



Newsletter

CATHOLIC PARISHES

Clayfield ● Hendra ● Hamilton ● Northgate



SIXTEENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME (YEAR A)

19 JULY 2026

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There could be nothing more simple and easy than offering a prayer. Even a child can do it — indeed, perhaps especially a child can do it. Yet to pray deeply, regularly, trustfully, and in a way that deepens our relationship with God and promotes our growth, that often feels quite difficult. We don't know what to say, and so our prayer can feel shallow, or we struggle to pay attention and God can seem distant. Yet we should not feel disheartened or discouraged. It is, as St Paul alludes to in this weekend's second reading, our common condition. God is necessarily beyond us and beyond our comprehension.



Fr Michael Grace

We do not know how to pray as we ought. Therefore, we must be content to allow the Spirit to move as He wills. This act of surrender is key to deepening our prayer lives. It means that I should not judge too quickly whether my prayer time was 'good,' or whether I was present to God. Sometimes God hides (or so it seems, something attested to even by the saints) so as to draw from me a deeper desire for communion with Him; or else perhaps He seeks to bring about a greater commitment to prayer — not because it feels good, but because it is good.

Every movement of the soul, whether I regard it as positive or difficult, can be an act of prayer: joy and sorrow, attention and the struggle to pay attention, a feeling of God's nearness or the desire for His presence. Even when I feel tired or agitated and have to drag myself to prayer, God's grace meets me there, and the Spirit is at work, interceding "in a way that could never be put into words." May God's Holy Spirit instil within each of us this trustful surrender of prayer.



Blessings
Fr Michael



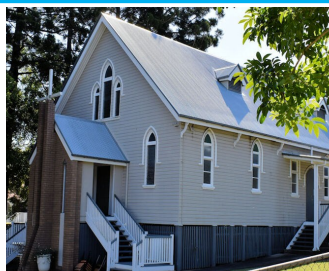
Next Sunday 26 July we celebrate **World Day for Grandparents and the Elderly**. This year's theme, "I will never forget you", invites us to show love and gratitude for the older people in our lives. There will be a special blessing at all the Masses for grandparents and the elderly. Make this a special day by inviting your grandparents and your elderly friends/neighbours to Mass.



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 19 July

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

5.30pm Mass Pizza evening this Sunday 19 July following Mass



St Agatha's Parish Messages....

- ♦ Children's Liturgy **THIS** 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.



BAPTISMAL JOY!!

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

Isla Gillespie, daughter of Kurt and Elizabeth

Rufus Cuthbert, son of Angus and Sarah

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



What's happening in MOM Parish this week

Sunday 19 July

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

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

19 July: Kate McLean

26 July: Anne Carroll



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 19 July.

- ♦ **Group Study of NEXT Sunday's readings:**

Sundays 11.00 - 11.45am (Parish Centre).

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

JULY PARISH BIRTHDAYS:

We will be celebrating the June Parish birthdays **NEXT** Sunday 26 July after 9:30am OLHC Mass. Please come along and join us!



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: Marion Sheahan, Sr Mary Cyprian PBVM, Vincenzo Parisi

Anniversaries: Tony Ambrosini, Br Cornelius Moloney cfc, Br Peter Smith cfc, John Cann, Wayne Mitchell, Margaret Morgan, Fay Ford, Angelo Ivanni, Isabelle Akes,

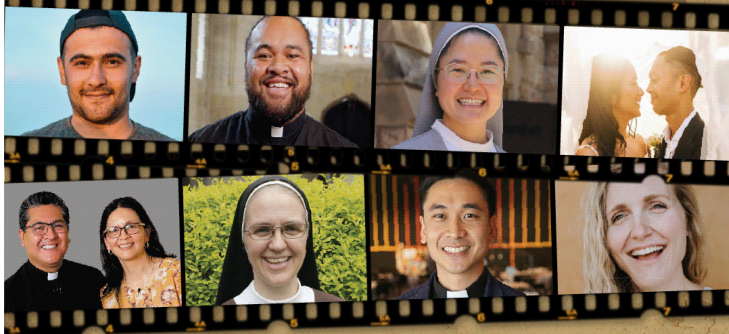
Sick: Jervis Lyons, Luke Manicaros, Xavier Douglas, James Mort, John D, Peter Francis Johnson, Margaret Donelan, Greg Donelan, Brad Ryan, Betty Mahoney, Rosaria Fazio, Michael Hardy, Maria Ward



Called by Name

National Vocation Awareness Week

2-9 August 2026



SCAN TO
DISCERN
YOUR CALL



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.



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



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'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.



EUCCHARISTIC EXPOSITION & ADORATION of the BLESSED SACRAMENT at OLHC

Everyone is welcome and encouraged to come and visit

Our Lord in the Blessed Sacrament for a regular Holy Hour.

When: Casual adorers are welcome **TUESDAYS** between the hours of 9am to 5pm.

If you wish to undertake adoration outside of these hours, including nocturnal Adoration, then you must be registered and obtain an activated key fob to enter the Church.

This will allow you to Adore between the hours of

Tuesdays from 6am through to Wednesdays 8.30am

(followed by Benediction and Holy Mass).

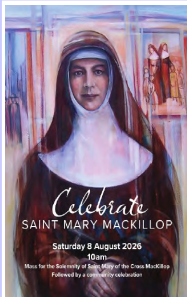
We need more Dedicated Adorers who are willing to commit to a weekly Holy Hour.

* Two adorers: 3.00pm (the Hour of Mercy)

* One second adorers: 6.00am & 6.00pm

For more information please contact the Parish Office or the Adoration

Coordinator (Colina) at northside.adoration.bn@gmail.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



Ready to enrol?

**St Agatha's Primary
Clayfield**

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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.



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]

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

DON'T 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



It was wonderful to see all our students back after the winter holidays. Term 3 promises to be action packed and exciting. Our OLHC students returned eager to embrace new learning opportunities while continuing to live our school theme, "Courage to be YOU! Shine your GEM each day." Through Gratitude, Empathy and Mindfulness, we encourage our young people to recognise God's presence in their daily lives and to share their gifts with others.

A wonderful highlight this week was the celebration of 100 Days of Prep. Our youngest learners marked this special milestone by wearing bright and colourful clothing, reflecting their unique personalities and the incredible learning journey they have been on since the beginning of the year. In just 100 days, our Preppies have embraced new friendships, discovered a love of learning, developed new skills, and demonstrated remarkable resilience, confidence and curiosity. Congratulations to all our amazing Prep students and Prep staff on reaching this significant milestone!

Next week our teachers take time to welcome our parents into their classrooms for parent teacher interviews. This is a valuable time to discuss their child/ren's learning and set goals for the rest of the year.

Many Blessings

Marie-Louise Stolberg Acting Principal

St Agatha's Catholic Primary School



As we begin a new term at St Agatha's, we look forward with gratitude and enthusiasm to a busy and productive few weeks ahead. The start of term is always a time of fresh energy, new beginnings and renewed opportunities to learn, grow and contribute to our school community.

Our first week back has already brought much joy, including the celebration of 100 Days of learning for our Prep classes on Friday. In the coming weeks, our school will also host Aggies Got Talent, giving students a wonderful opportunity to step forward, share their gifts and celebrate the many talents within our community.

This connects beautifully with our 2026 theme, *Step Forward with Courage*, inspired by the life and witness of Saint Mary MacKillop. Mary's courage, faith and trust in God continue to guide us as we encourage our students to use their gifts generously and to make a positive difference in the lives of others. We look forward to celebrating her feast day with a whole school Mass in Week 3, joining together in prayer and thanksgiving for her example of faith in action.

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
19 July	Jane Arkinstall Andrew Pippia	Leanne McDowall Joel Perkins	Terry Manso Rosemary Woods	Louise Nott Dona Rotolone
26 July	Dianne Eden Joseph O'Brien	Giselle Hossinger Maddy Brown	Serena Varendorff Bill Nott	Kate McLean Kerri Fernicola

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

SEVENTEENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME



First Reading: 1 Kings 3:5, 7-12

Second Reading: Romans 8:28-30

Gospel: Matthew 13:44-52

Commemoration of Saints

July 2026

- 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
- Thurs 6** The Transfiguration of the Lord



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.



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