



Newsletter

CATHOLIC PARISHES

Clayfield ● Hendra ● Hamilton ● Northgate



FIFTEENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME (YEAR A)

12 JULY 2026

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We live in a universe where everything is subject to entropy, which we experience as change, frailty and fragility. In some sense, this is a fatal flaw - in the end quite literally - as all that we would seek to build or hold onto in this life must pass away. Thus, St Paul remarks that 'creation was made unable to attain its purpose' - and perhaps more puzzlingly so - 'it was made so by God'.



Fr Michael Grace

For the Christian, however, the reality that all things must pass away is not bad news. Indeed, we proclaim our true homeland to be in heaven with God. This we long for and anticipate with joy.

St Ambrose of Milan (one of the Fathers of the Church and a mentor of the great St Augustine) reflects upon this reality:

"God did not decree death from the beginning; he prescribed it as a remedy. Human life was condemned because of sin to unrelenting labour and unbearable sorrow, and so began to experience the burden of wretchedness. There had to be a limit to its evils; death had to restore what life had forfeited. Without the assistance of grace, immortality is more of a burden than a blessing." - *St Ambrose, On the Decease of Satyrus (Book II)*

This quote from St Ambrose might feel a little heavy to us; we don't often speak like this anymore. Yet, the point is not lost. This life is a blessing, yet it has its fair share of trials as well. In the end, this life cannot fully satisfy our heart. We always contemplate death with some trepidation - this is natural - but let us also school our heart to anticipate our heavenly homeland with joy. If we can do so, then we will understand the day of our death as a 'birth' to new life.

Blessings
Fr Michael



STELLA MARIS

Apostleship of the Sea Sunday 12 July

Today, Churches around the world celebrate Sea Sunday, a day for people to come together to pray for seafarers, fishers, and all who work at sea, and thank them for the vital role they play in our lives.

To assist this Catholic ministry, please visit:

<https://stellamarisaustralia.org/sea-sunday-appeal/> or

scan the QR Code. Your donation supports the mission and ministry of Stella Maris Australia.



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 12 July

8.00am Mass Morning tea hosted by:
The Community and Mission Council

5.30pm Mass Pizza evening 19 July



St Agatha's Parish Messages....

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

THANK YOU

The **St Agatha's Saint Vincent De Paul Conference** would like to thank the Parishioners and St Agatha's School for their generous donations to the SVDP Winter Appeal. This will enable the Conference to continue to assist people, who call on the Society for assistance.



Family Mass

SUNDAY 9 AUGUST, 8.00am

followed by morning tea!

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 12 July

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

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

12 July: Kathryn Bourke

19 July: Kate McLean



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.

♦ **Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament:** Friday 7 August after the 9:00am Mass at St John's, Northgate. Morning tea after Mass. All welcome.

♦ **Anointing and Healing Mass:** Friday 14 August at the 9:00am Mass at St John's, Northgate. Morning tea after Mass. All welcome.

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

or in person to Lynn, Kathleen, Mary G or Louise.

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

Together we pray for

Recently deceased: Janice Redcliffe, Les Harris

Anniversaries: Meriel Healy, Fr William McCarthy, Fr Gregory Jordan SJ, Keith Howland, Louis Thomsen, Keith and Mrs Mehrens, Teresa Mastrodomenico, Terrence Lay, Joan French, Adelaide Anderson, James O'Brien, William Johnson, Beryl Howard, William Tracey, Joan Kelleher, Phyllis Milnes, Maria Saurini, Valerie O'Regan

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



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

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.



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.

'MEDITATIO' - (Latin: meditation/contemplation)

A mini silent retreat for women

Hosted by Jo Hayes

WHERE: Carmelite Monastery of the Holy Spirit - Ormiston,

WHEN: Saturday 25 July, 2026; 2-5pm

COST: \$25pp - strictly limited availability - bookings essential -

Details and registration at: johayes.com.au/retreats.



Home, heart & soul

Flourishing in later life

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

FREE SEMINAR

THE CARMELITE SISTERS

invite you to celebrate with them

Our Lady of Mt. Carmel

SUNDAY 19 JULY

10.00 am Mass

Celebrant: Archbishop Shane Mackinlay

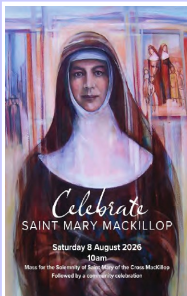


Stay for a picnic lunch - tea, coffee, sandwiches on sale.
Piety stall, Sisters' craft works on sale. Spend time in quiet prayer.

2.00 pm Evening Prayer - Benediction - Scapular enrolments

Carmelite Monastery, 287 Wellington St Ormiston 4160

www.carmeliteormiston.com



Solemnity of St Mary of the Cross MacKillop

As we approach the Solemnity of St Mary of the Cross MacKillop, we are once again preparing to gather as a community in thanksgiving and prayer. All are warmly invited to join Archbishop Shane Mackinlay for **Mass at 10am on Saturday, 8 August** in the **Cathedral of St Stephen**, followed by a community celebration. Bring family and friends to enjoy the beautiful surrounds of St Stephen's!

Ready to enrol?

Our Lady Help of Christians Primary Hendra

BCEschools.com/enrolOLHC



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]

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

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

DR LUKE GARSKE



Please see poster / flyer
for more information.

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.



JOIN US FOR AN AFTERNOON OF FUN, LIVE
MUSIC & COMMUNITY TO SUPPORT OUR SCHOOL

THE OLHC LONG LUNCH

SAT 8 AUGUST 1PM - 7PM
OLHC, BOWMAN ST, HENDRA

TICKETS 148 RAFFLE TICKETS

PROUDLY SPONSORED BY HOT PROPERTY BUYERS AGENCY & OPEN DOOR LEGAL

St Agatha's Catholic Primary School

Ready to enrol?

**St Agatha's Primary
Clayfield**



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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Sunday Mass Rosters

Date	Reader Clayfield 8am Mass	Reader Clayfield 5:30pm Mass	Reader OLHC 9:30am Mass	Eucharistic Minister OLHC 9:30am Mass
12 July	Amanda Bell Nam Tran	Karen Birtles Catie Kelly	Robyn Jeynes Cutella Dias	Kate McLean Lorelei Gozzard
19 July	Jane Arkinstall Andrew Pippia	Leanne McDowall Joel Perkins	Terry Manso Rosemary Woods	Louise Nott 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

SIXTEENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME



First Reading: Wisdom 12:13, 16-19

Second Reading: Romans 8:26-27

Gospel: Matthew 13:24-43

Commemoration of Saints

July 2026

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*

Tue 4 St John Vianney, *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: The seed of a vocation seeks fertile surroundings. Sometimes it gets stepped on, sometimes it gets choked, and sometimes it lacks depth. But other times, it is nourished by loving and caring friends.



Contact Vocation Brisbane.

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

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