



Together in Faith & Mercy

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



THIRTIETH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME (YEAR A)

25 OCTOBER 2026

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Our religious tradition is founded on love. Actually, life itself is grounded in love. We may not always feel this love, but if we allow ourselves to reflect on life, we will realise this truth. We have been called into being by God's love; and we will only be happy if we live in that love. Thus, when we are directed to love God and love one another, we are not being asked to do something contrary to our nature. Rather, we are being told to live in accord with that nature. We come from God who is love, and so it is in our very nature to love and to be loved.

We may sometimes think that it is easier to love God than to love others. It may actually be just the opposite. Other people are tangible. We can see and hear them, interact with them. Their influence in our lives can permeate our consciousness. That is not the way it is with God. Like Moses on the mountain, we can only see the traces of divinity as God passes by (see Ex 33:23). However, we show that we love God in the way we love our neighbour.

Love, the foundation of the reign of God, is contagious. When we love others, the reign of God spreads throughout the world. The compassion that we show toward others is a form of evangelisation. It proclaims much louder than any words that the reign of God has been established.



BUILDING WORKS AT ST CECILIA'S CHURCH

Building works at St Cecilia's Church are now underway and are expected to continue until early February 2027. The project includes re-stumping, roof repairs, drainage improvements and external painting. Saturday Mass will continue as normal. Scaffolding is scheduled to be removed before Christmas. We thank parishioners for their patience as these important works are carried out.

NOVEMBER MASSES - BOOK OF REMEMBRANCE

As of next weekend, parishioners are invited to write the names of their dearly departed family and friends in the **Book of Remembrance** found near the Altar.

The names listed will be prayed for at the Masses during the month of November.



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 25 October

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 **THIS Sunday 25 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 with great joy three new members of Christ's faithful people:

*Dominic Roff, son of Timohy and Sophie
Grace Mitchell, daughter of Peter and Lauren;
and we also welcome Norah.*

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

Family Mass

Sunday 8 November, 8am followed by morning tea

What's happening in MOM Parish

Sunday 25 October

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

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

25 October: Kate McLean

1 November: Lorelei Gozzard



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 25 October.**
- **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.
- **Anointing and Healing Mass:** Friday 13 November at 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 **THIS 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: James Green, William (Bill) Gabiola, Br Peter S Sheldon cfc, Sr Michaelleen Ahern RSM, Damien Thompson, Margaret Whitefield, Derek Wylie, Arthur Jacobsen

Anniversaries: Maria Rotolone, Dawn Lucas, Fr Edward Ryan OMI, Fr John Wakeling, Kenneth Fuller, John and Marie Curtin, Patricia Latimer

Sick: Renee Wheeler, Thresia Wheeler, 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"

Sunday 13 December 2026

5pm



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

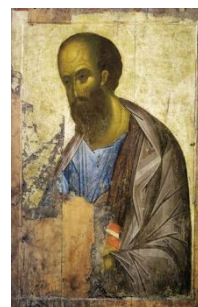
When: Wednesday 28 October

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 24 October to Friday 30 October
we warmly welcome:**

St Cecilia's Saturday 4.30pm Mass: Father John Zhao
St Agatha's Sunday 8am Mass: Father John Gillen
OLHC Sunday 9.30am Mass: Father Neil Muir
St Agatha's Sunday 5.30pm Mass: Monsignor John Grace
OLHC Wednesday 8.45am Mass: Father John Zhao
St Agatha's Thursday 9am Mass: Father John Sullivan
St John's Friday 9am Mass: Father John Sullivan



St John's
ROYAL AUSTRALIAN NAVY
WAR MEMORIAL CHURCH
688 NUDGE ROAD NORTHGATE

*is holding a Remembrance Day Service
on the 11th of the 11th 2026*

commencing at 10.30 am and concluding at 11.00 am
with a minute silence

Remembrance Day Service Prayers will be lead by
Royal Australian Navy Chaplain Jenny Schlausener

*all defence families, friends and the whole of the community
are warmly invited to attend*

.... a morning tea will follow the service

We Will Remember Them

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

**FRIDAY
30 OCTOBER**

*Happy
World
Teachers' Day*



A BRIGHTER
KINDER
STRONGER
TOMORROW

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.

PASTORAL CARE IN HOSPITALS – Centacare is seeking
people interested in volunteering once each week to provide
pastoral and spiritual care to Catholic patients in our public
hospitals in our strongly established teams. The people we are
seeking must have a qualification or significant background in
a human service discipline with some level of formal
theological training. If you are retired, or semi-retired from such
a career, in very good health and have one morning per week
available for a most rewarding volunteer role in the spirit of the
Gospel, please talk further with me with no obligation.

E: judy.norris@bne.centacare.net.au Mob: 0428 669 572

OUR LADY HELP OF CHRISTIANS PRIMARY SCHOOL, Hendra

A JOYFUL WEEK 3 AT OLHC!

What an action-packed week at OLHC, filled with faith, friendship,
mindfulness and fun!

Our Senior Years students arrived back from three fantastic days at
camp in Lennox Head, full of stories, smiles and happy memories. They
worked together canoeing, explored the underwater world while
snorkelling and pushed themselves to new heights rock climbing. From
the laughter to the friendships formed, it was clear they had an amazing
time together!

Friday brought our final *Prepping for Prep* session as we continued
welcoming our 2027 Prep students and families into the OLHC community.

We also celebrated Catholic Missions Month with Socktober
Students wore their craziest socks and brought a gold coin to support the
day. Middle Years students made sock balls, inspired by the handmade
soccer balls used where sporting equipment may not be affordable. At
second break, students put their creations to the test with a goal-
kicking challenge.

A colourful and joyful week of living our OLHC values of Faith, Courage
and Action!

Many blessings

Lizbeth Iles Acting Assistant Principal Religious Education

ST AGATHA'S PRIMARY SCHOOL, Clayfield

CELEBRATING OUR TEACHERS AND KEEPING CHILDREN SAFE

Next Wednesday, 28 October, our school community will celebrate
World Teachers' Day. We give thanks for our dedicated teachers, whose
care, wisdom and commitment help every child to grow in knowledge,
confidence and faith. Their service reflects Christ's call to welcome and
nurture the young, and we are deeply grateful for the many ways they
support our children and families.

On Friday, 30 October, students are invited to wear a splash of red for
Day for Daniel. This important occasion reminds us that safeguarding
children is a shared responsibility across our school, parish and wider
community. We encourage families to continue conversations at home and
to seek help from trusted adults.

As a Catholic community, may we remain united in prayer and action
so that every child is known, valued, supported and safe.

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
25 October	Beth Casey Saxon Mew	Giselle Hossinger Joel Perkins	Cutella Dias <i>Volunteer</i>	Kerri Fernicola Barbara Nelson
1 November	Matthew Crossley Scott Fitzpatrick	Chris Begley Louis Currie	Neville Canham Mary Nicholls	Robyn Jeynes 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: In pursuing and living our vocation, we must seek to live these two commandments: to love the Lord your God with all your heart, with all your soul and with all your mind, and to love your neighbour as yourself.



Contact Vocation Brisbane.

P: (07) 3336 9392

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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

ALL SAINTS

First Reading: Revelation 7:2-4, 9-14

Second Reading: 1 John 3:1-3

Gospel: Matthew 5:1-12

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

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