



Newsletter

CATHOLIC PARISHES

Clayfield ● Hendra ● Hamilton ● Northgate



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We hear a lot about love in our society. Every movie seems to need a love plot woven through it; many follow the love lives of celebrities with a kind of relentless curiosity; and from childhood we're taught that love's first kiss solves every problem — at least until, years later, we "fall out of love" and the relationship quietly ends.



Fr Michael Grace

When St Paul speaks of love as the answer in this weekend's second reading, he has a very different vision of it than our culture does. Our culture understands love mostly in romantic, feelings-based terms. St Paul isn't talking about romance. He's talking about charity — the deliberate, willed love that seeks another's good.

As we mark Father's Day this weekend, it's worth considering the love that holds a family together. There's the love between spouses, and the love between parents and children. That love certainly carries feeling with it — but if a husband loved his wife only when he felt like it, no family could stand on that. In the same way, a father's love for his children has to be constant, not dependent on whether the warm feelings happen to be there that day.

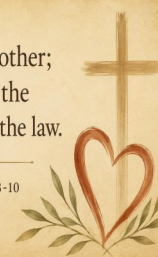
To love and to honour is the promise at the heart of a Catholic marriage. That promise isn't a promise of feeling. It's a promise to will the good of the other, for their own sake. When spouses take on that mutual debt of love, and it overflows into their children, it becomes a beautiful kind of debt — one that keeps giving rather than depleting.

We can never fully repay the debt we owe our fathers. But today we can love and honour them, and we can pray for every father in our community — that their love will be steady, not fickle, and that they will show us all what St Paul means when he says love "is the answer to every one of the commandments."

Blessings
Father Michael

Love one another;
for love is the
fulfilment of the law.

ROMANS 13:8-10



HAPPY
Father's Day!

THANK YOU, DAD!



Happy Father's Day

to all the wonderful
fathers, grandfathers
and father figures in our
Parish.
Many blessings today
and always!



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 6 September

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

5.30pm Mass



St Agatha's Parish Messages....

- ♦ **Children's Liturgy** THIS Sunday 6 September.
- ♦ **THURSDAY 10 SEPTEMBER 9AM MASS**
St Agatha's School Year 4 students will be attending the 9am Mass next Thursday 10 September. All welcome

Family Mass

NEXT SUNDAY 13 SEPTEMBER, 8.00am
followed by morning tea!



Congratulations and God's blessings to Ron and Diane Andrews on their 65th Wedding Anniversary. Ron and Diane were married at St Agatha's on 2 September 1961 by Monsignor John English.

What's happening in MOM Parish this week

Sunday 6 September

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

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

6 September: Kate McLean

13 September: 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 6 September
- ♦ **Group Study of NEXT Sunday's readings:**
Sundays 11.00 - 11.45am (Parish Centre). All welcome.
- ♦ **PRAYER SUPPORT** THIS 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.
- ♦ **Anointing and Healing Mass:** Friday 11 September at the 9:00am Mass at St John's, Northgate. Morning tea after Mass. All welcome.
- ♦ **OLHC School Parish Mass** will be held **NEXT** Sunday 13 September at 9.30am.

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

Recently deceased: Thomas Duffy, Rob O'Regan, John Quinlan, Isaac Ochang, Jarvis Lyons, Colleen Lee

Anniversaries: Claire & John Collins, Gloria & Mick Statham, Jean & Frank York, Mary Collins, Alice and Tate Siddle, Lila & Lionel Russell, Anne McCaw, Chaille Lansell, Reginald Duffy, Andrew Walsh, Vladislava Kozlovskis, Veronica Standfield, Doris Grimley, Janice Moriarty, Patricia Lane, David Barrington-Rowe, Sr M Bernard RSM, Sr Elaine Wainright RSM, Sarah Marley, John Gebbut

Sick: Josje Gardiner, 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



Please note: The **Parish Office** will be closed
Friday 18 September.

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

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

NATIONAL CHILD PROTECTION WEEK

6 - 12 September 2026

SAFEGUARDING SUNDAY

NEXT SUNDAY 13 September 2026

ST AGATHA'S NATIONAL TRUST FUNDRAISING - UPDATE

As you are aware, significant maintenance works are being undertaken at St Agatha's. These include the installation of the new sound system, the replacement of the side ramp with the new garden bed, and the replacement of our bespoke lighting and associated wiring.

Father Michael wishes to thank everyone for the generous donations made to the St Agatha's National Trust Appeal since the launch of the fundraising campaign. We have currently raised \$45,724.

The estimated costs for the works are \$500,000, so our fundraising campaign is ongoing. Donations to St Agatha's National Trust Appeal are tax deductible - details on how to donate can be found on the Parish website. We thank you for your ongoing support of the Parish.

COMMEMORATION OF THE SINKING OF THE RAKUYO MARU

On Friday the 11 September at the 9am Mass at St John's we will commemorate the sinking of the Rakuyo Maru and the loss of 3 HMAS Perth's POWs after it was torpedoed by USN submarine. Included are Raymond John Smith (whom we have detailed history of from his nephew Paul Flower-Smith) and also the loss of Cole - Sydney Arthur William, KIA on the SS Tregenna.

Prior to the commencement of Mass, a tribute will be read. Please note this commemoration will be in conjunction with the normal Anointing and Healing Mass.

Morning tea will follow the Mass. All most welcome



THIS SATURDAY 5 SEPTEMBER

8AM TO 12 NOON

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

CASH ONLY

Dear Supporters of Eucharistic Adoration,

We **require more people** to answer the call to commit to at least **ONE HOLY HOUR every week** at Our Lady Help of Christians (or your details can be passed onto other parish coordinators at other Churches, if this is helpful.)

The following hours need **at least one more dedicated adorer** to be able to fulfil our Archdiocesan requirements of a minimum of two adorers at every hour. Please prayerfully consider if you can say 'YES' to one Holy Hour every week.

Tuesdays: 3.00pm and 4.00pm

Wednesdays: 5am

Also, if you can only be a casual adorer and/or are already a dedicated adorer and have not joined already, please scan the QR Code to join our WhatsApp group. This is the fastest and most efficient way for emergency/last minute messages to reach adorers.

For more information: northside.adoration.bn@gmail.com



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/LaScalaSunshineCoastNoosaville)

Maleny - <https://www.trybooking.com/>

NEWS FROM OUR PARISH SCHOOLS

Our Lady Help of Christians Catholic Primary School

This week at Our Lady Help of Christians School has been a wonderful celebration of community, learning, sport and faith. On Tuesday, our students proudly represented OLHC at the Red Ball Tennis competition, with the girls' team placing second and the boys' team placing third.

Wednesday's Father's Day Breakfast, Liturgy and Stall was a special highlight. It was lovely to welcome fathers, grandfathers and special visitors for breakfast before gathering for a meaningful liturgy. Thank you to Mary F, Robyn M, Dona R, Bruce F and Mary F for coordinating breakfast, coffee and the barbecue, and to all staff, families and volunteers who helped make the morning so memorable.

On Thursday, Years 4 to 6 students participated in the Zone 6 Gala Day, showing teamwork, determination and great sportsmanship in AFL and ultimate frisbee.

While Friday was a student-free day, staff engaged in valuable professional learning with colleagues from Queen of Apostles, including moderation, prayer formation and Catholic Social Teaching activities. These experiences strengthened our shared commitment to Faith, Courage and Action.

Many blessings

Lizbeth Iles Acting Assistant Principal Religious Education

St Agatha's Catholic Primary School

It has been a busy and joyful week at St Agatha's School, Clayfield, with many opportunities for our students to learn, celebrate and connect as a community. On Wednesday, we gathered for our Father's Day Liturgy of the Word, giving thanks for the fathers, grandfathers, carers and special male role models who offer love, guidance and support to our children. We also thank Year 1M for helping to lead this special celebration with reverence and care.

Our Prep students enjoyed an exciting excursion to Australia Zoo, extending their learning beyond the classroom and experiencing the wonder of God's creation in a hands-on way. Students in Years 4, 5 and 6 also represented St Agatha's in AFL and netball with other Catholic schools, showing great teamwork, encouragement and sportsmanship throughout the day.

We are grateful for the many ways our school community continues to grow in faith, learning and friendship. Thank you also to the volunteers who generously supported the Father's Day Stall and helped make it such a success. We wish all fathers and father figures in our parish and school communities a very happy Father's Day.

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
6 September	Terry Manso Amanda Bell	Chris Begley Karen Birtles	Bill Nott <i>Volunteer</i>	Louise Nott Barbara Nelson
13 September	Family Mass	Maddy Brown Catie Kelly	Parish School Mass	Kerrie Fernicola 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

TWENTY-FOURTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME



First Reading: Sirach 27:30-28:7

Second Reading: Romans 14:7-9

Gospel: Matthew 18:21-35

Commemoration of Saints

September 2026

- 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*
- Tues 29** Sts Michael, Gabriel, Raphael, *archangels*

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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