



# Together in Faith & Mercy

NEWSLETTER FOR THE CATHOLIC PARISHES OF  
CLAYFIELD • HENDRA • HAMILTON • NORTHGATE



## TWENTY-SEVENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME (YEAR A)

4 OCTOBER 2026

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As announced, Fr Michael Grace has been appointed to the formation staff of Holy Spirit Seminary Qld from January 2027.

The College of Consultors is a group that advises the Archbishop in his decisions on clergy appointments. To assist with their discernment, you are invited to a parish gathering with two representatives from the Consultors who will take time to listen to parishioners' thoughts on the mission, vision, and unique charism of St Agatha's parish, Clayfield, and Mother of Mercy parish, Hendra.

You will be asked to respond to two questions:

1. As a parish, what have you done well?
2. What are your hopes for what the parish will look like into the future?

The gathering will take place at **6.30pm on Wednesday 7<sup>th</sup> October** in the Hendra Parish Centre, 9 Bowman Street, Hendra. All are welcome.

We hope you can attend.

Yours in Christ,

Fr Peter Dillon, Vicar General

### CATHOLIC MISSION APPEAL THIS WEEKEND ENVELOPES AVAILABLE ON THE PEWS OR AT ENTRANCE OF ALL CHURCHES



Free call: 1800 257 296  
[catholicmission.org.au/unity](http://catholicmission.org.au/unity)

This week, you are invited to partner with Catholic Mission and the Church in Malawi as we support families rebuilding after devastating floods and help children access education close to home.

Through projects like St Peter's Nyamikuta Primary School, the Church is creating a place where children can learn, be nourished, and grow with dignity, regardless of their background or beliefs.

As we celebrate 100 years of World Mission Day, we are reminded by Pope Leo XIV that we are 'One in Christ, United in Mission'.

Join with us in celebration and action by supporting this work with a compassionate gift. Use the provided appeal envelope, scan the QR code, or visit [catholicmission.org.au/unity](http://catholicmission.org.au/unity) to make a difference today.



**St Agatha's Church**  
52 Oriel 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 4 October

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 will resume Sunday 11 October

### 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

**THIS** Sunday 4 October. Raffle drawn Sunday 1 November.

### HELP US BUILD A WELCOMING SPACE FOR CHILDREN

Thank you to everyone who has already donated books and toys for our Children's Corner. We are still seeking children's books, faith-based books, puzzles and small toys to help create a welcoming space for our youngest parishioners.

Donations can be dropped off at the Parish Office or at St Agatha's Church before or after Mass.

Thank you for helping us create a warm and welcoming environment for children and young families at St Agatha's. ♥

## What's happening in MOM Parish

### Sunday 4 October

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

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

4 October: Anne Carroll

11 October: 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.**
- This Sunday at the 9.30am Mass we welcome **Frank Liu**, who will be received into Full Initiation into the Catholic Church. Congratulations and blessings to Frank.
- **Prayer Support** THIS Sunday 4 October after the 9.30am Mass at OLHC Church, Hendra.
- **Baptismal Joy** THIS Sunday 4 October we welcome Rafael.
- **Anointing and Healing Mass:** Friday 9 October at the 9:00am Mass at St John's, Northgate. Morning tea after Mass. All welcome.
- **Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament:** Friday 6 November after the 9:00am Mass at St John's, Northgate. Morning tea after Mass. All welcome.

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

### Together we pray for ...

**Recently deceased:** Patricia Drew

**Anniversaries:** Callum McKerr, Douglas Cowell, Julie Stewart, Denise McEniery, Catherine Murray, John Ryall, Elwyn Clifford, Gloria Marshall, Rosario Fazio, Fr John Hong, Pam Goring, Janet Ferguson, Marie Curtin, Peter Murphy

**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



### DATE CLAIMER

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

Our Lady Help of Christians Church  
invites you to...

### "Christmas on the Green"

5pm

**Sunday 13 December 2026**

On the lawn behind the church, Bowman Street, Hendra.  
Come and join us for Christmas Carols at a joyous  
Christmas celebration.

**Wear festive gear in red or green!**

Sausage sizzle provided from 5-6pm

Just bring all your family – and a blanket or chairs for your comfort,  
your esky, drinks, and extra food or snacks you may wish to bring  
for your family.

### 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 Wednesdays throughout October.

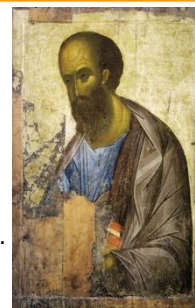
**Venue:**

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

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

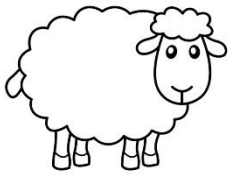
(Evening sessions are repeats of daytime ones to cater for busy lives.)

**PLEASE NOTE: NO EVENING SESSION ON OCTOBER 7<sup>TH</sup>**



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)

Join us for **The Christmas Story Through Carols: A Journey to Bethlehem** on **19 December 2026**, at **St Agatha's Church**. Whether you sing, play an instrument, can help at the Christmas Market, contribute baked goods, or simply want to lend a hand, there is a place for everyone.



Scan the QR code to learn more and register your interest.



## 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 yarnning 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.

## 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>



Our Lady Help of Christians School  
Hendra

## Ready to enrol?

Our Lady Help of  
Christians Primary  
Hendra

[BCEschools.com/enrolOLHC](https://www.bceschools.com/enrolOLHC)



St Agatha's Primary School  
Clayfield

PARISH COMMUNITY  
**JUMBLE  
SALE**

**NEXT SATURDAY 10 OCTOBER**

**8AM TO 12 NOON**  
**St John's Church Hall**  
**688 Nudgee Road, Northgate**  
**CASH ONLY**

## ST VINCENT DE PAUL - ITEMS WANTED

SVDP Hendra Conference is in need of good working **mobile phones and laptops** for needy clients. Donations would be gratefully appreciated. Please contact Mike on 0419 027 430.

"Got old, unused computers at your company? Please reach out to **Mike**."



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

# 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 |
|-------------------|------------------------------|----------------------------------|----------------------------------|------------------------------------------|
| <b>4 October</b>  | Dianne Eden<br>Amanda Bell   | Chris Begley<br><i>Volunteer</i> | Trish Dunn<br>Robyn Jeyes        | Barbara Nelson<br>Dona Rotolone          |
| <b>11 October</b> | Nic Kure<br>Erin Bledsoe     | Karen Birtles<br>Louis Currie    | Neville Canham<br>Kathryn Bourke | Lorelei Gozzard<br>Kate McLean           |

## 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



**A vocation view:** An employer would likely fire any employee who consistently fails to perform the job properly. God's plan calls us to live our vocation daily in the best way we can.

**Contact Vocation Brisbane.**

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**W:** [catholicpriesthood.com](http://catholicpriesthood.com) 00000



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.

The Archdiocese  
of Brisbane



## Safeguarding Commitment

The Catholic Archdiocese of Brisbane has zero tolerance for all forms of abuse and is committed to safeguarding everyone involved in its activities, ministries and services.

The safety and wellbeing of children and adults-at-risk is paramount.

+ *Shane Mackinlay*  
Most Reverend Shane Mackinlay  
Archbishop of Brisbane

## NEXT SUNDAYS' READINGS 2026

### TWENTY-EIGHTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

**First Reading:** Isaiah 25:6-10

**Second Reading:** Philippians 4:12-14, 19-20

**Gospel:** Matthew 22:1-14



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

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