



Newsletter

CATHOLIC PARISHES

Clayfield ● Hendra ● Hamilton ● Northgate



SEVENTEENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME (YEAR A)

26 JULY 2026

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REFLECTION by Dianne Bergant CSA - Liturgy Help

Two themes seem to weave through the readings for this Sunday: treasure and delight. The treasure is the extraordinary gift that comes from God; the delight is the joy that we experience when we realise that the treasure is ours. A third theme, which is found in the first reading, picks up a theme that we have considered several times during this period of Ordinary Time, namely, service of others.

The treasure is the kingdom of heaven. It is the prize that gives meaning to the present, and its fullest delight draws us into the future. The reign of God is the fulfilment of our deepest desires and our fondest hopes. Nothing in the world can compare with it, and that is why we are willing to sacrifice everything to attain it. The treasure that we find is really a gift that is given. We need not work to attain the kingdom, nor can we earn it in any way. It is given to us by God. All we have to do is accept it.

Solomon chose to be of service to others. In this he is a model for disciples to follow. We have discovered the treasure in the field; we have found the pearl of great price. What we have been given, we must now give to others. In giving we will lose nothing. In fact, we gain an abundance of blessings. All things work for good, and God is glorified in all. Such is the character of the kingdom of God.



THIS Sunday 26 July we celebrate World Day for Grandparents and the Elderly. This year's theme,

"I will never forget you",

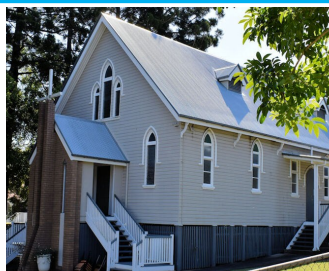
invites us to show love and gratitude for the older people in our lives. There will be a special blessing at all the Masses for grandparents and the elderly.



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 26 July

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** THIS Sunday 26 July.



BAPTISMAL JOY!!



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

Jack Parkinson, son of Nicholas and Annabel

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

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.*



**2026 ANNUAL
CATHOLIC CAMPAIGN**
Our Church • Our Mission • Our Community

The 2026 Annual Catholic Campaign
will be held on the weekend of
22/23 August.

What's happening in MOM Parish this week

Sunday 26 July

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



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

26 July: Anne Carroll

2 August: 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 19 July.

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

Sundays 11.00 - 11.45am (Parish Centre). All welcome.

- ♦ **WHOLE SCHOOL MASS (Catholic Education Week):**

Wednesday 29 July, 8.45am at OLHC. All welcome.

- ♦ **PRAYER SUPPORT** NEXT Sunday 2 August after the 9.30am Mass at OLHC Church, Hendra.

- ♦ **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 July Parish birthdays
THIS Sunday 26 July after 9:30am OLHC Mass.
Please come along and join us!



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

Together we pray for



Recently deceased: Desley Anthony, Catherine McGreevy, Daniel Rynne, Marion Sheahan, Sr Mary Cyprian PBVM, Vincenzo Parisi

Anniversaries: Jeanette Leutenegger, Elizabeth Cavanagh, Ronald Conquest, John Gebbett, Fr Maurice Duffy, Fr Alexius Carroll, Margaret and Thomas Curtin, Fr David Howe

Sick: Kathleen McClafferty, 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

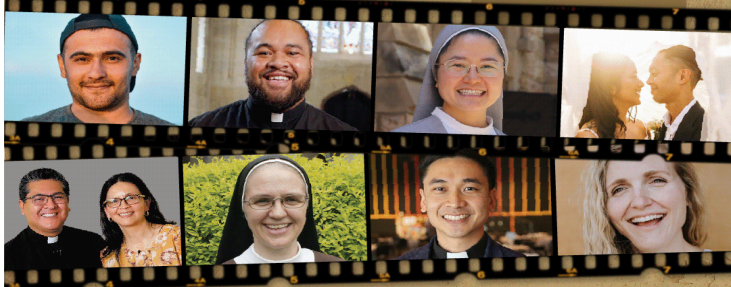
Please note that the Parish Office will be closed NEXT Thursday 30 July.

The staff will be attending the Parish Office Professionals' Day.

Called by Name

National Vocation Awareness Week

2-9 August 2026



SCAN TO
DISCERN
YOUR CALL



RESOURCES AVAILABLE AT THE ENTRANCE OF ALL THE CHURCHES

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.

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

To purchase general admission tickets or raffle tickets go to
<https://events.humanitix.com/2026-olhc-long-lunch>



Wednesday, 5 August 2026 10.30am - 2.30pm

Holy Trinity Church, 352 St Vincent's Road Banyo QLD 4014

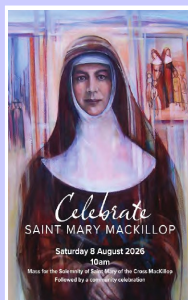
RSVP: Call (07) 3324 3632 or 07 3324 3200

or email nundah@bne.catholic.net.au

FREE SEMINAR

Invitation to an Anointing Mass

An invitation is extended to the people of the Archdiocese to attend the monthly Anointing Mass at St. Mary Magdalene's Church, 51 Cecil Road, Bardon, Friday, 7th August, 2026 at 7.30pm. Fr. Thomas Varkey, PP Holland Park/Mt Gravatt will be the celebrant. The Sacrament of Anointing will be administered during the Mass and further prayer ministry will be available after Mass. For more information, contact Len Airey on 0421 977 849 or by email to lenpatairey@gmail.com Sponsored by CCR Bardon.



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]

RSVP: 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

At OLHC, a highlight of our week was the opportunity to connect with families during our Parent-Teacher Interviews. These conversations are always a valuable part of the partnership between home and school. They provided an opportunity to celebrate each child's achievements, discuss their learning progress and share the goals they are working towards this term. It was encouraging to reflect on the many ways our students are growing academically, socially and emotionally. Teachers shared examples of the wonderful learning taking place from developing literacy and numeracy skills to engaging in creative thinking, collaboration and problem-solving.

On Friday, our school community enjoyed a special Pyjama Day in support of The Pyjama Foundation, an organisation dedicated to supporting children in foster care. Staff and students were invited to wear their pyjamas to school, creating a fun and colourful atmosphere for all. We were privileged to welcome two Pyjama Angels who helped start our day by sharing a story and explaining the important work they do. While the day brought plenty of smiles and excitement, it also provided an opportunity for our community to support a worthy cause and assist the Angels in making a positive difference in the lives of children who need it most.

We are looking forward to Catholic Education Week, which begins today. The theme is "Share your light, inspire others." We are so excited about what this week will bring and invite all to join us for our whole school mass on Wednesday morning.

Many Blessings

Marie-Louise Stolberg Acting Principal

St Agatha's Catholic Primary School

Catholic Education Week is a wonderful opportunity to celebrate the gift of Catholic education and the special partnership between our school, parish and families. This year's theme, Share your Light – Inspire Others, reminds us that each person has God-given gifts to share. At St Agatha's, we see this light each day in the kindness of our students, the dedication of our staff, the support of our families and the many ways our community lives out faith through learning, service and care for one another.

As part of our celebrations, we will gather next Thursday at 9:00am in the Presentation Centre for our Catholic Education Week and Grandparents Liturgy. This will be a beautiful time to give thanks for the grandparents and grandfriends who have helped shape the faith, values and stories of 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
26 July	Dianne Eden Joseph O'Brien	Giselle Hossinger Maddy Brown	Serena Varendorff Bill Nott	Kate McLean Kerri Fernicola
2 August	Terry Manso Nic Kure	Chris Begley Louis Currie	Bill Nott Louise Nott	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

EIGHTEENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME



First Reading: Isaiah 55:1-3

Second Reading: Romans 8:35, 37-39

Gospel: Matthew 14:13-21

Commemoration of Saints

July 2026

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

Sat 8 St Mary of the Cross, *virgin*

Mon 10 St Lawrence, *deacon, martyr*



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: Finding our vocation in life is like finding a buried treasure. We will do whatever it takes to possess it. Finding the treasure is a gift, possessing it is our vocation.

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

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