



Newsletter

CATHOLIC PARISHES

Clayfield ● Hendra ● Hamilton ● Northgate



TWENTY-FIFTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME (YEAR A) 20 SEPTEMBER 2026

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REFLECTION by Dianne Bergant CSA - *Liturgy Help*

Our attention shifts slightly in these last Sundays of Ordinary Time. We turn from concentration on the character and responsibilities of discipleship to reflection on the import of the end of time. As we move toward the close of the liturgical year, we are invited to consider the final coming of Christ and the last judgment.

The thought of judgment is enough to strike fear in the hearts of many. We sometimes experience tension between the idea of divine justice, which requires that the good be adequately rewarded and the evil be appropriately punished, and that of the mercy of God, which we hope will be generously extended to us. As seen in the readings for this Sunday, the justice of God does not conform to the standards of human justice. It is incomprehensible, because its foundation is mercy. While we might find consolation in this view of divine judgment when it is directed toward us, our hearts do not always seem to be generous enough to rejoice in the mercy extended to others. It is almost as if we feel that we have been cheated in some way, if God is merciful to others. However, divine mercy can work in us to abolish our pettiness and indignation and replace it with generosity of heart. We are called to conduct ourselves with this kind of generosity, this kind of love, this kind of mercy.



As Term 3 comes to a close, we wish all teachers, staff and students a safe and restful holiday break and look forward to welcoming you back refreshed and ready for Term 4.



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 20 September

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

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



St Agatha's Parish Messages....

- ♦ **Children's Liturgy will resume Sunday 11 October**

BAPTISMAL JOY!!

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

Lucille Evans, daughter of Angus and Melissa

Alexander Howard, son of Samuel and Isabel

Otis Battistin, son of Samuel and Emily

Sophie Colwell, daughter of John and Sarah

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



DATE CLAIMER

The next **Tween Meet** will be held on
Sunday 18 October, 4.00pm - 6.30pm

What's happening in MOM Parish this week

Sunday 20 September

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

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

20 September: Anne Carroll

27 September: Kathryn Bourke



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.

- ♦ **Children's Liturgy of the Word (OLHC) will resume Sunday 11 October.**

- ♦ **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.

- ♦ **Anointing and Healing Mass: Friday 9 October** at the 9:00am Mass at St John's, Northgate. Morning tea after Mass.



SEPTEMBER PARISH BIRTHDAYS:

We will be celebrating the SEPTEMBER Parish birthdays
NEXT Sunday 27 September after 9:30am OLHC Mass.
Please come along and join us!

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

Together we pray for ...

Recently deceased: Marko Sipka, Ron Paff, Thomas Wakefield, Cecily Donoghue, Josje Garnier, Pam Greal

Anniversaries: Patrick "Paddy" Ryan, Mary Adams, Mary Byrne, Maureen O'Connor, Marie Fisher, Violet Conquest, Bishop Edward Kelly MSC, Fr Francis Douglas, Leo Simonis, John and Heather Curtin

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

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.



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, 2nd **October, 2026 at 7.30pm**. Fr. Neville Yun, Parish Priest, Springfield Parish, will be the celebrant. The Sacrament of Anointing will be administered during the Mass and Fr. Nev will also pray over people for **"Baptism in the Holy Spirit"** as part of the **"Finding New Life in the Spirit" Program** currently running each Friday night. Prayer ministry will also 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.

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!





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



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



The Parish has a 2-drawer filing cabinet and a 3-drawer filing cabinet to give away. If you are interested in either of them, please contact the Parish Office on 3268 3040.

Pick up only.



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

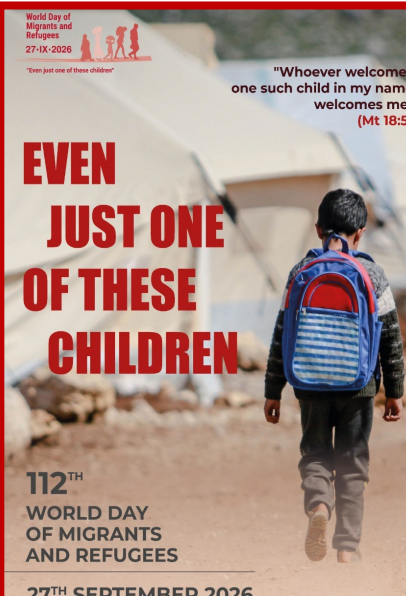


Growth Friendship Faith

World Day of Migrants and Refugees
27-IX-2026

"Whoever welcomes one such child in my name welcomes me" (Mt 18:5)

EVEN JUST ONE OF THESE CHILDREN



112TH
WORLD DAY OF MIGRANTS AND REFUGEES

27TH SEPTEMBER 2026

"Even just one of these children" is the theme of Pope Leo XIV's message for the 112th World Day of Migrants and Refugees 2026 (WDMR), which will be celebrated next **Sunday 27 September.**

NEWS FROM OUR PARISH SCHOOLS

Our Lady Help of Christians Catholic Primary School



This week has been a joyful and busy one in the life of our school community. Our Writing Festival Showcase was a wonderful celebration of student voice, creativity and hard work, with awards presented to recognise the efforts of our young writers.

On Wednesday, our Senior Years students joined with Prep for a special Buddy Mass, sharing faith, connection and leadership across the year levels. The Senior Years also led their class liturgy, thoughtfully involving families in a variety of prayer experiences.

Later in the week, our Early Years team welcomed families to a Science Afternoon, proudly showcasing the rich learning students have been doing about Antarctica throughout the term. It was a delight to see their curiosity, knowledge and enthusiasm on display.

As Friday marked the final day of term, we wish all students and families a well-deserved, safe and restful holiday break. We look forward to welcoming everyone back next term refreshed and ready for more learning and community celebrations.

Many blessings

Lizbeth Iles Acting Assistant Principal Religious Education

St Agatha's Catholic Primary School



As Term 3 draws to a close, we give thanks for the many blessings shared across St Agatha's this term. It has been a vibrant few weeks of learning, prayer, community and celebration, with students continuing to grow in confidence, kindness and faith.

Throughout the term, we have enjoyed special liturgies and prayerful moments, meaningful classroom learning, community celebrations, and opportunities that strengthen the connection between school and parish. Our recent Step Into Prep mornings have also been a joyful way to welcome our 2027 Pre-Prep children and families as they begin to feel at home in our community.

We sincerely thank our teachers and staff for their generous care, creativity and commitment to our students each day. We also thank our families for the many ways they contribute to school life through volunteering, encouragement, attendance at events, and support from home.

St Agatha's is truly blessed by a community that works together with goodwill and shared purpose. As the holidays begin, may all families enjoy a time of rest, renewal and gratitude. We look forward to returning refreshed for Term 4 and continuing our journey together.

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
20 September	Dianne Eden Scott Fitzpatrick	Matteo Tickner Joel Perkins	Terry Manso <i>Volunteer</i>	Dona Rotolone Robyn Jeynes
27 September	Phill Ryan Joseph O'Brien	Leanne McDowall Giselle Hossinger	Serena Varendorff Bill Nott	Kate McLean 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-SIXTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME



First Reading: Ezekial 18:25-28

Second Reading: Philippians 2:1-11

Gospel: Matthew 21:28-32

Commemoration of Saints

September 2026

- 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*

October 2026

- Thurs 1** St Therese of the Child Jesus, *virgin, doctor*
Fri 2 The Holy Guardian Angels
Wed 7 Our Lady of the Rosary
Thurs 15 St Teresa of Jesus, *virgin, 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: "We can never be called "generous". All that we possess we have received from God. It is our vocation to return to God all the talents God has entrusted to us.

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

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