



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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- ◆ **Compliance Officer:** Mrs Kath Shaw
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Weekend Masses: See listing of Masses on Page 2
Weekday Mass: Friday 9:30am St John's, Northgate
Confession: By appointment, before or after Mass

We acknowledge the Jagera and Turrbal people, 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.

What's happening in the Parish this week?

Sunday 9 to Saturday 15 January

Fri Friday 9.30am Mass (St John's, Northgate)

Have a great week ahead



THE BAPTISM OF THE LORD YEAR C 9 JANUARY 2022

Today we celebrate the feast of the Baptism of the Lord. In today's Gospel, as in the other Gospel accounts of Jesus' baptism, we hear John the Baptist address the confusion of the people who thought that John might be the Messiah. In response, John contrasts the baptism that he performs with the Baptism that Jesus will inaugurate. John the Baptist says that he has baptized with water, but that someone will come and baptize with the Holy Spirit. The type of baptism that John performed was not yet a Christian Baptism; it was a preparation for Christian Baptism through which sins are forgiven and the gift of the Holy Spirit is received.

The baptism of Jesus is reported in each of the three Synoptic Gospels—Matthew, Mark, and Luke. Clearly, it was an event of great significance for Jesus and for the early Christian community. The Evangelists Mark and Luke report the story from Jesus' perspective; the voice from heaven is addressed to Jesus. Compare this to Matthew's Gospel in which the voice from heaven speaks to everyone. In Luke, however, the Holy Spirit descends upon Jesus during his time of prayer after his baptism. Through his Gospel, Luke will show Jesus to be a person of prayer who withdraws regularly from the crowds and his disciples to pray to his Father.

The baptism of Jesus is considered a manifestation of God in Jesus, another "epiphany." On this, the last day of the Christmas season, our Gospel reveals to us Jesus' relation to God: the son of Mary and Joseph is also God's own Son. In Luke's Gospel, all three members of the Trinity are manifested here: God the Father in the voice, the Holy Spirit descending, and Jesus the Son. At the beginning of his Gospel, Luke is communicating to us important information about the identity of Jesus. In the verses that follow, Luke lists the genealogy of Jesus, tracing Jesus' ancestry back to the first person, Adam, who is also identified as the son of God. We, the children of Adam and Eve, are again made children of God through Baptism. Loyola Press



Anointing and Healing Mass: An Anointing and Healing Mass will be held on **Friday 14 January 2022 at 9.30am** at St John's, Northgate. All are very welcome.

Parish Messages.....

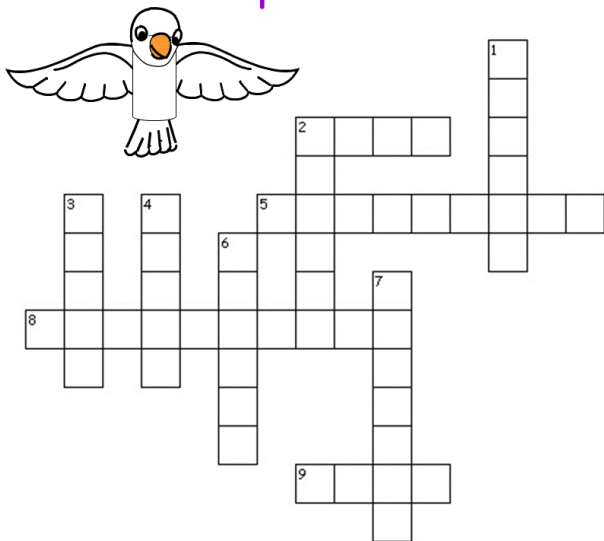
FR NEV ON LEAVE IN JANUARY—VISITING PRIESTS: Fr Nev will be taking leave for the month of January and we will be welcoming Fr Tom Elich to celebrate the weekend Masses in the Parish. We also welcome Fr James O'Donoghue who will celebrate Friday morning Masses at St John's in January. We sincerely thank them for their kind assistance to our Parish.

****MANDATORY MASKS**** - please note that as at 1.00am Saturday morning 18 December, the Qld Government has mandated the wearing of masks in indoor settings including at Masses and church activities.

PLEASE NOTE: The Parish Prayer Engine will be having a break over Christmas/New Year and will resume on **Tuesday 1 February 2022.**

A crossword for the young and young at heart!!

Jesus is Baptized Crossword



Across

- He prepared the way for Jesus.
- John the Baptist was doing a lot of this along with baptizing others.
- As a Christian it is important to ask for forgiveness and mean it, this is called ____.
- This came out of the sky to Jesus right after he was baptized.

Down

- Baptism is a ____ display of our belief in God.
- The name of the river where Jesus was baptized.
- Something sweet that John ate in the wilderness.
- This is used a symbol to wash our sins away.
- We are should be baptized in the name of the ____, Son and the Holy Spirit.
- This is the main thing you need to do before you are baptized.

DONATIONS TO THE 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—100007977

Please note "Donation" and your name as a reference. Please your receipt to: finance.hendra@bne.catholic.net.au after your payment has been made.

Another way to donate easily is via the **PARISH GIVING APP**

<http://parishgiving.brisbanecatholic.org.au>



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.

NEXT WEEK'S READINGS

16 JANUARY 2022

SECOND SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME (Yr C)

First Reading: Is 62:1-5

Second Reading: 1 Cor 12:4-11

Gospel: Jn 2:1-11



Commemoration of Saints

Thur 13 Jan Saint Hilary, *bishop, doctor*

Sat 15 Jan Saturday Mass of the Blessed Virgin Mary

PRAY FOR US.....



WE PRAY FOR

The Recently Deceased: Catherine Bourke

Anniversaries: Francis John Andrews, Garry Francis Ahern, Rosa Masinello, Kristine Joy Moscato

The Sick: Del McHugh, Karen McHugh, Brian Franz, Carole and Gordon Hodge, Frank McHugh, Trevor Gozzard, Val Walsh, Nick Newton, Mary Gilmer, Theresa Claffey (Tess), Salustia Zavaleta, Harvey Delacour (5 yrs), Gloria Morris (sister of Elaine Eneberg), Carmel Bates, Rita Surawski, Charlie Richards, Joan Murphy, Don Thompson, Naomi Garden, Brenda Gueizelar, Margaret Hill-Lewis, Fiona Brogan, May Donaldson, Keith Wiskar, Ann Wall, Br Tom O'Dempsey, Nayland Pinkey, Heather Skinner, June Thompson, Norm Mancini, Brad Ryan, Anthony Hallin, Betty Mahony, Robert Montalegre, John Conroy, Michael Hand, Michael Hardy, David Edmunds, Leanne Gracie, Jan O'Donoghue, Monica Johnson, Huynh Giang



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. They are to be treasured, nurtured and safeguarded.



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REGISTRATION FOR MASSES AT MOTHER OF MERCY PARISH

The Parish has the Qld QR Check-In Code installed in all of our 3 churches. Please register via this Check In Qld app when you arrive for Mass.

Weekend Masses:

- Saturday, 4:30pm—St Cecilia's, Hamilton
- Saturday, 6:00pm—Our Lady Help of Christians, Hendra
- Sunday, 7:30am—St John's, Northgate
- Sunday, 9:00am—Our Lady Help of Christians, Hendra

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

PLEASE NOTE: A Marshall will be at the Church door to ensure that all parishioners who attend the venue check in with the app.

Mass attendees who do not have access to a mobile phone are able to be noted on a registration sheet at the door of the church.

Please do not attend Masses if you are unwell