Newsletter

CATHOLIC PARISHES

Clayfield ● Hendra ● Hamilton ● Northgate

FOURTEENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME (YEAR A) 5 JULY 2026

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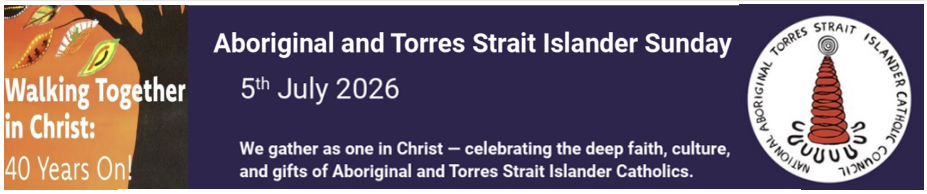
REFLECTION by Greg Sunter - *Liturgy Help*

When we hear the term, *yoke*, we tend to think about the yoke that is used to harness oxen together or the yoke that someone might carry on their shoulder to balance a heavy load. This yoke across the shoulder was adopted into tailoring and so the shoulder piece set into a shirt is also called a yoke. However, in the Jewish tradition there is a completely different meaning to the term. The yoke of a rabbi was his particular interpretation of Torah (the Law); his particular teaching. Disciples who followed a particular rabbi sought to take on his yoke; his particular interpretation. The yoke of any rabbi was best identified by asking him, 'Which is the greatest commandment?' A rabbi's answer to this question revealed his interpretation of Torah. When Jesus is asked that question, he answers, 'Love God and love your neighbour,' and goes on to say that all of the rest of the Law and the prophets flows on from these two commandments. This is the yoke – the interpretation of Torah – that Jesus taught.

In today's gospel, Jesus calls to him all those who labour and are overburdened. It is the Pharisaic interpretation of the Law that burdens these people. Trying to maintain the Law was burdensome and complicated for the everyday person. Jesus says, 'Shoulder *my* yoke and learn from me … my yoke is easy.' The yoke of Jesus *was* easy: Love God and love your neighbour.



NEW BANK ACCOUNT DETAILS

For any donations or payments via direct deposit/bank transfer,
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.
Please note: this does not affect Direct Debit or Credit Card donations
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 5 July
8.00am Mass Morning tea hosted by:
Marie Deuble, Judy and Paul Barbels, Jane Cameron
5.30pm Mass Pizza evening 19 July

St Agatha's Parish Messages….

- **Children's Liturgy** will resume Sunday 19 July.

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

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)
5 July: Lynn Rogers **12 July:** Kathryn Bourke

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.
- Father John Gillen will be celebrating the **4.30pm Mass at St Cecilia's** this Saturday 4 July.
- **PRAYER SUPPORT THIS** Sunday **5 July** after the 9.30am Mass at OLHC Church, Hendra.
- **Anointing and Healing Mass**: Friday 10 July at the 9:00am Mass at St John's, Northgate. Morning tea after Mass. All welcome.

PARISHES WOMEN'S DINNER | Saturday 22 August, 5.45pm
at Seagrill Café Restaurant 10 Nudgee Road, Hamilton
(near Portofino at corner of Allen Street
RSVP via Women's Sat 22 August dinner RSVPs and Lift info.docx or
hendra@bne.catholic.net.au

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

Together we pray for ….

Recently deceased: Janice Redcliffe, Carmel Watson, Les Harris, Jennifer Harte, Fr John Hayes, Fr Patrick McKenna, Sr M. Rita Johnston FMM, Peter Boldeman
Anniversaries: Meriel Healy, Mary Mauloni, Cardinal James Knox, Fr Michael Stapleton, Fr John McGlone OSA, John Miles, William Smithers, Paul Brannelly, Maria Roach, Brian Peters, Robyn Andrews, Elsie Geiger, Joyce Haynes, Samuel Jackson
Sick: Jervis Lyons, 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

A Funeral Service for **Janice Redcliffe** will be held at 11.00am on Friday 10 July, at St Agatha's Clayfield. May Janice rest in the eternal embrace of our loving Father.

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

PARISH COMMUNITY JUMBLE SALE

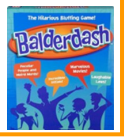
THIS SATURDAY 4 JULY
8AM TO 12 NOON
St John's Church Hall
688 Nudgee Road, Northgate
CASH ONLY

EXPOSITION & ADORATION of the BLESSED SACRAMENT

Adoration will **commence at 1.00pm** with Prayer Engine on **Tuesday 7 July** for all adorers.
There will be **NO** Exposition and Adoration before 1.00pm on this day.

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.



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.

ST CARLO ACUTIS

AUSTRALIA 25TH NATION TO HOST MAJOR PILGRIM RELIC – HIS PERICARDIUM

DISCOVER ST CARLO'S 5 STEPS TO HOLINESS

BRISBANE: 2–6 JULY 2026

Thursday 2nd July
St. Stephen's Cathedral, Brisbane
12:30PM — Mass
1:00-4:00PM — Talk & Veneration
10:00AM-4:00PM — Eucharistic Miracles Exhibition

Stella Maris, Maroochydore
7:30PM — Talk & Veneration

Friday 3rd July
Our Lady of the Rosary, Caloundra
9:00AM — Mass
9:30AM–3:00PM — Talk, Veneration, Eucharistic Miracles Exhibition & More

Mary Immaculate (Oratory), Annerley
7:30PM — Talk & Veneration

Saturday 4th July
Our Lady of Victories, Bowen Hills
7:00AM — Mass
7:30–9:30AM — Talk, Veneration & More

Saturday 4th July cont.
Little Flower, Kedron
5:00PM — Mass
10:00AM–7:00PM — Talk, Veneration, Eucharistic Miracles Exhibition & More

Sunday 5th July
Church of The Twelve Apostles, Jindalee
8:00AM & 5:30PM — Mass
9:00AM–5:30PM — Talk, Veneration, Eucharistic Miracles Exhibition & More

Monday 6th July
Sacred Heart, Clear Island Waters
9AM — Mass
9:30AM-4:00PM — Talk, Veneration, Eucharistic Miracles Exhibition & More

To be transformed into love through the Eucharist

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FOR MORE DETAILS: STCARLOAUSTRALIA.COM

Ready to enrol?

Our Lady Help of Christians Primary Hendra

BCEschools.com/enrolOLHC

Wednesday, 5 August 2026 10.30am - 2.30pm
Holy Trinity Church, 352 St Vincent's Road Banyo QLD 4014
RSVP: Call (07) 3324 3632 or 07 3324 3200
or email nundah@bne.catholic.net.au

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NEWS FROM OUR PARISH SCHOOLS

Our Lady Help of Christians Catholic Primary School

This term, we have loved providing opportunities for students to share how their classes celebrate gratitude through our GEM assemblies. It has been lovely for our community to see the many ways students are deepening their understanding of GEM which means Gratitude, Empathy and Mindfulness. Students and families have enjoyed seeing the thoughtful and creative examples shared by each class. This term we have witnessed our theme for this year; Courage to be YOU! Shine your GEM each day being lived so authentically in our community.

St Agatha's Catholic Primary School

Sunday Mass Rosters

Date	Reader Clayfield 8am Mass	Reader Clayfield 5:30pm Mass	Reader OLHC 9:30am Mass	Eucharistic Minister OLHC 9:30am Mass
5 July	Phill Ryan Scott Fitzpatrick	Matteo Tickner Louis Currie	Neville Canham Mary Nicholls	Robyn Jeynes Barbara Nelson
12 July	Amanda Bell Nam Tran	Karen Birtles Catie Kelly	Robyn Jeynes 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

FIFTEENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

First Reading: Isaiah 55:10-11
Second Reading: Romans 8:18-23
Gospel: Matthew 13:1-23

Commemoration of Saints

July 2026

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*

August 2026

Sat 1 St Alphonsus Liguori, *bishop, doctor*
Mon 3 St Dominic, *priest*

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: When we follow the Lord, His yoke is easy, and His burden is light. Seek Jesus and the fullness of His call, that you might find rest for your soul.

Contact Vocation Brisbane.

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