



Newsletter

CATHOLIC PARISHES

Clayfield ● Hendra ● Hamilton ● Northgate



EIGHTEENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME (YEAR A)

2 AUGUST 2026

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When St Paul, in this weekend's second reading, expresses his utter confidence in God's love, he does not do so naively. He is a man who gave a great deal to his labours for the kingdom of God and one who suffered much, in the end facing even his own martyrdom. Yet his confident proclamation is that nothing, no power, no trial or tribulation however profound can come between us and the love of God.



Fr Michael Grace

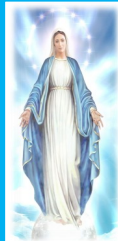
What is it that allows St Paul to express such faith, even in the face of considerable difficulties? How can we too grow in the same confidence? No doubt St Paul had experienced the goodness of God, and God's help in overcoming many obstacles in his life and mission. Pondering on the many blessings and graces we have received in the past can help us have faith that God will come through even if in the present we face some trial. But Christian faith is founded on something more profound, for we proclaim a crucified Christ (cf 1 Cor :23)

God did not remain aloof from the brokenness of our world. Rather, in Christ, God took on our human condition and bore the weight of human suffering. Could the God who in Jesus so profoundly united himself to us ever abandon us? Surely no! But moreover, the life of St Paul and above all the life, death, and resurrection of Jesus proclaim God's power, not so much to save us from the hour of trial, but to save us through it.

As we look around our troubled world, or even just our various trials and frailties, let us also express confident faith. For 'nothing can come between us and the love of Christ' (Rm 8:35).

Blessings
Fr Michael

FAITH



Feast of the Assumption Mass times

- ◆ Friday 14 August 6.00pm St Agatha's Church.
- ◆ Saturday 15 August 9.00am, Our Lady Help of Christians



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 2 August

8.00am Mass Morning tea hosted by:
Marie Deuble, Judy and Paul Bartels, Jane Cameron

5.30pm Mass Pizza evening **Sunday 16 August**



St Agatha's Parish Messages....

- ♦ **Children's Liturgy** THIS Sunday 2 August.

Family Mass

NEXT 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.*

WHOLE SCHOOL MASS (St Mary MacKillop Feast Day)

Monday 10 August, 9.30am at St Agatha's Church.

All welcome.



**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 2 August

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

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

2 August: Anne Carroll

9 August: Kerrie Fernicola



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 2 August.

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

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

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

- ♦ The next **Gospel Reflection Group** will be held **Tuesday 4 August**, 9.30am in the Parish Centre Hendra.

- ♦ **WHOLE SCHOOL MASS (St Mary MacKillop Feast Day)**

Wednesday 5 August, 8.45am at OLHC. All welcome.

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

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

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

Recently deceased: Thomas Clair, Desley Anthony, Catherine McGreevy, Daniel Rynne, Marion Sheahan

Anniversaries: Jeanette Leutenegger, Leonard Bechtel, Mary Brayley, Judy Gamin, Archbishop Francis Rush, Br James Hodda cfc, William and Sandra Wilkie

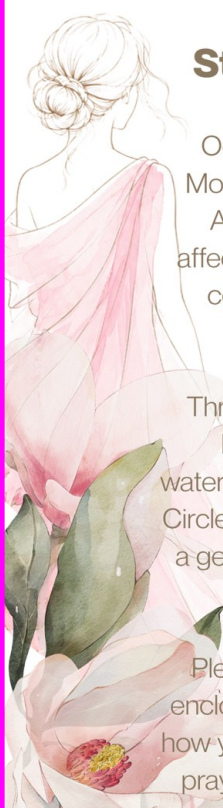
Sick: Kathleen McClafferty, Jervis Lyons, Luke Manicaros, Xavier Douglas, James Mort, John D, Peter Francis Johnson, Margaret Donelan, Greg Donelan, Brad Ryan, Betty Mahoney, Rosaria Fazio, Michael Hardy, Maria Ward

St Agatha's Pink October

October is Breast Cancer Awareness Month, and as the parish named after St Agatha—the patron saint of women affected by breast disease—we invite our community to walk together in hope, compassion and friendship.

Throughout the month there will be Pink Morning Teas, Paint with Purpose watercolour workshop, a community Yarning Circle creating comfort rugs for women, and a gentle remembrance for Pregnancy and Infant Loss.

Please take a few moments to read the enclosed Pink October guide and discover how you can be part of this special month of prayer, community and practical support.



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

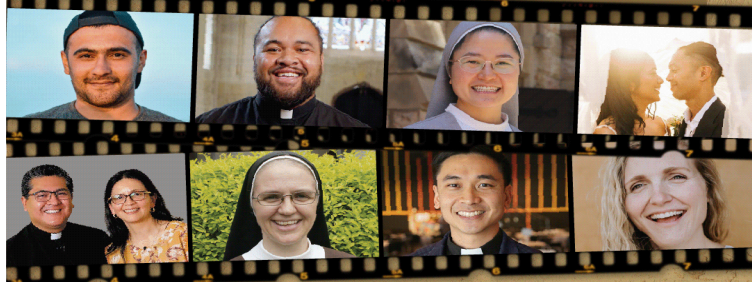
To purchase general admission tickets or raffle tickets go to
<https://events.humanitix.com/2026-olhc-long-lunch>

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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



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 lenpatarey@gmail.com Sponsored by CCR Bardon.



NEXT SATURDAY 8 AUGUST

8AM TO 12 NOON

**St John's Church Hall
688 Nudgee Road, Northgate**

CASH ONLY

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

Catholic Education Week at OLHC: Share Your Light, Inspire Others!



It was an amazing week at OLHC filled with faith, gratitude, kindness and opportunities to shine the light of Christ in our school.

Our celebrations began with a special launch and a thank you coffee for our parents and staff, recognising the important role they play in supporting the life and mission of our school. Throughout the week, the school was truly lit up as students and staff explored ways to share their gifts and inspire those around them.

A highlight was our beautiful whole school Mass on Wednesday, where we gathered in prayer and thanksgiving for the gift of Catholic education. During the week students participated in random acts of kindness, spreading gratitude messages throughout our local community.

Children created lanterns, reflecting on the unique qualities and strengths that make them shine. Gratitude hearts displayed around the school provided a wonderful reminder of the many blessings for which our students are thankful.

A special thank you to Mrs Iles for her creativity, dedication and hard work in coordinating so many meaningful experiences. Through these activities, our students demonstrated beautifully how, at OLHC, we share our light and inspire others each and every day. ✨

Many Blessings

Marie-Louise Stolberg Acting Principal

St Agatha's Catholic Primary School

Catholic Education Week and Grandparents Liturgy

During Catholic Education Week, our St Agatha's school community gathered for a beautiful Grandparents Liturgy on Thursday. It was a joy to welcome so many grandparents and special guests into our school, and to see the warmth, pride and happiness their presence brought to our students.

This celebration was a special opportunity to give thanks for the important role grandparents and older family members play in the lives of children. Through their love, wisdom, encouragement and faith-filled example, they help nurture a strong sense of belonging and hope. The liturgy also reminded us of the gift of Catholic education and the shared partnership between school, family and parish in supporting the growth of every child — spiritually, academically, socially and emotionally. We are grateful to all who joined us and helped make this celebration such a meaningful occasion for the St Agatha's Clayfield community.

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
2 August	Terry Manso Nic Kure	Chris Begley Louis Currie	Bill Nott Louise Nott	Louise Nott Dona Rotolone
9 August	Family Mass	Matteo Tickner Giselle Hossinger	Robyn Jeynes Neville Canham	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

NINETEENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME



First Reading: 1 Kings 19:9, 11-13

Second Reading: Romans 9:1-5

Gospel: Matthew 14:22-33

Commemoration of Saints

August 2026

- 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*
- Tues 11** St Clare, *virgin*
- Tues 14** St Maximilian Mary Kolbe, *priest, martyr*
- Sat 15** The Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary
- Thurs 20** St Bernard, *abbot, doctor* **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 give the Lord what we have, no matter how meagre, He will multiply it beyond belief. In this National Vocations Awareness Week, how might you offer the bread and fish of your life for Jesus to transform and multiply?



Contact Vocation Brisbane.

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

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