

This letter and the attached Preparation Schedule and Enrolment form are available on:

<https://clayfieldparish.org.au/confirmation/>

or

<https://www.mothersofmercyparish.org.au/confirmation.html>



January 29th, 2024.

Dear Parents,



I am happy to inform you that the parishes of **St Agatha's, Clayfield** and **Mother of Mercy, Northgate, Hendra and Hamilton** are currently accepting candidates to celebrate the **Sacrament of Confirmation**. This year, our parishes have decided to operate a combined sacramental program across both communities.

Your child is eligible for this Sacrament if she or he is in Year 3 or above and has already received the Sacrament of Baptism.

Confirmation is a sacrament of initiation and marks a person's decision to follow Jesus with total mind, heart and being. For more information, please click here for the [Information video](#) we have produced just for you.



Preparation for the Sacrament of Confirmation requires commitment from you and your family to attend all of the preparation sessions outlined in the attached Preparation Schedule. Please peruse these dates carefully. The first preparation session shall be held in early March and Confirmations shall be in May. These sessions shall be facilitated by Pastoral Associate, Sandy Cantarutti and me.

I pray you are able to prioritise these sessions. If so, please print and complete the attached Enrolment Form and submit it at the first session. If you feel you are unable to fully commit to this program, please consider deferring your enrolment to another year.

Enrolments close on **Monday 4th March**.

If you have any questions, please contact Alex Atkins, Parish Families Administration Assistant at sacramental.clayfield@bne.catholic.net.au or call the St Agatha's Parish Office 3262 2859 or Mother of Mercy Parish Office 07 3268 3040.

Blessings,

Fr Michael Grace

Parish Priest | Mother of Mercy Parish, Hendra, Hamilton, Northgate
Parish Administrator | St Agatha's Parish, Clayfield





Sacrament of Confirmation Preparation Schedule 2024

Open to Year 3 and Up (children who have already received Baptism)

St Agatha's Parish and Mother of Mercy Parish Combined Sacramental Program

Contact Person: Alexandria Atkins, Parish Families Administrative Assistant (for both parishes)

Email: sacramental.clayfield@bnc.catholic.net.au | Working Days: Mondays and Wednesdays

Clayfield Parish Office ph. 3262 2859 | Mother of Mercy Parish Office 07 3268 3040

Session 1: Parent Forum and Enrolment (Monday 4th/Tuesday 5th March)

1 hr compulsory session (Parents/Carers only to attend). You may attend any session (no matter what parish you belong to).

Bring completed enrolment form (on the next page). Both parents MUST sign. Please attach Baptism Certificate.

\$76 enrolment fee payable online when you register attendance below.

You will receive your Confirmation workbook and Mass Passport.

Facilitated by Fr Michael and Sandy (Clayfield Pastoral Associate)

Click links below to register (required). Please begin to decide who your child's sponsor will be.

Monday 4th March 2:00pm at St Agatha's Church, Clayfield	Tuesday 5th March 2:00pm at Our Lady Help of Christians, Hendra	Tuesday 5th March 4:00pm at St Agatha's Church, Clayfield	Tuesday 5th March 5:30pm at Our Lady Help of Christians, Hendra
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Friday 7th March may open in the event of illness or absenteeism. Please email Alexandria.

Session 2: Rite of Enrolment Mass (Saturday 9th/Sunday 10th March)

1 hr compulsory Mass (Child +at least one parent to attend)

Come to any Mass below (no matter what parish you belong to) for your child to receive a prayerful commissioning to prepare towards the Sacrament of Confirmation. Your child must bring his/her 'Pray For Me' card and get a stamp in the Mass Passport.

No registration required- Just come along with the whole family!

St Agatha's Church, Clayfield (Sunday 10th March 8:00am or 5:30pm)

or Our Lady Help of Christians Church, Hendra (Saturday 9th March 5:00pm or Sunday 10th March 9:30am)

In the event of illness or absenteeism, please email Alexandria

Ongoing Preparation: Do your workbook at home and complete your Mass Passport

Please attend any Mass 4 times at either St Agatha's, Our Lady Help of Christians, St John's or St Cecelia's Church.

Why? Because attending Mass is the source and summit of the Christian life that your child is being initiated into.

Please check the [St Agatha's](#) and [Mother of Mercy](#) parish websites for Mass times. Booklet and Passport are **due in Session 3**.

No need to register for Masses. Bring the whole family along!

Session 3. Book Review and Rehearsal (Monday 13th/Tuesday 14th May)

1.5 hr compulsory session (Child + at least one parent/carer to attend). Session cap at 30 families per session.

You must attend the location of your parish where your child will receive the Sacrament of Confirmation.

Bring your completed workbook, Mass Passport, a snack and a drink bottle. The name of your child's sponsor and child's saint's name (optional) is also due. A sponsor is 16+, Catholic and cannot be a child's parent.

Let's learn more about the Gifts and Fruits of the Holy Spirit with Fr Michael and Sandy!

Click links below to register (required)

Monday 13th May 3:15pm at Our Lady Help of Christians Church (for Mother of Mercy children only).	Monday 13th May 5:00pm at St Agatha's Church, Clayfield (for St Agatha's children only).	Tuesday 14th May 3:15pm at St Agatha's Church, Clayfield (for St Agatha's children only).	Tuesday 14th May 5:00pm at St Agatha's Church, Clayfield (for St Agatha's children only).
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Friday 17th May may open in the event of illness or absenteeism. Please email Alexandria.

Warm Invitation: Pentecost Party After Mass!

The parishioners of St Agatha's and Our Lady Help of Christians are throwing your children a 'Pentecost party!' Please stay **after the 8:00am Mass on Sunday May 19th (St Agatha's Church) or 9:30am Mass (Our Lady Help of Christians Church)** for a special morning tea with party hats and other Pentecost-themed baked treats to celebrate the coming of the Holy Spirit! No need to register! Just come with the whole family! You are always welcome!

Information about the Confirmation Liturgy (including registration links) on the next page...

Confirmation: Friday 24th May (Our Lady Help of Christians) or 28th May (St Agatha's)

Your child will receive the Holy Spirit at this liturgy.

Important Registrations for **Confirmation** shall open on: **Monday 8th April 2024 (registrations close on Thursday 2nd May)**

You must register for Confirmation at your own parish, as indicated on your enrolment form.

Regarding St Agatha's Confirmations: We apologise in advance if you are unable to secure your preferred liturgy timeslot. Please make yourself available for both timeslots well in advance as you may be unable to book your preferred session. We adhere to a first-in-first-served policy with the use of the ticketing system. Out of courtesy, please keep the earlier 5:00pm session for parents with infants and toddlers. Please be responsible for booking your own child's confirmation (do not assign this responsibility to another family). If you have a particular preference in mind, please enrol immediately on the date above.

Click links below to register (required). Links will also be emailed to all parents.

[Our Lady Help of Christians Church, Hendra
\(for Mother of Mercy Parish children only\)
Friday 24th May 6:00pm liturgy](#)

[St Agatha's Church, Clayfield
\(St Agatha's Parish children only\)
Tuesday 28th May
5:00pm liturgy](#)

[St Agatha's Church, Clayfield
\(St Agatha's Parish children only\)
Tuesday 28th May
7:00pm liturgy](#)

Event Information

- The role of the sponsor is to accompany the child during the anointing (right hand on right shoulder as pictured below). The sponsor acts as a Christian role model for the child throughout his/her life.
- The sponsor will hand to the bishop/priest the name card with the child's name (or optional saint's name).
- Attire is 'dressy'. No particular colour is required for the Sacrament of Confirmation.
- Family photography is available 1 hour before and for some time after.
- A photo shall also be taken during your child's anointing (see picture below).
- A link to purchase the photos shall be mailed to you approximately one month later.
- Please consider if your child would like to do a job or reading at Confirmation (drawn from hat).
- Street parking only at both St Agatha's Church and Our Lady Help of Christians. Please arrive early in order to find a carpark, receive your gift, collect child's name card and to line up for family photos).
- Seating: Your family will have access to one pew. Pews will not be reserved by name (unless you are a reader), so please follow the 'first-in-first served' approach with seating.
- Pews fit 6 people (including your child sitting in the aisle seat and the sponsor beside the child).
- If any other family members do not fit in your one pew, they may be seated in some spare rows at the back of the church or in the side chapels.
- Children shall receive a cupcake at the end of Confirmation. Please specify dietary requirements (dietary requirement boxes shall be labelled with the child's name).
- We are not certain whether a Bishop will be available to preside at this liturgy. You will be informed of this closer to the date. Fr Michael will be available also.





Print this form and complete it as soon as possible.

St Agatha's Catholic Parish & Mother of Mercy Catholic Parish Enrolment Form For the Sacrament of Confirmation 2024

Please submit this on the day of your Parent Forum and Enrolment Session (Session 1)

Please do not submit an incomplete form.

Contact Person for this combined program (both parishes): Alexandria Atkins: sacramental.clayfield@bne.catholic.net.au
Website: www.clayfieldparish.org.au | <https://www.motherofmercyparish.org.au>
Phone: 3262 2859 (St Agatha's Clayfield Parish Office) | 07 3268 3040 (Mother of Mercy Parish Office, Hendra)

Office use only: Folio No. _____ Sponsor: _____ Saint: _____

Section 1: Candidate's Details

Child's Surname: _____ Christian Name (no nicknames, please.) _____ Date of Birth _____/_____/_____

School and Grade _____ Grade: _____ At which location do you desire Confirmation (your parish)?
 Mother of Mercy (Our Lady Help of Christians Church, Hendra)
 St Agatha's Parish (St Agatha's Church, Clayfield)

Child was Baptised at St Agatha's Church, Clayfield: _____ Date of Baptism: _____

Child was Baptised at Mother of Mercy Parish: _____ Church name: _____
Date of Baptism: _____

Child was not Baptised at St Agatha's or Mother of Mercy (Copy of Baptism certificate must be stapled to this document. Please specify Baptism details in the box below.)

Church: _____ Date of Baptism: _____/_____/_____
What parish does this church belong to? _____ Town/State: _____
(If your child was baptised in another Christian denomination (i.e. not Catholic) please contact us ASAP to discuss.)

Child's dietary requirement for cupcake :
None Gluten Free Dairy Free Egg Free Peanut Free Other _____

Parent/Legal Guardian/Caregiver 1
Legal Surname/Maiden: _____ Legal First Name: _____
Street Address: _____
Suburb/Town: _____
State/Country: _____ Postcode: _____
Religion _____
Telephone Number: _____
Email Address (Important* Please also type this as you register for session1 to be added to the mailing list!) _____

Parent/Legal Guardian/Caregiver 2
Legal Surname/Maiden: _____ Legal First Name: _____
Street Address: _____
Suburb/Town: _____
State/Country: _____ Postcode: _____
Religion _____
Telephone Number: _____
Email Address: (*Important* Please also type this as you register for session 1 to be added to the mailing list!) _____

Section 2: Family Law Matters:

BOTH parents/legal guardians MUST sign this form

OR attach court order document as evidence that one parent is qualified to enrol their child in this sacrament.

FAMILY LAW MATTERS

I hereby give my consent for the Candidate to be admitted to the Sacraments of the Catholic Church as indicated below:

Confirmation

Father's Signature

Date

Mother's Signature

Date

If only one parent has signed this form, a copy of any Court Orders concerning residence arrangements for the Candidate, time spent by the Candidate with either parent, or parenting issues must be supplied with this Enrolment Form.

Are there any such Orders?

Yes/No

Has a copy of every such Order been attached to this Enrolment Form?

Yes/No

Section 3: Parental Consent

We hereby give consent for our child to be admitted to the Sacrament of Confirmation of the Catholic Church.

Both parents signature(s) required for enrolment purposes.
(unless court orders are specified and attached)

SIGNATURE of Parent or Legal Guardian

PRINT NAME of Parent or Legal Guardian

RELATIONSHIP to candidate

DATE SIGNED

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Archdiocese of Brisbane Safeguarding Policy

The Archdiocese adopts and adheres to the National Catholic Safeguarding Standards. The Standards apply to all parishes, ministries, and agencies under the jurisdiction of the Archbishop.

The Archdiocese 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.

For full details on our Safeguarding Policy and procedures please go to the following link

<https://brisbanecatholic.org.au/safeguarding/>

Section 4: Photographic/Media Consent Form

I _____ (name of person giving consent and name of parent/guardian if under 18 years of age), consent to the use of photographs or video footage for use on the St Agatha's Parish website, Mother of Mercy Parish Website, in newsletters and publications as well as for distribution to members.

I consent to photographs or video footage being used to promote future Sacramental/Parish events by various St Agatha's Parish and Mother of Mercy committees and other media.

I further understand that this consent can be withdrawn at any time in writing to St Agatha's Parish 52 Oriel Road, Clayfield, 4011 **and** Mother of Mercy Parish 9 Bowman St Hendra.

I give this consent voluntarily.

Signature of person giving consent Signature of parent/guardian < 18

Date _____

Or

I/We do NOT give our consent to the above media permissions. (tick)

Section 5: Privacy Collection Statement

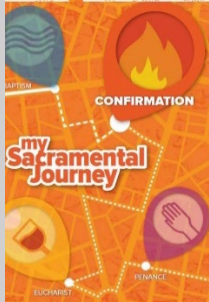




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Email address: privacyofficer@bne.catholic.net.au

Home Preparation Schedule

<p>Suggested Completion Time</p> <p><i>Suggestion only.</i></p>	<p>My Sacramental Journey Booklet Activity (Each activity should take approx. 15 minutes. Please do not refer to this as 'homework')</p> 	<p>Video to watch before booklet activity (Watch <i>with</i> your child) All videos may be viewed at St Agatha's Parish Clayfield - YouTube</p> <p> YouTube</p>  <p>Scan for playlist of all videos</p>
<p>March</p>	<p><input type="checkbox"/> All About Me (p.3)</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> Who is Jesus? (Optional p. 10-11) (optional If you feel your child needs to refresh their understanding of who Jesus is)</p>	<p>For Parents Sacrament of Confirmation Info Information Video: Considering Enrolling your child? (re-watch if not seen yet) https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=D3VbszC5sb4&t=2s</p> <p>Video 1: Jesus Promised the Holy Spirit https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=TPiaWwpxOyQ</p>
<p>April/May</p> <p>Bring Completed Workbook and Mass Passport to the Book review</p>	<p><input type="checkbox"/> Baptism Hunt (p.4-5)</p>	<p>Video 2: Baptism Began Your Sacramental Journey https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=jwksQBZ1OU</p>
	<p><input type="checkbox"/> In the Beginning: The Holy Spirit in Creation (p.6-7)</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> Choosing a Saint's Name (Optional sheet provided) Do this activity if you feel your child is ready to</p>	<p>Song: Gifts of the Spirit (will be played at Confirmation! Learn all the Gifts of the Holy Spirit by singing along!) https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=4RJP8dPkHd4</p>  <p>Lyrics & Actions are on the next page!</p>
	<p><input type="checkbox"/> God Sends the Holy Spirit (p.12-13)</p>	<p>Video 3: Confirmation is Pentecost for You! https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=0ZCoqF0j64I</p>
	<p><input type="checkbox"/> Confirmation (p.14) Practice anointing at home with some olive oil! Sponsor has right hand on child's right shoulder and hands the Bishop the child's name card (provided on the day) Bishop: "[NAME] be sealed With the gift of the Holy Spirit" CHILD: "Amen" Bishop: "Peace be with you" Child: "And with your spirit" [This shall be on the screen within view, so don't worry if you forget!]</p>	<p>Confirmation: Flame of Faith (provides a step-by-step overview of what will happen at Confirmation. Please watch multiple times and also tell the child's Sponsor to watch it!)</p> <p>https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=sFo-9H-IZIk</p>  <p>Scan to watch Flame of Faith: Confirmation</p>

Gifts of the Spirit (One Life Music)

Practice the actions at home! <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=4RJP8dPkHd4>



Chorus

Veni Sancte
Spiritus Veni
Sancte Spiritus
Come, Come Holy
Spirit
(Repeat)



Verse 1

Give me the gift of **Wisdom**
to value all things from God
And give me the **Knowledge**
to enlighten my mind with your grace.
**Chorus*



Verse 2

Fill me with your
understanding To grasp all the
mysteries of faith
May I have counsel
to help all the choices I make
**Chorus*



Verse 3

Send me the gift of **Piety**
So Lord I will love and I'll serve
I respect lord your majesty through the **Fear of the Lord**
**Chorus*



Verse 4

Fortitude, God will you send
me To strengthen my power
of will
Send me your spirit, Lord,
renew
**Chorus*

