



Together in Faith & Mercy

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



TWENTY-EIGHTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME (YEAR A)

11 OCTOBER 2026

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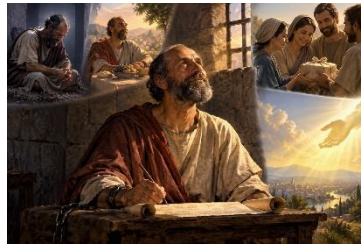
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As incredible as it may seem, some people turn down the invitation to the eschatological banquet. This is the case, both in the parable and in our world today. This invitation seems much less interesting than a sports event, the latest movie, or some social affair. So much of our time and energy is spent either climbing the economic ladder or just trying to keep our heads above water. Even if we are interested in the banquet, we do not seem able to afford the time and energy that it might require. And so we send our regrets: I cannot come. What a shame! We seem to have forgotten that everything is tending toward the end; all of our plans, interests and distractions will cease. Only the banquet will remain. All God asks of us is that we receive the blessings that have been prepared for us. We need not work for them. In fact, we cannot work for them on our own. All we can do is enjoy them. Enjoyment of the eschatological time of fulfilment is open to all but guaranteed to none.

One theme seems to connect all of the readings for this Sunday, our total dependence on God. God spreads the banquet table and invites the guests; God punishes those who are indifferent to or antagonistic toward the eschatological banquet; God supplies whatever we need in whatever

circumstances we find ourselves. We do not have to bargain with God or make reservations. All we have to do is accept what God has to offer.



Have a great holiday, Father Michael



ONE IN CHRIST
UNITED IN
Mission
100 YEARS OF WORLD MISSION SUNDAY

THANK YOU for your generous support of the Church in Malawi and the communities it serves.

Because of your kindness, children like Yamikani* will have greater access to education, nourishment, and the opportunity to build a hopeful future.

And if you chose to become a Mission Partner with a monthly gift - thank you so much for your ongoing commitment.

To learn more about the work of Catholic Mission in Malawi and around the world, please visit:

catholicmission.org.au/our-work.

Thank you again for your compassion, and please keep this impactful work in your prayers.



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 11 October

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



5.30pm Mass

St Agatha's Parish Messages....

- Children's Liturgy resumes **NEXT Sunday 18 October**



PINK OCTOBER RAFFLE

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



Available at the back of the Church before and after Mass throughout October. Raffle drawn Sunday 1 November.

THURSDAY 15 OCTOBER 9AM MASS

St Agatha's School Year 4 students will be attending the 9am Mass next Thursday 15 October. All welcome

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 11 October

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

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

11 October: Kathryn Bourke

18 October: Jen Cridland



MOM Parish Messages....

- **Due to the Fresco conservation works, MOM Prayer Engine AND Eucharistic Adoration will resume Tuesday 27 October.** Please note that the 8.45am Wednesday Mass will continue as usual.
- **Group Study of NEXT Sunday's readings:** Sundays 11.00 - 11.45am (Parish Centre). All welcome.
- **Children's Liturgy of the Word (OLHC) resumes THIS Sunday 11 October.**
- **Baptismal Joy** THIS Sunday 11 October we welcome Stella
- **Prayer Support** Sunday 1 November after the 9.30am Mass at OLHC Church, Hendra.
- **Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament:** Friday 6 November after the 9:00am Mass at St John's, Northgate. Morning tea after Mass. All welcome.
- **DATE CLAIMER: Board Games Social Event:** Sunday 15 November 2.00pm at the MoM Parish Centre. ALL WELCOME!!

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

Together we pray for ...

Recently deceased: Mick Gibson, John Siganto, Sr Catharine Courtney RSM, Sr Sponsa Gosciek SSpS, Joan Kruger

Anniversaries: Fr Peter Daly OMI, Paul Ginnivan, Colleen Scott, Gerard Ziegenfusz, Rocco Morfea, Marcel Conescu

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



The **Tween Meet** will be held
NEXT Sunday 18 October 4.00pm - 6.30pm

Email: cantaruttis@bne.catholic.net.au
for registration details

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.

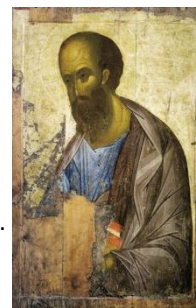
This year, we will concentrate on this latter group which includes some of this most well-known correspondence - Colossians, Ephesians and 2 Thessalonians – as well as some less well-known – the letters to Timothy and Titus.

When: Wednesday 14 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.)



**Saturday 10 October to Friday 16 October
we warmly welcome:**

St Cecilia's Saturday 4.30pm Mass: Fr John Zhao

St Agatha's Sunday 8am Mass: Fr John Gillen

OLHC Sunday 9.30am Mass: Fr Neil Muir

St Agatha's Sunday 5.30pm Mass: Fr Matthew Moloney

OLHC Wednesday 8.45am Mass: Fr John Zhao

St Agatha's Thursday 9am Mass: Fr John Sullivan

St John's Friday 9am Mass: Fr John Sullivan

ST JOHN'S COMMUNITY CONSULTATION UPDATE

The recent Community Consultation marked the beginning of an important conversation about the future of the St John's hall.

A summary of the consultation including key information, frequently asked questions, and opportunities for ongoing community involvement, is now available on our website. Simply scan the QR code to access the full Community Consultation Summary.



We encourage all parishioners, whether or not you attended the consultation, to stay informed and involved as discussions continue.

Please submit any feedback by Friday 30 October, via the QR Code or email Celine:

pm.hendra@bne.catholic.net.au

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.

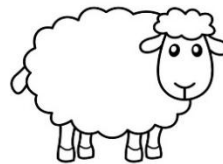


**Scan the QR code to
learn more and register
your interest.**



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



Our Lady Help of Christians School
Hendra

Term 4 got off to a wonderful start at Our Lady Help of Christians, with plenty happening across our school community.

This week, students explored mindfulness and meditation as part of our focus on prayer. As October is the Month of the Holy Rosary, they also learnt more about the Rosary and its place in the Catholic tradition.

We also enjoyed **Prepping for Prep** on Friday. It was a lovely opportunity to continue building connections with children and families as they prepare for the exciting transition to school.

Many blessings

Lizbeth Iles

Acting Assistant Principal Religious Education



St Agatha's Primary School
Clayfield

A Wonderful Start to Term 4

It has been wonderful to welcome our students and families back after the holidays. The children returned with great enthusiasm, excited to catch up with friends, reconnect with their teachers and settle back into the routines of school life. There has been a positive energy across the school as learning and play have resumed.

This promises to be a busy and rewarding term, with many learning opportunities, celebrations and community events ahead. We look forward to sharing these occasions with our families and parish community.

Next week, we will take part in Socktober as part of Catholic Mission Month. This year, our focus is on supporting communities in Malawi, where floods and displacement have placed pressure on families, schools, healthcare and food supplies. On Friday, 16 October, students are invited to wear silly socks to school. Socktober reminds us that, as people of faith, we are called to stand in solidarity with others and put compassion into action.

Many blessings

Jon Tracey Assistant Principal Religious



GIFT OF GIVING TIME

A member of St Agatha's Parish - Cruz Ratnam - baked a morning tea for our community for her school assignment.

We congratulate Cruz for her artistic and delicious cupcakes!

PARISH COMMUNITY



THIS SATURDAY 10 OCTOBER

8AM TO 12 NOON

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

CASH ONLY

Sunday Mass Rosters

Date	Reader Clayfield 8am Mass	Reader Clayfield 5:30pm Mass	Reader OLHC 9:30am Mass	Eucharistic Minister OLHC 9:30am Mass
11 October	Nic Kure Erin Bledsoe	Karen Birtles <i>Volunteer</i>	Neville Canham Kathryn Bourke	Lorelei Gozzard Kate McLean
18 October	Matthew Crossley Nam Tran	Leanne McDowall Maddy Brown	George, Clara, Sylvie Shillington	Robyn Jeynes 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 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: Once we have been captured by the beauty of God's promised reward, we want to go out into our world and invite others into the heavenly banquet. Who will tell the Good News? Now is a good time to begin.



Contact Vocation Brisbane.

P: (07) 3336 9392

E: vocation@bne.catholic.net.au



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-NINTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

First Reading: Isaiah 45:1, 4-6

Second Reading: 1 Thessalonians 1:1-5

Gospel: Matthew 22:15-21



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

Please email: hendra@bne.catholic.net.au OR clayfield@bne.catholic.net.au

