



Newsletter

CATHOLIC PARISHES

Clayfield ● Hendra ● Hamilton ● Northgate



TWENTIETH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME (YEAR A)

16 AUGUST 2026

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It is a strange irony in the life of Paul that he who was so zealous for the purity of the Jewish faith, became the great apostle to the gentiles and indeed one who battled to ensure that gentile converts would not be expected to live by Jewish customs. Nevertheless, as we can see in this weekend's second reading, he retained all of his concern for his own people. Indeed, his full desire is that all of his Jewish brothers and sisters would come to fullness of life in the Kingdom of God.



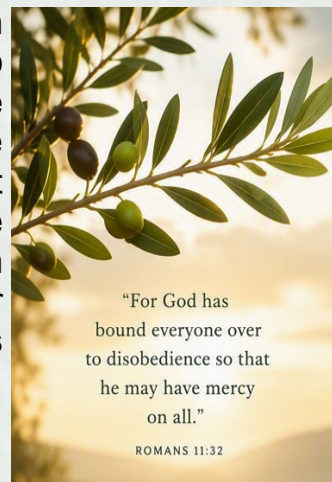
Fr Michael Grace

Attitudes towards the Jewish people have a long and often dark history, something which is in focus again, with the Royal Commission into Antisemitism and Social Cohesion currently underway. Sadly, Christians have contributed to antisemitism and continue to do so, till this day. And so, it is salutary for us to note what St Paul lays out so clearly. The Jewish people remain beloved of God. "God never takes back his gifts or revokes his choice". Indeed, it is by means of an extension of his mercy that we too can count ourselves the people of God.

At this time, let's pray for our Jewish brothers and sisters. This is not to say we do or do not endorse every action of the state of Israel; that is a political matter. But we must reject wholly any negative ideas about the 'Jewish people' as people. They are beloved of God and we ought to esteem them as well, for from them came Christ, our Lord, and through them the offer of God's grace and mercy.

Blessings

Father Michael



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 16 August

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

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



St Agatha's Parish Messages....

- ♦ **Children's Liturgy** THIS Sunday 16 August.

BAPTISMAL JOY!!

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

Margot Sparks, daughter of Thomas and Jade

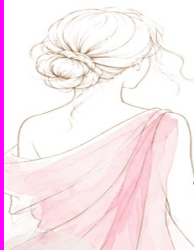
This Saturday at OLHC we welcome Zeeian and Lucy.

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



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 16 August

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

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

16 August: Volunteer

23 August: Lorelei Gozzard



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 16 August.

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

Sundays 11.00 - 11.45am (Parish Centre). 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.

- ♦ **Anointing and Healing Mass:** **Friday 11 September** 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: Peter Cavanagh, John Logan, Catherine Buckley, Fr Barry Grayson, Sr Rita Connor, Brian Reardon, Terrence Rout



Anniversaries: Margaret Mary (Bobby) Tynan, Fulvia Antonangeli, Maurice and Elizabeth Griffin, Fr William Ross, William Smithers, Joseph and Josephine Gibson, Helen Mayes, Vincent Hayes, Maria Guerreri, Neville Rashford, Kenneth Lee, Maurice Conquest

Sick: Margot Kirby, Dawn Collinson, 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

22-23 August 2026



Care for retired and elderly priests

Your gift to The Priests Foundation ensures that priests who have spent their lives in service to God and our community are themselves supported with care and dignity when they retire or become unwell.



2026 ANNUAL CATHOLIC CAMPAIGN
Our Church · Our Mission · Our Community

Envelopes are available this weekend **15/16 August**. Please take a brochure and giving envelope with you today and return it next week, pop it in the mail, or you can also fill it in today and place it in the collection.

SCAM ALERT

Please be aware that scam emails are circulating which falsely claim to be from parish priests.

Our clergy **never request money, gift cards, or financial assistance via email**, and they do not ask parishioners to deal with matters discreetly or confidentially.

If you receive such an email, please ignore and delete it. When in doubt, contact the parish office directly to verify any communication.

Thank you for your vigilance.

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.



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



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.

Archdiocesan
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Queensland
Government

The Archdiocese
of Brisbane

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

SCAN HERE
TO REGISTER

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**



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

Our Lady Help of Christians School enjoyed a wonderful Ekka-inspired
Wellbeing Week, filled with opportunities for fun, connection and
gratitude across our school community.

The week began with **Magnificent Sock Monday**, where students proudly
wore their favourite socks. From colourful patterns to quirky designs, the socks
brought smiles and reminded us that wellbeing can be found in the simple things
that help us feel happy and confident.

On **Timeout Tuesday**, our Middle Years students attended a day camp at
Redland Bay. The experience provided opportunities to build friendships, develop
resilience and enjoy time together.

Wellbeing Wednesday gave students and staff the chance to enjoy the
Ekka holiday and spend quality time with family and friends.

Students returned for **Thoughtful Thursday**, working alongside their buddy
classes to design and create the ultimate Ekka show bag. The activity
encouraged creativity, teamwork and plenty of laughter as students shared their
ideas and talents.

The week concluded with **Fun Friday**, featuring a special Dagwood Dog
Ekka lunch that was enjoyed by students.

Adding to the excitement of the week, our Middle Years and Senior Years
Choir represented OLHC at the Queensland Catholic Music Festival. We are
incredibly proud of their commitment and enthusiasm.

Thank you to our staff, students and families for making another wellbeing
week such a joyful and memorable celebration of community.

Many Blessings

Marie-Louise Stolberg Acting Principal

St Agatha's Catholic Primary School

This week, the St Agatha's school community gathered to celebrate the
Mary MacKillop Feast Day Mass. We are grateful to Fr Michael for
leading our Mass, and to our students, staff and musicians who helped make the
celebration so reverent and meaningful. Mary MacKillop's example continues to
inspire us to step forward with courage, to notice the needs of others, and to
respond with compassion.

Next week, students will take part in National Science Week, exploring the
theme Seeds of Science: Nurturing Knowledge for All. This will be a wonderful
opportunity to nurture curiosity, investigation and a love of learning. Year 4M will
also share their recent Sea World learning at assembly, connecting their
experiences with scientific discovery.

We will also recognise Bullying No Way Week, with this year's theme, Small
Acts, Big Impact. Students will reflect on how kindness, respect and inclusion can
make a real difference in our school and wider community. On Friday 21 August,
students are invited to wear purple as a sign of this shared commitment.

We also look forward to welcoming our 2027 Prep students for their second
Step into Prep visit. These visits help children and families feel connected,
confident and warmly welcomed into the St Agatha's 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
16 August	Beth Casey Matthew Crossley	Maddy Brown Catie Kelly	Volunteer Cutella Dias	Robyn Jeynes Barbara Nelson
23 August	Andrew Pippia Scott Fitzpatrick	Karen Birtles Joel Perkins	Trish Dunn Kathryn Bourke	Lorelei Gozzard Louise Nott

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

TWENTY-FIRST SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME



First Reading: Isaiah 22:19-23

Second Reading: Romans 11:33-36

Gospel: Matthew 16:13-20

Commemoration of Saints

August 2026

- 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
Fri 28 St Augustine, *bishop, doctor*
Sat 29 The Passion of St John the Baptist, *martyr*

September 2026

Thurs 3 St Gregory the Great, *pope, 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.

Contact Vocation Brisbane.



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

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