



Newsletter

CATHOLIC PARISHES

Clayfield ● Hendra ● Hamilton ● Northgate



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My life is not my own! This idea stands in radical divergence from the prevailing individualistic mindset of our era, yet at the same time we intuitively understand it to be true.



Fr Michael Grace

The passage from Romans that we read this week is part of a larger discussion (Romans 14) in which St Paul urges the members of the church in Rome to be mindful of their fellow Christians. Some, strong in faith, enjoy a real liberty of conscience; others are more constrained. Paul's test case is meat that has been sacrificed to an idol: since the idol has no real existence, he reasons, the meat itself is not made immoral by the sacrifice. Idol worship, on the other hand, he regards as unambiguously wrong. Still, he cautions that exercising this liberty - eating the meat - might scandalise a fellow believer whose conscience is more tender.

From this quite narrow case, Paul opens onto a much wider vista: "Whether we live or die, it must be for God" (Rm 14:7). In other words - my life is not my own! I am neither the origin of my life nor its final purpose. My life has come from God and belongs to God, and like every gift of His, it is given in order to be given away. Christ himself is the perfected form of this truth: His life is the one perfect offering of self-giving love, freely consecrated to the Father and poured out for the sanctification of others.

How might I be more conscious this week of giving my life away? How might I experience this as a joy, especially compared with simply living for myself?

Blessings
Father Michael

ROMANS

14:7-9

For none of us lives for himself,
and none of us dies for himself.
For if we live, we live for the Lord;
and if we die, we die for the Lord.
Therefore whether we live
or die, we are the Lord's.



Safeguarding Sunday provides an opportunity to pray for those who have experienced abuse, as well as their families and supporters. It is also an opportunity for us to reaffirm our commitment to practices that support survivors and help ensure that our parishes, ministries and communities are as safe as possible for children and people at risk.

This year's theme is "Love Protects".



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 13 September

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

5.30pm Mass Pizza evening **NEXT** Sunday 20 September



St Agatha's Parish Messages....

- ◆ **NO Children's Liturgy** THIS Sunday, 13 September.

Family Mass

THIS SUNDAY 13 SEPTEMBER, 8.00am

followed by morning tea!



Congratulations

Congratulations to Michaela Prasad, who was received into the Catholic Church on Sunday 30 August at the 5.30pm Mass. May God bless Michaela as she continues her journey of faith.

Congratulations

At the 8am Mass this Sunday 13 September we welcome Sam Georgas who is to be received into the Catholic Church through the Profession of Faith. We also welcome Briar Tyquin who will receive First Holy Communion for the first time. Congratulations to both Sam and Briar, and may God bless them on this special occasion.



What's happening in MOM Parish this week

Sunday 13 September

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

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

13 September: Kerri Fernicola **20 September:** Anne Carroll



MOM Parish Messages....

- ◆ **MOTHER OF MERCY PARISH PRAYER ENGINE**

Every Tuesday, OLHC Church from 1.00 - 2.15pm.

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

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

- ◆ **NO Children's Liturgy of the Word (OLHC)**

THIS Sunday 13 September.

- ◆ **OLHC School Parish Mass** will be held **THIS** Sunday 13 September at 9.30am.

- ◆ **Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament:** Friday 2 October after the 9:00am Mass at St John's, Northgate. Morning tea after Mass. All welcome.

- ◆ **PRAYER SUPPORT** Sunday 4 October after the 9.30am Mass at OLHC Church, Hendra.

- ◆ The next **Gospel Reflection Group** will be held **Tuesday 6 October**, 9.30am in the Parish Centre Hendra.

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

Together we pray for ...

Recently deceased: Josje Garnier, Pam Grealy, Zita Waugh, Thomas Duffy, Rob O'Regan, John Quinlan, Isaac Ochang

Anniversaries: Gerard Power, Ines Ambrosini, Anna-Maria Marmotta, Alvezio Marmotta, Sofia Marmotta, Bishop Henry Kennedy DD, Richard and Francis Martin, George and Thora Ferguson, Eric Ericson, Claire & John Collins, Gloria & Mick Statham, Jean & Frank York, Mary Collins, Alice and Tate Siddle, Lila & Lionel Russell, Anne McCaw, Chaille Lansell, Reginald Duffy, Stan & Molly Chalinor, Florence Chalinor, Verna Rogers, Catherine Hyland, Kathleen Hickey, Amando Menegazzo, Mary Crimean, Maureen Foxlee, Judith Bakhsh, John Bein, Paul Pawlowski, Clive Wearing, Mary Kelly, Dr Bernard Mason

Sick: Mick Gibson, 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 **NEXT** Friday 18 September.

Community Consultation

Join us on Wednesday, 30 September, at 4:00 pm in St John's Hall, Northgate, for a community consultation on the future development of the hall. Everyone is welcome to attend and share their ideas, feedback, and priorities.



2026 ANNUAL CATHOLIC CAMPAIGN
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ANNUAL CATHOLIC CAMPAIGN

On the weekend of 22/23 August, our parishes held an appeal for the Annual Catholic Campaign in support of the important local ministries in our Archdiocese. Thank you to everyone who responded generously to Archbishop Shane's call for support. Thank you for your continued faithfulness and generous support.

Saint Paul and His Letters

In last year's study of Saint Paul's correspondence with early Christian communities, we concentrated on those letters which were undoubtedly coming directly from Paul himself, and were addressed to communities with which he had significant links.

We also saw that it was doubtful that all the thirteen letters that come to us with his name attached, actually did come from him.

This year, we will concentrate on this latter group which includes some of this most well-known correspondence - Colossians, Ephesians and 2 Thessalonians - as well as some less well-known - the letters to Timothy and Titus.

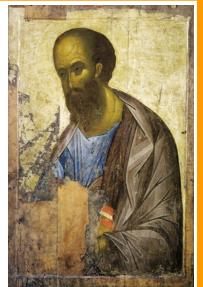
Starts: Wednesday October 7, and continues on Wednesdays throughout October.

Venue:

Mother of Mercy Parish Centre, 9 Bowman Street, Hendra.

Time: Morning Session: 9.30am. Evening session: 7pm.

(Evening sessions are repeats of daytime ones to cater for busy lives.) We hope you can come!



Rest
in
Peace

A Funeral Service for **Josje Garnier** will be held at 11.00am on Wednesday 16 September, at OLHC, Hendra. May Josje rest in the eternal embrace of our loving Father.

A Funeral Mass for **Jorge Arao-Arao** will be held at 11.00am on Friday 18 September, at St Cecilia's, Hamilton. May Jorge rest in the eternal embrace of our loving Father.

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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
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Sunday 1st November 9.30am-12.30pm
Max 12 Participants | \$85 each
(Max 12 Participants | \$85 each)



McGrath
Foundation

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.



St Agatha's Catholic Primary School

ST AGATHA'S OPEN DAY

FRIDAY 6 November 2026
8.45AM - 10 AM

DISCOVER WHAT ST AGATHA'S CATHOLIC PRIMARY SCHOOL CAN OFFER YOUR FAMILY



REGISTER YOUR INTEREST VIA THIS LINK



Growth Friendship Faith

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.

FROM LA SCALA TO THE SUNSHINE COAST



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 community paused to acknowledge several important moments that reflected the care, connection and joy found in belonging together. During Child Protection Week, we reflected on our shared responsibility to help every child feel safe, valued and heard. We also recognised R U OK? Day, a timely reminder to check in with one another and offer a listening ear, kind word or simple act of encouragement. As a Catholic community, these occasions invite us to walk alongside others with compassion, hope and practical care.

On Friday, we were also delighted to welcome our pre-Preps into the Prep playground for a special Prep Play, where they enjoyed games, activities and a story. We are excited to welcome this lovely group into our school community in 2027.

The week concluded beautifully that evening with a relaxed social family pizza dinner, giving families time to gather and connect before enjoying the dance concert. Our students then shared their energy, creativity and hard work with great enthusiasm. It was a joyful reminder of what makes our school and parish community special: children who shine, families who support them, and a community that celebrates together.

Many blessings

Lizbeth Iles Acting Assistant Principal Religious Education

St Agatha's Catholic Primary School

As we move towards the final week of Term 3, there has been a wonderful sense of energy and learning across St Agatha's.

On Monday, we were very pleased to welcome our 2027 Pre-Prep children and families to another Step Into Prep morning. These sessions are an important part of helping our newest little learners become familiar with the school environment, meet one another and begin to feel at home in the St Agatha's community. The children enjoyed a fun and active PE session, thoughtfully prepared by Mrs McGuigan, which gave them the chance to move, play and build confidence together. It was also a lovely opportunity for our new parents to meet one another and begin forming connections within our school community. We look forward to continuing to support these children and families as they prepare to begin their St Agatha's journey next year.

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
13 September	Family Mass	<i>Volunteer</i> Catie Kelly	Parish School Mass	Kerrie Fernicola Lorelei Gozzard
20 September	Dianne Eden Scott Fitzpatrick	Matteo Tickner Joel Perkins	Terry Manso <i>Volunteer</i>	Dona Rotolone Robyn Jeynes

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-FIFTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME



First Reading: Isaiah 55:6-9

Second Reading: Philippians 1:20-24, 27

Gospel: Matthew 20:1-16

Commemoration of Saints

September 2026

- 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*
- Wed 30** St Jerome, *priest, 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.

A vocation view: "Forgive us our trespasses as we forgive those who trespass against us." Make a stand for mercy, empathy, forgiveness, and selflessness!

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

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