



Together in Faith & Mercy

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



TWENTY-NINTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME (YEAR A)

18 OCTOBER 2026

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Leo's Lens

'Our time is in great need of precisely this', Pope Leo says, 'men and women who have the courage to do good even when it comes at a cost.' As Jesus showed us: sometimes we are forced to make a choice, but we need not respond in the way the world expects.

Our way is a surprising one. 'Draw near to those who are alone, support those who are weary, seek out those who have drifted away', the Pope says. 'Have the courage to forgive, to begin anew and to engage in dialogue. Goodness is not always recognised and often demands sacrifice; yet it is precisely this daily courage of charity that makes our proclamation of the Gospel credible.'

Indeed, as we draw ever closer to Christ, we learn 'the joy of our vocation and learn to love as he loves.' The Pope encourages us to be 'a church that walks together behind the same Lord, listening, welcoming and recognising in the other a brother or sister and a companion along the way, never a rival.'

Unlike those who seek to sow division, we are called 'to discover that following Christ does not diminish freedom but brings it to fulfilment; that faith does not restrict life but opens it to a greater horizon.'



WORLD MISSION SUNDAY

18 OCTOBER



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 18 October

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

5.30pm Mass Pizza evening this Sunday 18 October



St Agatha's Parish Messages....

- Children's Liturgy THIS 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.

BAPTISMAL JOY!!

This Sunday at St Agatha's we welcome Michael and Oscar.

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 18 October

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

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

18 October: Jen Cridland

25 October: Kate McLean



MOM Parish Messages....

- Due to the Fresco conservation works, MOM Prayer Engine AND Eucharistic Adoration will resume Tuesday 3 November.** 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) THIS Sunday 18 October.**
- Baptismal Joy** THIS Sunday 18 October we welcome Elise.
- 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.

OCTOBER PARISH BIRTHDAYS:

We will be celebrating the OCTOBER Parish birthdays
NEXT Sunday 25 October 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: William (Bill) Gabiola, Br Peter S Sheldon cfc, Sr Michaelleen Ahern RSM, Damien Thompson, Margaret Whitefield, Derek Wylie, Arthur Jacobsen, Mick Gibson, John Siganto, Sr Catharine Courtney RSM, Sr Sponsa Gosciak SSPs, Joan Kruger

Anniversaries: Joyce Smith, Jean Hickey, Betty Ogilvie, David Lord, Vanessa Bumstead, Carmel Rashford

Sick: Pope Leo XIV, 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



All Souls Mass

Monday 2 November 8.45am, OLHC Hendra

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.



TO ALL VOLUNTEERS OF MOTHER OF MERCY PARISH

(Our Lady Help of Christians, St Cecilia's and St John's)
You are cordially invited to a Volunteer Social Evening

Friday 20 November

6.00 - 8.00 pm | Parish Centre

RSVP: Friday 13 November

via the QR Code or contact the Parish Office 3268 3040.

Please advise of any dietary requirements.



SAINT PAUL AND HIS LETTERS

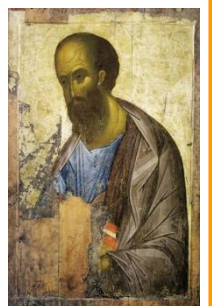
When: Wednesday 21 October

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 17 October to Friday 23 October
we warmly welcome:**

St Cecilia's Saturday 4.30pm Mass: Fr John Zhao
St Agatha's Sunday 8am Mass: Fr Matthew Moloney
OLHC Sunday 9.30am Mass: Fr John Gillen
St Agatha's Sunday 5.30pm Mass: Fr John Zhao
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.**



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

BOARD GAMES SOCIAL EVENT ALL WELCOME!!

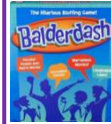
You are invited to join a group of parishioners who will meet at the MoM parish centre at 2.00pm

Sunday 29th November to play games such as Balderdash / Scattergories / Pictionary / Articulate / Herd Mentality.

BYO drinks & optional snacks to share.

Our last gathering for the year.

No need to RSVP. If you have questions, ask Lynn / Dave / Joe / Ash / Kathleen / Louise.



CALLING EVERY MAN!

You are invited to attend Stouthearted - Men of Sexual Integrity.

Stouthearted is a men's program that covers some of the most important topics everyman faces!

www.stouthearted.com/brisweekend

DETAILS:

Friday, 30 Oct, 7pm - Sunday, 1 Nov - (Inc Mass)
@ Christmas Creek (90mins South of Brisbane)
\$199 inc all meals and materials



Our Lady Help of Christians School
Hendra

Ready to enrol?

**Our Lady Help of
Christians Primary
Hendra**

BCEschools.com/enrolOLHC



St Agatha's Primary School
Clayfield

Learning Beyond the Classroom in Canberra

This week, our Years 5 and 6 students travelled to Canberra for an exciting and enriching educational experience. During their visit to our nation's capital, they have explored significant places, including the Australian War Memorial, Parliament House and Government House, along with other important national institutions and landmarks.

The trip has brought classroom learning to life. In Humanities and Social Sciences, students have been learning about civics and citizenship, Australia's democratic system, and the responsibilities we share as active members of our community. Visiting the places where national decisions are made has deepened their understanding of government and how citizens can contribute to the common good.

At the Australian War Memorial, students have reflected on the courage, service and sacrifice of Australians who have served our nation. This experience encourages gratitude and respect, while connecting with our Catholic commitment to peace, justice and human dignity.

The trip has also helped students grow in independence, resilience and friendship as they travel, learn and support one another.

We are grateful to the staff who have generously accompanied the students and to the families who made this opportunity possible. We look forward to welcoming everyone home and hearing the students share their experiences with our school and parish community.

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
18 October	Matthew Crossley Nam Tran	Leanne McDowall Maddy Brown	George, Clara, Sylvie Shillington	Robyn Jeynes Dona Rotolone
25 October	Beth Casey Saxon Mew	Giselle Hossinger Joel Perkins	Cutella Dias <i>Volunteer</i>	Kerri Fernicola Barbara Nelson

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: We do not choose a vocation completely on our own. We must prayerfully reflect on how we can best give to God what is God's and then live as though everything depends on God.

Contact Vocation Brisbane.

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W: <https://vocationbrisbane.com/>



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



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.



NEXT SUNDAYS' READINGS 2026

THIRTIETH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

First Reading: Exodus 22:20-26

Second Reading: 1 Thessalonians 1:5-10

Gospel: Matthew 22:34-40



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

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