



Newsletter

CATHOLIC PARISHES

Clayfield ● Hendra ● Hamilton ● Northgate



TWENTY-FIRST SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME (YEAR A) 23 AUGUST 2026

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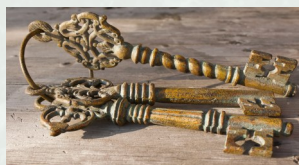
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REFLECTION by Dianne Bergant CSA - *Liturgy Help*

The readings highlight two different but related themes: the character of our understanding of Christ, and our understanding of discipleship that flows from it. Christological reflections reach a climax in the question posed to the disciples: Who do you say I am? In this liturgical context, the same question is posed to us. Who is this one who multiplies loaves of bread, who walks on turbulent waters, who breaks the boundaries that separate insider from outsider? It is none other than the messiah.

When Peter testified to Jesus' identity, it was a relevant religious and political statement, for messianic expectation was a burning question at that time. But what does it mean for the average Christian today? Many believers consider messianic expectation a theological theme that belongs to the past. They feel that it is difficult to get excited about the coming of someone who we believe has already come and gone. If Jesus were to pose this question today, how would we answer?

Like Peter, we too may have good intentions, but when they are put to the test we realise that that was all that they were – good intentions. Still, we should not be discouraged by our weaknesses, for just as Peter's failure did not deter God from entrusting him with power and authority, so our failures need not be obstacles to God's grace in our lives. We watch God entrust the church to individuals who are weak and undependable, and we realise that judgments are inscrutable and God's ways unsearchable. © Dianne Bergant CSA



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Envelopes are available **this weekend 22/23 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.



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 23 August

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 23 August.

BAPTISMAL JOY!!

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

*Charlie and Cooper Whiteman, children of Steven and Monique
along with Julian, Oliver and Audrey*

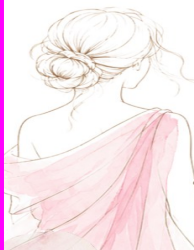
and Robert, Anna and Andrew at OLHC

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 23 August

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

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

23 August: Lorelei Gozzard

30 August: Lynn Rogers



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 23 August.

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

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



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

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

- ♦ The next **Gospel Reflection Group** will be held **Tuesday 8 September**, 9.30am in the Parish Centre Hendra.



AUGUST PARISH BIRTHDAYS:

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

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

Recently deceased: Margot Kirby, Dawn Collinson, Cecilia Tawora, Zita Waugh, Peter Cavanagh, John Logan

Anniversaries: Isabella D'Penha, Cardinal Edward Clancy, Bishop James Quinn, Angela and Shula Rice, William Lovejoy, Michael Fourro, Caterina Curcuruto, Elsa Hodgkinson, John (Jack) Dearlove, Erin Lyons, Holly Tuckerman, Catherine Fenech, Ronald Andrew, Margaret Mary (Bobby) Tynan, Fulvia Antonangeli

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



22-23 August 2026



Empower a child to dream

Your gift to the Mary Mackillop Bursary Fund means the world to a child in need. Your gift helps struggling families and ensures children can access a holistic Catholic Education.



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A Funeral Service for **Cecilia Tawora** will be held at 9.00am on Monday 24 August, at St John's Northgate. May Cecilia rest in the eternal embrace of our loving Father.

A Funeral Mass for **Zita Waugh** will be held at 10.00am on Tuesday 25 August, at St John's Northgate. May Zita rest in the eternal embrace of our loving Father.

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A Funeral Service for **Dawn Collinson** will be held at 10.00am on Tuesday 1 September, at OLHC, Hendra. May Dawn rest in the eternal embrace of our loving Father.

WOMEN'S DINNER | THIS 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 in-fo.docx](#) or hendra@bne.catholic.net.au

or in person to Lynn, Kathleen, Mary G or Louise.



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, 4th September, 2026 at 7.30pm. Fr. Prince Thomas, MCBS, Associate Pastor at Jubilee Parish, 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.

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.

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 MINISTRIES DELIVERING FOR QUEENSLAND 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

This week has been full of connection, community and care at our school. On Monday, we warmly welcomed our new Primary Learning Leader, Mr Greenham, to our staff and school community. We are grateful for the gifts, experience and enthusiasm he brings to this important role, and we look forward to the positive impact he will have on learning across our school.

We began our termly buddy Mass on Wednesday, with students from the Middle Years and Early Years Action classrooms coming together in prayer and friendship. These opportunities are a beautiful expression of faith in action, helping our students build relationships across year levels while celebrating the Eucharist as one school family.

On Thursday, our school was filled with purple as students and staff wore purple for Bullying No Way! Week. This year's national focus, "Small Acts, Big Impact", reminds us that simple choices such as including others, speaking kindly and standing up for what is right can help create safer and more respectful school communities. It was wonderful to see our students embracing this message and showing that everyone has a part to play in making our school a place where all feel welcomed, valued and loved.

Many Blessings

Lizbeth Iles Acting Assistant Principal Religious Education

St Agatha's Catholic Primary School

Wellbeing Week and Book Week at St Agatha's

Next week, St Agatha's School will celebrate Book Week alongside Wellbeing Week. It will be a joyful time for our students to share in stories, creativity and friendship, while also taking time to reflect on what it means to care for themselves and others.

From a Catholic perspective, wellbeing is about more than simply feeling happy. It is about recognising that each person is loved by God and has dignity and worth. Catholic Social Teaching reminds us that we are called to build a community where everyone is included, respected and supported. In this way, Wellbeing Week helps our students learn practical ways to show kindness, compassion and care for the common good.

Students will take part in Pyjama Day, a Wellbeing Picnic, a senior student presentation and our Book Week Parade on Thursday at 8:45 am. We are grateful to our staff for preparing these opportunities, which reflect St Agatha's spirit of Growth, Friendship, Faith and encourage our students to keep stepping forward with courage.

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
23 August	Andrew Pippia Scott Fitzpatrick	Karen Birtles Louis Currie	Trish Dunn Kathryn Bourke	Lorelei Gozzard Louise Nott
30 August	Jane Arkinstall Saxon Mew	Louis Currie Matteo Tickner	Mary Nicholls <i>Volunteer</i>	Kerri Fernicola Robyn Jaynes

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-SECOND SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME



First Reading: Jeremiah 20:7-9

Second Reading: Romans 12:1-2

Gospel: Matthew 16:21-27

Commemoration of Saints

August 2026

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*

Tues 8 The Nativity of the Blessed Virgin Mary

Mon 14 The Exaltation of the Holy Cross

Tues 15 The Lady of Sorrows

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: Many of us fear people in authority, as authority can be used for good or for ill. As Christians, we are called to see power as service. We shall all be judged on love.

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

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