



Newsletter

CATHOLIC PARISHES

Clayfield ● Hendra ● Hamilton ● Northgate



TWENTY-SECOND SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME (YEAR A) 30 AUGUST 2026

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There is a risk, especially living in an overwhelmingly secular culture like ours, that faith, though genuine, occupies a certain confined place in our lives and minds. We may live our lives Monday through Saturday according to the ways of our world, and on Sunday we come to church. Faith and life, thus, run parallel to each other. While such a strict dichotomy is perhaps overstated, it can be more or less true, depending on our circumstances and attitudes. We have a time for prayer and worship, and then we get on with our day.



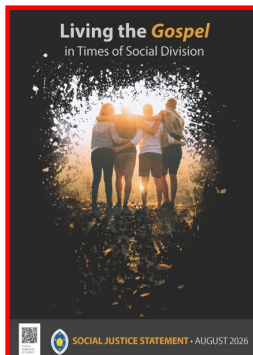
Fr Michael Grace

In this weekend's second reading, St Paul invites us to change our minds (literally, to have a "new mind"). What he envisions is not the dichotomy mentioned above, but rather the worship of a unified person - with heart, mind, values, goals, and behaviours all aligned in one great act of worship, which is our entire lives. This is no easy feat, and indeed, it can only be brought about within us by the grace of God.

St Ignatius, the founder of the Jesuits, has a famous dictum along the same lines. He teaches that we should desire some good (an item, a job, a state of life, etc.) only to the extent that it corresponds to the greater glory of God (*ad maiorem Dei gloriam*) and to the extent that it contributes to the salvation of our souls.

This singleness of heart allows us to hold together the many aspects of our lives with the clarity of mind that St Paul speaks about. May we each truly live our lives for God's glory.

Blessings
Fr Michael



SOCIAL JUSTICE THIS SUNDAY 30 AUGUST

The Australian Catholic Bishops Conference has released a statement for the occasion titled "*Living the Gospel in Times of Social Division*", which focuses on building social cohesion, human dignity, and a "culture of encounter" across local communities.



Scan QR code to download the document.



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 30 August

8.00am Mass Morning tea hosted by:
Jane Arkinstall + helpers

5.30pm Mass



St Agatha's Parish Messages....

- ♦ **Children's Liturgy** THIS Sunday 30 August.

Join us
St Agatha's Parish
presents
Paint with Purpose
A Watercolour Workshop of Hope and Compassion
with Michelle Lawa | The Art House in the Parish House
Sunday 1st November 9.30am-12.30pm
Max 12 Participants | \$85 each
McGrath Foundation

What's happening in MOM Parish this week

Sunday 30 August

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

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

30 August: Lynn Rogers

6 September: Kate McLean



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 30 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** NEXT Sunday **6 September** after the
9.30am Mass at OLHC Church, Hendra.

- ♦ **PLEASE NOTE** 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
THIS 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: Jarvis Lyons, Colleen Lee, Margot Kirby, Dawn Collinson, Cecilia Tawora, Zita Waugh



Anniversaries: Gladys Andrews, Mary Overell, Margaret Bechtel, Edward Brasch, Norma Sullivan, Nancy Hockings, Reginald Duffy, Cardinal Patrick Moran, Archbishop Roger Vaughan OSB, Fr William Ross, Sr M Michaeli RSM, Jack Wearing

Sick: Patrick Ringold, Kathleen McClafferty, 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

The Cathedral of St Stephen
— WARMLY INVITES COUPLES —
who are celebrating 50 years of marriage
and above to the annual
Golden Wedding Anniversary Mass
SATURDAY, 26TH SEPTEMBER 2026 11:30AM
THE CATHEDRAL OF ST STEPHEN
249 Elizabeth Street, Brisbane
Family and friends are welcome to attend

Rest
in
Peace



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.

EXPOSITION & ADORATION of the BLESSED SACRAMENT

Adoration will **commence** at **1.00pm** with Prayer Engine
on **Tuesday 1 September** for all adorers.

There will be **NO** Exposition and Adoration before
1.00pm on this day.

Confirmation Rite of Enrolment Masses

will be held this weekend 29/30 August:

4.30pm St Cecilia's, Hamilton
8.00am St Agatha's, Clayfield
9.30am OLHC, Hendra
5.30pm St Agatha's, Clayfield



Please remember these children in your prayers as they prepare to be strengthened by the Holy Spirit in the Sacrament of Confirmation.

NATIONAL CHILD PROTECTION WEEK

6 - 12 September 2026

EVERY CONVERSATION MATTERS

SHIFTING CONVERSATION TO ACTION



MULTICULTURAL MASS
2PM SUNDAY 30 AUGUST 2026
 Queen of Vietnamese Martyrs Catholic Church, 54 Flint St, Inala
 SCAN HERE TO REGISTER



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.



NEXT SATURDAY 5 SEPTEMBER

8AM TO 12 NOON

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

CASH ONLY



SEASON OF CREATION 2026: LIVING WATER:

From 1 September to 4 October, Christians around the world will celebrate the Season of Creation, a special time of prayer, reflection

and action as we renew our commitment to caring for God's creation. The season begins with the World Day of Prayer for the Care of Creation and concludes on the Feast of St Francis of Assisi, patron saint of ecology. The theme for Season of Creation 2026 is "Living Water," inspired by the vision of the prophet Ezekiel: "Wherever the river flows, every living creature will live" (Ezekiel 47:9).

From St Agatha's to La Scala

St Agatha's parishioner and Neapolitan tenor Raffaele Pierno is bringing the spectacle of Grand Opera to the Sunshine Coast this spring.

Raffaele joins soprano Vanessa West and pianist Janet Brewer as **Trio Sole**, presenting their new concert **From La Scala to the Sunshine Coast** - a celebration of some of opera's greatest and best-loved music.

It's designed to be as enjoyable for **first-time opera-goers as lifelong devotees** - you don't need to be an opera buff to recognise the magic of its greatest moments.

FROM LA SCALA TO THE SUNSHINE COAST

Noosaville -

Sunday 6 September 2026, 3pm

Maleny Community Centre -

Sunday 25 October 2026, 3pm



Tickets: Search *La Scala* on TryBooking.

Noosaville - [La Scala on the Sunshine Coast, Noosaville](https://www.trybooking.com/events/landing/1560750)

Maleny - <https://www.trybooking.com/events/landing/1560750>

NEWS FROM OUR PARISH SCHOOLS

Our Lady Help of Christians Catholic Primary School

This week our school has been filled with the joy of stories, imagination and community as we celebrated Book Week. We began on Monday with a lively production of *Dear Broccoli*, which brought plenty of laughter and excitement to our students. We were also fortunate to join an online author talk with Sam Thaiday, who shared insights into storytelling, resilience and following your passions.

On Tuesday, our Book Week parade was a wonderful celebration of favourite characters, creative costumes and the love of reading. It was lovely to see so many students proudly sharing the books and stories that inspire them. Wednesday brought another special highlight as visiting author Michelle Worthington spent time with our students, encouraging them to see themselves as writers and storytellers.

On Thursday, our buddy reading session in the nature play space gave students the chance to read together, enjoy the outdoors and build connections across year levels. To finish the week, Friday brought the much-anticipated literary ice creams, a fun and joyful way to celebrate the end of a very full Book Week.

Thank you to everyone who helped make the week so memorable for our students.

Many Blessings

Lizbeth Iles Acting Assistant Principal Religious Education

St Agatha's Catholic Primary School

St Agatha's School has enjoyed a joyful and busy week, with students celebrating both Book Week and Wellbeing Week.

The school was filled with colour, imagination and community spirit through pyjama day, our much loved dress-up parade, and a range of activities that encouraged a love of reading and student wellbeing. We extend our thanks to our library staff, Mrs Noble and Mrs Beninca, for their thoughtful preparation and for helping make Book Week such a memorable celebration.

Next week we will warmly invite fathers, dads, grandfathers and guardians to join us for our Father's Day Assembly on Wednesday 2 September at 2:20 pm in the Presentation Centre.

We are grateful for the ongoing support of our families and parish community as we continue to nurture faith, learning and wellbeing at St Agatha's.

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
30 August	Jane Arkinstall Andrew Pippia	Louis Currie Matteo Tickner	Mary Nicholls <i>Volunteer</i>	Kerri Fernicola Robyn Jeynes
6 September	Terry Manso Amanda Bell	Chris Begley Karen Birtles	Bill Nott <i>Volunteer</i>	Louise Nott 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

TWENTY-THIRD SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME



First Reading: Ezekiel 33:7-9

Second Reading: Romans 13:8-10

Gospel: Matthew 18:15-20

Commemoration of Saints

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
- Wed 16** Sts Cornelius, *pope, martyr*,
and Cyprian, *bishop, martyr*
- Mon 21** St Matthew, *apostle, evangelist*
- Wed 23** St Pius of Pietrelcina, *priest*

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.



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