



Newsletter

CATHOLIC PARISHES

Clayfield ● Hendra ● Hamilton ● Northgate



NINETEENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME (YEAR A)

9 AUGUST 2026

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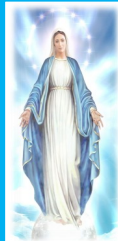
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Although divine power is manifested in dramatic ways, it is also present in what is unassuming. Traces of God can be seen in the delicacy of a violet, in a cool summer breeze, in the blush of innocence, in the fiery eyes of justice. Every one of us lives in the midst of God, breathes the breath of God's life, and is constantly touched by the exquisite artistry of God's creativity. Life itself is a mountain experience of God.

As wonderful as life may be, it can also be very frightening at times. There are misunderstandings and rancour, jealousy and vindictiveness, greed and a hunger for power. Our personal lives can come unravelled and we can feel that we are genuinely 'at sea'. Every human being is tossed about by the exigencies of life. It is at times like these that we need faith in Jesus. Even though we do not recognise him, he is there in the midst of our chaos. Having the power of God, he is the definitive champion of all chaos, and so he is able to allay our fears and calm the sea.

A true experience of God, whether it be within the ordinariness of life or one of life's tribulations, is both transformative and effusive. It is a reality that cannot be contained; it must be proclaimed. Disciples must be ready to do what they can in order that the good news of God's revelation be made known to others.



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 9 August

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

5.30pm Mass Pizza evening Sunday 16 August



St Agatha's Parish Messages....

- ◆ No Children's Liturgy THIS Sunday 9 August.

Family Mass

THIS 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.



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.

What's happening in MOM Parish this week

Sunday 9 August

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

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

9 August: Kerrie Fernicola

16 August: Rosemary Woods



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 9 August.**

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

Sundays 11.00 - 11.45am (Parish Centre). 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.



- ◆ The next **Gospel Reflection Group** will be held **Tuesday 1 September**, 9.30am in the Parish Centre Hendra.

- ◆ **Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament: Friday 4 September** after the 9:00am Mass at St John's, Northgate. Morning tea after Mass. All welcome.

- ◆ **PRAYER SUPPORT** Sunday 6 September after the 9.30am Mass at OLHC Church, Hendra.

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

Recently deceased: Catherine Buckley, Fr Barry Grayson, Sr Rita Connor, Brian Reardon, Terrence Rout, Thomas Clair

Anniversaries: Betty Bourke, Maurice and Elizabeth Griffin, Robert Hazelgrove, Lillian Arao-Arao, Don & Heather Curtin

Sick: Kathleen McClafferty, Jarvis 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



Scan to register
by Friday
August 14th,
2026



MOTHER OF MERCY & ST AGATHA'S PARISHES

Sunday August 16th 2026, 4:00pm-6:30pm

Is your child in Yrs 4 to 6? Join us for our once-a-term youth group with games and craft. Drop-off your child or stay and help!

When? Term 3 Sunday 16th of August | **Where?** St Agatha's OSHC

Details: 4:00pm start. Snacks included. Move on to Mass at 5:30pm.

Pickup at 6:30pm. Families may stay for FREE PIZZA dinner afterwards.

Places limited | Registrations necessary | Cost is Free!

Questions? email Sandy at cantaruttis@bne.catholic.net.au

Web address to register:

<https://app.tickets.org.au/StAgathasParish/2026TweenMeetTerm3>

Be blessed and bless others with your gift

The Annual Catholic Campaign shows the power of our local Church. When we unite as one Archdiocesan family through our gifts, we support ministries and people within our own neighbourhoods, reaching those in need, nurturing vocations, and participating in God's own work.



22-23 August 2026

catholiccampaign.com.au

07 3324 3200

giving@bne.catholic.net.au

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.

PARISH COMMUNITY



THIS SATURDAY 8 AUGUST

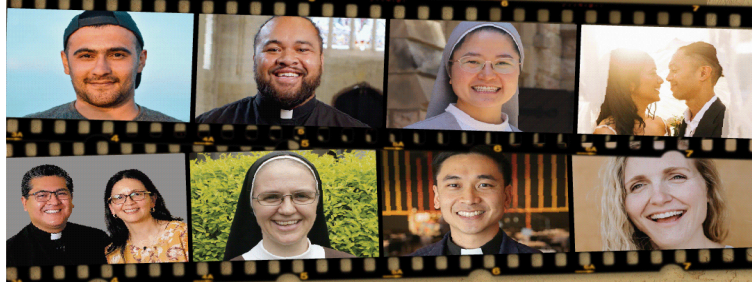
8AM TO 12 NOON
St John's Church Hall
688 Nudgee Road, Northgate

CASH ONLY

Called by Name

National Vocation Awareness Week

2-9 August 2026



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YOUR CALL



RESOURCES AVAILABLE AT THE ENTRANCE OF ALL THE CHURCHES



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 adorer: 6.00am & 6.00pm

For more information please contact the Parish Office or the Adoration
Coordinator (Colina) at northside.adoration.bn@gmail.com

Ready to enrol?

Our Lady Help of Christians Primary Hendra

BCEschools.com/enrolOLHC



St Agatha's Catholic Primary School

Limited spaces are available in 2027!

Join the St Agatha's community, where students thrive through
Growth, Friendship and Faith.

For enrolment details phone 3326 9222 or visit
www.stagathasclayfield.qld.edu.au/enrolments

**Discover
our school**



MULTICULTURAL MASS

**2PM SUNDAY
30 AUGUST 2026**

Queen of Vietnamese
Martyrs Catholic Church,
54 Flint St, Inala

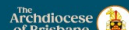
**"Even just one of
these children"**
Pope Leo

CELEBRATED BY ARCHBISHOP SHANE MACKINLAY

Mass will be followed by refreshments, cultural performances and activities.



Archdiocese
MINISTRIES



For more info contact email ortizl@bne.catholic.net.au

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TO REGISTER

NEWS FROM OUR PARISH SCHOOLS

Our Lady Help of Christians Catholic Primary School

Students were chosen for the St Mary MacKillop Award which
embodies the qualities that help make our school a faith-filled,
caring and inclusive community. These children show trust in God,
compassion for others, resilience in difficult times, and a genuine commit-
ment to helping those in need.

Guided by our school theme, 'Courage to be YOU, shine your Gem
each day'. The students chosen were selected because they demonstrate
our school theme so thoughtfully.

As we acknowledged these students, we celebrated not only what they
do, but also who they are becoming: young people of faith, courage and
service who inspire others through their actions each day.

Below are the students chosen for this award.

St Mary MacKillop Award Recipients:

Prep Faith: Paddy

Prep Courage: Hector

Early Years Faith: Molly

Early Years Courage: Sofia

Early Years Action: Sullivan

Middle Years Faith: Maddy

Middle Years Courage: Jackson

Middle Years Action: Hugo

Senior Years Action: Cleo

Congratulations to these students we are very proud of you.

Many Blessings

Marie-Louise Stolberg Acting Principal

St Agatha's Catholic Primary School

Stepping Forward with Courage at St Agatha's

On Monday, our school community will celebrate the Feast
Day of St Mary of the Cross MacKillop. As Australia's first
saint, Mary continues to inspire us through her faith, compassion and
courage. Her example speaks strongly to our school theme this year:
Step Forward with Courage.

We have seen this courage in action recently. Last Friday, many of
our students proudly represented St Agatha's at the Zone 6 Athletics
Carnival, giving their best and encouraging one another with great school
spirit.

Next Friday, 14 August, we will gather for our Aggie's Got Talent
showcase. Students will again step forward with courage as they share
their gifts through dancing, singing and other performances.

We look forward to celebrating the many ways our students live out
courage, kindness and faith, inspired by St Mary of the Cross MacKillop.
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
9 August	Family Mass	Matteo Tickner Giselle Hossinger	Robyn Jeynes Neville Canham	Kate McLean Lorelei Gozzard
16 August	Beth Casey Matthew Crossley	Maddy Brown Catie Kelly	<i>Volunteer</i> Cutella Dias	Robyn Jeynes Barbara Nelson

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

TWENTIETH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME



First Reading: Isaiah 56:1, 6-7

Second Reading: Romans 11:13-15, 29-32

Gospel: Matthew 15:21-28

Commemoration of Saints

August 2026

- 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*
- Fri 21** St Pius X, *pope*
- Sat 22** The Queenship of the Blessed Virgin Mary
- Mon 24** St Bartholomew, *apostle*
- Thurs 27** St Monica

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: Why is it that we lack real trust when the Lord calls us? We think we may drown, or must give up too much, or fear failure. These attitudes can help to strengthen our faith in the Lord.

Contact Vocation Brisbane.

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

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