



Mother of Mercy Parish

Living and Growing in the Spirit

St John's church
688 Nudgee Rd, Northgate

Our Lady Help of Christians
9 Bowman St, Hendra

St Cecilia's church
30 College St, Hamilton

PARISH VISION

Mother of Mercy Parish is a welcoming, caring and inclusive community which values and promotes faith development and participation for all and affirms the place God has in our lives.

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Weekend Masses: By registration with Parish Office

Weekday Mass: Friday 9:30am St John's, Northgate

Reconciliation/Confession: By appointment

Prayer by Archbishop Mark Coleridge

*Almighty and all-merciful God,
lover of the human race, healer of all our wounds,
in whom there is no shadow of death,
save us in this time of crisis;
grant wisdom and courage to our leaders;
watch over all medical people as they tend the sick and
work for a cure;
stir in us a sense of solidarity beyond all isolation;
if our doors are closed, let our hearts be open.
By the power of your love destroy the virus of fear,
that hope may never die and the light of Easter, the
triumph of life, may shine upon us and the whole world.
Through Jesus Christ, the Lord risen from the dead,
who lives and reigns for ever and ever. Amen.
Holy Mary, health of the sick, pray for us.
St Joseph, guardian of us all, pray for us.*



SECOND SUNDAY OF EASTER (DIVINE MERCY SUNDAY) 11 APRIL 2021

11-4-21 – Divine Mercy Sunday

Hi all,

Welcome to the Second Sun of Easter and to Divine Mercy Sunday.



This Sunday at 10:15am after the 9am Sun Mass at OLHC, you are all welcome to join us to pray the **Divine Mercy Chaplet**. There are two churches in our deanery where you can celebrate **Divine Mercy Mass: Sun 2-5pm at Sacred Heart Church, Sandgate and Our Lady and St Dymphna's Aspley Parish at 2-5pm.**

Here is an Easter message from the Archbishop Fisher from Sydney. <https://www.sydneycatholic.org/>

Christ is Risen! Truly He is Risen!

Here's a wonderful Easter story of a Hungarian priest who saved a village 65 years ago.

Sometimes it is easy to forget that our battles for our rights and particularly the battles for Life and liberty are not just political battles without consequences.

There remain countries in this world where faith in Jesus Christ is punishable by death and in such places there are still today people who love the truth and love Jesus more than they love their own lives. I was blessed in my youth, as I'm sure you were also, to have so many fine examples of Christian courage. On this Easter, I remember one such example.

It is the story of a tiny Hungarian priest who stood up for life and stood down the tanks of the Soviet Union with only the words of the Resurrection.

The Russians had of course invaded Hungary in November 1956 to suppress the uprising that had developed in October against totalitarian rule. Thousands of Hungarians were killed as they resisted.

And so a column of Soviet tanks arrived outside the small village where Father Placid was living. As a speaker of Russian, he went out to the bridge into town to try and turn away this group of soldiers. Countless small towns had been the victims of the Russian soldiers and the people were fearful they would be next.

To fully understand what happens next, you have to understand how deeply ingrained in the peoples of the Eastern Orthodox world is the Easter greeting. Every Orthodox person awaits Easter day with a special very austere Lent and then when Easter comes they invariably greet each other in the language of their church with the ancient words. The first person announces to his friend, "Christ is Risen" and the reply immediately comes back "Truly He is Risen." Even the most hardened adult atheist from Eastern Europe knows this greeting as well as he knows his own name. And it is always an occasion of joy to say it.

As the lead Soviet tank approached the bridge and encountered this very small Hungarian priest, the commander opened his hatch and shouted for this little man to move. Certainly full of fear yet bold also, Father Placid shouted out the words "Christos voskres! (Christ is Risen)", with hope that even a Soviet soldier would remember the old greeting.

After a brief pause, the angry soldier shouts back "Voistinu voskres! (Truly he is risen)" and a smile crossed his face. He jumped from the tank and gave Father Placid the triple kiss also common in Russia with the Easter greeting.

And out came the soldiers and out came the vodka and a small celebration began there on the bridge.

Who knows how many of these soldiers were even faithful Orthodox Christians. Maybe none. But the latent Christian culture still held some hold on them enough that these Russian words from a slight Hungarian sent them away from the village and on to somewhere else.

Let's pray as a church in Brisbane we can also create meaningful Easter rituals where the resurrected Jesus brings peace and demonstrates what Christian love is.

Blessings Fr Nev

Parish Messages...

- **CATHOLIC LEADER—COPIES NO LONGER AVAILABLE:**
As previously foreshadowed, the parish has not renewed our subscription for hard copies of the *Catholic Leader* for our churches. We therefore strongly encourage interested parishioners to take up an online subscription. To subscribe copy this link address <https://catholicleader.com.au> to your search engine and click on the "subscribe" icon to set up your account.
- **THANK YOU—ST VINCENT DE PAUL:** Mother of Mercy Parish would like to extend sincere and deep thanks to the Hendra branch of St Vincent de Paul, who have for many years, provided the *Catholic Leaders* to our Parish by their subscription. We gratefully acknowledge and thank them for this generous service to us.
Please support the work of St Vincent de Paul—donations most welcome—envelopes to church offering boxes or Parish Office.
- **PARISH PHOTOGRAPHER:** We are looking for parishioners who would like to take photos of our parish events and activities, including our Easter liturgies. Particularly, these pictures would appear on a new parish website which has not as yet gone live but will do shortly. Please contact Fr Nev or the Parish Office if you are able to assist us with this.
- **MEMORIES OF FR PETER GILLAM:** A reminder that if you have any stories about Fr Peter email these into the Parish Office. We are hoping to create a book for the Parish of his colourful life.

ASSISTANCE FOR YOUNG PARISH MOTHER: Sincere thanks to those who have reached out to assist the young single mother with a very young baby, who is a parishioner of our parish. Ongoing financial support with rent and bills is so very greatly appreciated by the young lady, as would be the provision of a second hand car.

It is preferable that any financial support be transferred by Direct Deposit and a dedicated account has been allocated by the parish for the purpose of parishioner assistance. The details for transfer are below:

BSB is 064 786

Account No – 100027092

Account name - Mother of Mercy Parish (Parishioner Assistance)

We ask that all donation deposits have a reference of their "surname" or "anonymous".

We thank the parish community for your consideration and generosity.



REGISTRATION FOR MASSES AT MOTHER OF MERCY PARISH

We are taking bookings for Weekend Masses in April /May 2021. **PLEASE NOTE** that you can make a regular booking for a particular Mass. Masses:

- **Saturday, 4:30pm—St Cecilia's, Hamilton (from 27 Feb 2021)**
- **Saturday, 6:00pm—Our Lady Help of Christians, Hendra (from 27 Feb 2021)**
- **Sunday, 7:30am—St John's, Northgate**
- **Sunday, 9:00am—Our Lady Help of Christians, Hendra**

The updated capacities currently allowed in the churches are: 166 OLHC, Hendra, 142 at St John's, Northgate and 150 at St Cecilia's, Hamilton.

Please also book for the Friday 9.30am Mass at St John's Church, Northgate.

Please contact the Parish Office to register either by phone or email: your name, address and contact phone number must be provided for contact tracing should this be required.

PLEASE NOTE: Mass attendees' names will be marked at the door of the church as each member attends Mass.

Please do not attend Masses if you are unwell.

Parish Activities

Parish School Playgroup Currently operating each week during school terms. Playgroup is held in the OLHC School Hall, 23 Bowman St, Hendra, every Friday (during School Terms) from 9:00am till 11:30am (babies to Prep).
All welcome to join this happy venture. **For enquiries, please call the OLHC School Office on 3268 3070.**

Parish Spirituality Group: The group meets once a month to look at and discuss the gospel reading for the next Sunday.
For enquiries, please contact the Parish Office on 3268 3040.



Annual RCIA Formation Day Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults Sunday April 18th 2021

This year's theme is *"our world may have changed, however our mission has not"* and will be facilitated by Rev Dr Tom Elich and Sr Ursula O'Rourke SGS.

If you are interested in RCIA and keen to help a team in our Parish, this is the perfect start. It is an opportunity to grow in formation and support RCIA in our parish.

**Time and Date: 1.00-4.00pm, Sunday April 18, 2021
Xavier Centre, Holy Spirit Seminary (487 Earnshaw Rd, Banyo)**

For more information, contact Lisa McKerr:
Phone 07 3324 3440 or email acatcom@bne.catholic.net.au
Or contact Kate McLean on 0422 575 546

DATE CLAIMER

Liturgical Musicians Training Day

15 MAY 2021

9:00am – 3:30pm

St Laurence's College, South Brisbane



A series of workshops will be offered in the following streams with a focus on formation in practical musical skills for liturgical musicians:

**Vocals : Organ : Keyboard : Guitar : Composition :
Orchestral : Leading Congregational Singing**

Workshops will be conducted by experts in the field who are not only church musicians, but also professional working musicians. The registration form containing the specifics of each workshop, presenters, and the timetable for the day will be made available by the beginning of April. Participants will be asked to pre-select the workshops they wish to attend at the time of registration. **More information coming soon.**

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Matthew Hayden was and it has continued to transform his life.

Find out more about what being a baptised Catholic really means and what we can do to activate that transformation - www.baptisedcatholic.com.au



Or scan here:

NEWS FROM OUR PARISH SCHOOL

As Holy Week has concluded and Lent comes to an end, may all families experience the joy of Easter and the new beginnings as a result of the sacrifice that Jesus gave for us.

Wishing you all a safe and happy school holiday period and I look forward to welcoming you all back for Term 2.

Regards
Adam Bennie, Principal



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10.00am - 1.00pm

*THIS EVENT WILL BE MODIFIED TO MEET ANY CURRENT COVID-19 SAFE RESTRICTIONS

Registration is essential via our website:

<https://padua.qld.edu.au/enrolment-information/open-day>



YEAR OF ST JOSEPH

Whereas Adam and Eve were the source of evil which was unleashed on the world, Joseph and Mary are the summit from which holiness spreads over the earth. The Saviour began the work of salvation by this virginal and holy union.

- St. Pope Paul VI

**JOSEPH
MOST CHASTE,
PRAY FOR US!**

SAFEGUARDING CHILDREN & VULNERABLE ADULTS PREVENTION AND PROTECTION POLICY

The Archdiocese of Brisbane holds that children, young people and vulnerable adults are a gift from God with an intrinsic right to dignity of life, respect and security from physical and emotional harm.

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Parish Activities....Continued

Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament: (recommended 6 November 2020)
First Friday of the month after the 9:30am Mass at St John's, Northgate.
All welcome.

Anointing and Healing Mass: (recommended 13 November 2020)
Second Friday of the month at 9:30am at St John's, Northgate.
All welcome.

Portofino Mass: Every 3rd Thursday of the month at 11.00am. Because of safety and security reasons, only residents of Portofino attend.
Every Sunday, Eucharistic Ministers of Holy Communion distribute Holy Communion to Portofino residents.

NEXT WEEK'S READINGS

18 APRIL 2021

THIRD SUNDAY OF EASTER

First Reading: Acts 3:13-15, 17-19
Second Reading: 1 Jn 2:1-5
Gospel: Lk 24:35-48



Commemoration of Saints

Tues 13 Apr Saint Martin I, pope, martyr

ALL HOLY MEN AND WOMEN...

Pray for us....



WE PRAY FOR

The Recently Deceased: Francesco Sfettina

Anniversaries: Hazel Ruby Gordon, Anthony Edgar Woodcock, Ellen Mary (Elma) Overell, Claire Elizabeth Condon, Dr Michael Bernard Grattan Geraghty

The Sick: Del McHugh, Frank McHugh, Karen McHugh, Carole and Gordon Hodge, Residents of Merriwee (Bluecare at Hamilton), Mary Gilmer, Theresa Claffey (Tess), Trevor Gozzard, Dr Carmel Marshall, Salustia Zavaleta, Harvey Delacour (5 yrs), Gloria Morris (sister of Elaine Eneberg), Rita Surawski, Nick Newton, Frank Gerard Ashton (brother of Jenny Cox), Charlie Richards, Marie Kirwan, Maurice Conquest, Joan Murphy, Don Thompson, Brian Franz, Naomi Garden, Brenda Gueizelar, Margaret Hill-Lewis, Fiona Brogan, Val Walsh, May Donaldson, Carmel Bates, Monica Marron, Keith Wiskar, Ann Wall, Br Tom O'Dempsey, Nayland Pinkey, Heather Skinner, June Thompson, Norm Mancini, Anthony Hallin, Denise Pelc, Gil Cook (past Principal of OLHC Primary School currently battling melanoma), Margaret Tomov (former Principal of OLHC Primary School), Betty Mahony, Robert Montalegre, Catherine Gentile



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E: vocation@bne.catholic.net.au W: catholicpriesthood.com

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