday 19 July** to play games such as Herd Mentality/Balderdash/ Scattergories/Pictionary/Articulate.
BYO drinks & optional snacks to share.
No need to rsvp. If you have questions, ask Lynn / Dave / Joe / Ash / Kathleen / Louise.

THE OLHC LONG LUNCH
Saturday 8 August
Tickets on sale now

ANNUAL PETER'S PENCE COLLECTION THIS WEEKEND

This annual appeal allows the Holy Father to respond to the most needy throughout the world, to offer timely, effective emergency assistance to our suffering brothers and sisters. A **retiring collection** will be taken up at all Masses in the parish this weekend 27/28 June.

MENS DINNER

DETAILS

WHEN: SATURDAY 22 AUGUST 2026
DINNER FROM 6PM
LUKE FROM 7PM

COST: $20 TO COVER CHICKEN & SALAD
[BYO - LIMITED ALCOHOL PROVIDED]

WHERE: OLHC PARISH CENTRE
[9 BOWMAN ST, HENDRA]

DONT MISS THIS! A POWERFUL AND PERSONAL STORY OF HOW SUFFERING AND LOSS CAN BRING GROWTH & TRANSFORMATION.

DR LUKE GARSKE

RSVP: Wednesday 19 August
SMS to: Joel Perkins 0438 241 524
Bill Nott 0418 183 400

Please see poster / flyer for more information.

NEWS FROM OUR PARISH SCHOOLS

Our Lady Help of Christians Catholic Primary School

As we come to the end of Term 2 at OLHC, we give thanks for an exciting, action packed and enjoyable final week. A highlight for our school community was the much-anticipated Athletics Carnival, which brought together students, staff, and families in a wonderful celebration of participation, perseverance, and school spirit.

Throughout the day, students gave their best in each event, demonstrating determination and enthusiasm. It was especially heartening to see the way our students supported one another - cheering loudly from the sidelines, celebrating each other's successes, and encouraging those who found events more challenging. The true spirit of the carnival was not just in winning races, but in the kindness, teamwork, and resilience shown by all.

We are incredibly proud of the outstanding sportsmanship displayed across every year level. Moments of encouragement, respect, and support were evident throughout the day, reflecting the strong values of Faith, Courage and Action.

As the term concludes, we thank our community for their ongoing support and wish all families a safe, restful, and blessed winter holiday.

Marie-Louise Stolberg Assistant to the Principal in Religious Education

St Agatha's Catholic Primary School

As Term 2 comes to a close, we give thanks for the many moments of faith, learning and community that have shaped life at St Agatha's. Our school theme for the year, inspired by St Mary MacKillop, "Step forward with courage," has been lived out in simple and meaningful ways. This term, students have shown courage in their learning by asking questions, trying new things, sharing their gifts, supporting one another and taking part in the opportunities offered across school life.

Parishioners will be pleased to know that our classrooms, prayer spaces, playgrounds and gathering places have been filled with curiosity, joy and connection. We have gathered in prayer through our Resurrection Liturgy, ANZAC Day commemorations, Mother's Day celebration and class liturgies, recognising God's presence in sacred and everyday moments. Students have also put faith into action through Containers for Change, National Reconciliation Week, the St Vincent de Paul Winter Appeal and the senior students' Mini Sleep Out. Term 2 also brought wonderful learning and community experiences, including BCE Open Week, National Simultaneous Storytime, author visits, Wellbeing Week, the BCE Rugby 7s Carnival and our Athletics Carnival. Together, these moments capture the spirit of St Agatha's: a welcoming, faith-filled community where children are known, encouraged and gently challenged to step forward with courage.

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
28 June	Saxon Mew Paul Bartels	Andre Marino Amelia Marino-Cebulski	Serena Varendorff Cutella Dias	Kate McLean Lorelei Gozzard
5 July	Phill Ryan Scott Fitzpatrick	Matteo Tickner Louis Currie	Neville Canham Mary Nicholls	Robyn Jeynes Barbara Nelson

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

FOURTEENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

First Reading: Zechariah 9:9-10
Second Reading: Romans 8:9, 11-13
Gospel: Matthew 11:25-30

Commemoration of Saints

June 2026

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
Sat 25 St James, *apostle*
Wed 29 Sts Martha, Mary and Lazarus
Fri 31 St Ignatius of Loyola, *priest*

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: Jesus knew that when we are committed to whatever we are doing no obstacle can prevent us from reaching our goal. So, Jesus could say: "If you will not take up your cross and come after me you are not worthy of me.

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