



# Newsletter

## CATHOLIC PARISHES

Clayfield ● Hendra ● Hamilton ● Northgate



### TWENTY-SIXTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME (YEAR A) 27 SEPTEMBER 2026

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#### REFLECTION by Dianne Bergant CSA - *Liturgy Help*

In every life there is a struggle between obedience and disobedience, and this struggle takes various twists and turns. At times we are willing to conform to regulations set from the outside, and at times we are not. We are invited to choose in favour of the reign of God, or we are free to ignore the invitation. Those who are fundamentally righteous sometimes fall from grace, and people considered evil to the core sometimes reform their lives. What ultimately counts are not the promises made, but the actions taken.

We are called to discipleship, and there may well be urgency in this call, but it is an invitation that is to be accepted freely. As is the case with life itself, options are placed before us all the way along the road. We are invited to choose in favour of the reign of God, or we are free to ignore the invitation. However, the invitation always remains open to us, because God's desire for our acceptance is persistent and enduring.

The real choice set before us today is the imitation of Christ. The specific characteristic of Christ today is his humility. Since demanding one's rights can undermine the loving quality of community, Jesus' humility is offered for our imitation. It is very clear that whichever aspect of discipleship we examine, some aspect of community is also present. To be a disciple of Jesus is to follow him humbly as a member of a believing community.



#### 112th World Day of Migrants and Refugees

The theme for this year's World Day of Migrants and Refugees is "Even Just One of These Children." To help celebrate this special day, the Australian Catholic Migrant and Refugee Office (ACMRO), an agency of the Australian Catholic Bishops Conference, has developed online resources.

Resources available at:

<https://acmro.catholic.org.au/wdmr/2026>



**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 27 September

**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 will resume Sunday 11 October**

### BAPTISMAL JOY!!

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

*Florence Quirk, daughter of Edward and Madeline*

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



### PINK OCTOBER RAFFLE

A beautiful afternoon tea hamper, including an afternoon tea set, a selection of teas and pink champagne, has been kindly donated by one of our parishioners.

All proceeds will go towards the renewal of our Church gardens, helping to beautify the entrance of our Lord's house.

**Tickets: \$2 each or 3 for \$5.**

Available at the back of the Church before and after Mass throughout October. Tickets will be available next Sunday 4 October.

Raffle drawn Sunday 1 November.

## What's happening in MOM Parish this week

### Sunday 27 September

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

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

**27 September:** Kathryn Bourke

**4 October:** TBC



### 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 **THIS** 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:** Patricia Drew, Marko Sipka, Ron Paff, Thomas Wakefield, Cecily Donoghue,

**Anniversaries:** Brian Healy, Marie Postle, Dorothy Antony, Lady Dorothy Williams, Fr Andrew Wise, Br Noel Landener cfc, Mary Ashby, Alston Unwin, Richard Staveley, Monica Simpson,

**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

### NORTHGATE COMMUNITY CONSULTATION

Join us on Wednesday, 30 September, at 4:00pm in St John's Hall, Northgate, for a community consultation on the future of the Northgate site.

To learn more and share your feedback, scan the QR code below or visit the Parish website.

If you are unable to attend, we still encourage you to share your views online. Your feedback will help inform future planning for the site



### DATE CLAIMER

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



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.

### 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.

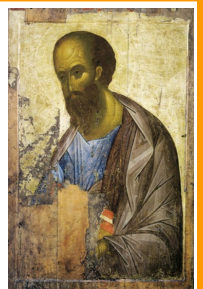
**Venue:**

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!



## CATHOLIC MISSION APPEAL WILL BE HELD NEXT WEEKEND 3/4 OCTOBER



Freecall: 1800 257 296  
[catholicmission.org.au/united](http://catholicmission.org.au/united)

For Yamikani\*, getting to school means walking long distances in pain, often without enough food or strength to make the journey. For many families in vulnerable and remote areas like rural Malawi, education has become an impossible choice.

But there is hope. Led by Fr Matthew Semba, a new primary school is being built, offering children a safe place to learn, grow, and look ahead with renewed possibility.

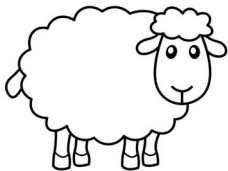
This World Mission Month, you are invited to share in this mission, standing with families as they rebuild their lives and create a brighter future for their children.

*\*Name changed for privacy*

**ENVELOPES WILL BE AVAILABLE NEXT WEEKEND 3/4 OCTOBER**

Parishioners are all invited to register for the joint parish Flocknote if they haven't already.

Part of our flock?



This will help you stay connected and updated to parish news and events.



[clayfieldhendraparishes.flocknote.com/home](http://clayfieldhendraparishes.flocknote.com/home)

### 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.

Maleny Community Centre - Sunday 25 October 2026, 3pm

Tickets: Search La Scala on TryBooking.

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



### NEWS FROM OUR PARISH SCHOOLS

#### Our Lady Help of Christians Catholic Primary School

## Ready to enrol?

### Our Lady Help of Christians Primary Hendra

[BCEschools.com/enrolOLHC](http://BCEschools.com/enrolOLHC)



#### St Agatha's Catholic Primary School

**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*

### St Agatha's Pink October

*Walking Together in Hope*

A Month of Hope, Compassion and Community

#### Pink Morning Teas & Yarning Circle

Each Sunday throughout October, following the 8.00 a.m. Mass, parishioners are invited to stay for a Pink Morning Tea and Our Yarning Circle.

Everyone is encouraged to wear a touch of pink and, if able, bring something with a pink theme to share for morning tea.

Everyone is welcome to join our yarning circle and together we will create pink comfort rugs for women undergoing breast cancer treatment—practical gifts made with love, prayer and encouragement from the St Agatha's Parish community.

### 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, 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 [lenpatairey@gmail.com](mailto:lenpatairey@gmail.com) Sponsored by CCR Bardon.



# Sunday Mass Rosters

| Date         | Reader<br>Clayfield 8am Mass   | Reader<br>Clayfield 5:30pm Mass      | Reader<br>OLHC 9:30am Mass     | Eucharistic Minister<br>OLHC 9:30am Mass |
|--------------|--------------------------------|--------------------------------------|--------------------------------|------------------------------------------|
| 27 September | Phill Ryan<br><i>Volunteer</i> | Leanne McDowall<br>Giselle Hossinger | Serena Varendorff<br>Bill Nott | Kate McLean<br>Louise Nott               |
| 4 October    | Dianne Eden<br>Amanda Bell     | Chris Begley<br>Catie Kelly          | Trish Dunn<br>Robyn Jeynes     | Barbara Nelson<br>Dona Rotolone          |

## 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](mailto: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-SEVENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME



**First Reading:** Isaiah 5:1-7

**Second Reading:** Philippians 4:6-9

**Gospel:** Matthew 21:33-43

## Commemoration of Saints

### September 2026

**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*

**Sat 17** St Ignatius of Antioch, *bishop, martyr*

**Wed 28** Sts Simon and Jude, *apostles*

*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 cannot act overly proud just because we have responded to God's call. Responding is our duty and source of happiness; serving God with perseverance and happiness fulfils us.

### Contact Vocation Brisbane.

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