



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: See listing of Masses on Page 4

Weekday Mass: Friday 9:00am St John's, Northgate

Reconciliation/Confession: By appointment

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.

What's happening in the Parish this week?

Sunday 27 November to Saturday 3 December 2022

Sun Morning tea after 9.30am Mass (OLHC Hendra)

Tue Prayer Engine 1:00-2:30pm (OLHC Hendra)

Fri 9:00am Mass at St John's (Northgate)



Have a great week ahead



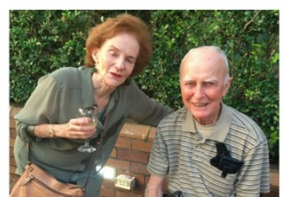
FIRST SUNDAY OF ADVENT 27 NOVEMBER 2022

Hi all,

Welcome to Advent and the start of the Church Year. Remember Advent is all about reflecting on how we can prepare our hearts and homes for Christ's birth in the world as it is today. This is also our first weekend of new Mass times too. Please see the newsletter for times.



Here's some photos of parishioners from the 5pm Sat Vigil, Clayfield - Farewell Supper. Thank you to all those parishioners who have called this Church and Mass time their home. We appreciate your commitment, service and your involvement to create a loving community over the many years. We pray and support all those parishioners who will be transitioning to another mass time, venue or even parish. Over the next weeks at all the other Sunday masses, please make these parishioners welcome!!



Don't forget to support the St Agatha's Volunteer Celebrations this Friday 6-8pm at APAC.

A reminder of the blessing of salt and water after each mass at St. Agatha's and OLHC throughout Advent. So please bring any size container of salt and water along to be blessed.

Those who would like to avail themselves of Confession, I'll be available 30mins before each Sunday Mass (includes Sat Vigil). I'm available before and after Weekday masses too.

Blessings

Fr Nev

NEW MASS TIMES

Effective from 26 November 2022

Saturday 5.00pm Vigil: Our Lady Help of Christians Hendra

Sunday 8.00am Mass: St Agatha's Clayfield (Families Mass)

Sunday 9.30am Mass: Our Lady Help of Christians Hendra (Families Mass)

Sunday 5.30pm Mass: St Agatha's Clayfield (Youth Mass)

Fr James O'Donoghue has been asked to say the following Masses for the time being at:

Saturday 4.30pm St Cecilia's Hamilton

Sunday 7.30am St John's Northgate

Christmas Mass Times

Saturday 24th December:

4.00pm Carols OLHC Hendra, 4.30pm Mass

4.30pm Mass, St Cecilia's Hamilton

5.30pm Carols St Agatha's Clayfield, 6.00pm Mass

11.30pm Carols St Agatha's Clayfield, 12 Midnight Mass

Sunday 25th December:

7.30am Mass, St John's Northgate

8.00am Mass St Agatha's Clayfield

9.30am Mass OLHC Hendra

Congratulations!

Congratulations to Father Nev, who will celebrate his 9th anniversary of Ordination on the 29th November.

SATURDAY
3RD OF
DECEMBER
2022

Mens Dinner BBQ/Get together

GUEST SPEAKER: BR DAMIEN PRICE

WHEN Saturday 3rd December 2022, 6pm- 8pm
WHERE OLHC Parish Centre 9 Bowman St Hendra.
BYO Drinks and \$10 to cover meat and salads
RSVP By Thursday 1/12/2022
JOEL PERKINS Ph or text 0438 241 524
BILL NOTT Ph or text 0418 183 400

DADS- BRING YOUR SONS!

BBQ

BONHOMIE

BE INSPIRED



COVID-19 Advice

The state will be moving from "Green" to "Amber" on Friday 11 November 2022. **Amber** (Tier 1) means there are moderate rates of community transmission and Queensland is coming off a wave or may be entering a new wave.

When the traffic light is amber, we recommend you wear a mask:

- in healthcare settings
- indoors, if you can't socially distance
- on public transport
- if you are older or medically at risk
- if you're around people who are vulnerable to COVID-19
- if required by a venue or household.

Take a rapid antigen test (RAT) if you get COVID-19 symptoms – or every two days, if someone in your household tests positive to COVID-19

Thank you!

We would like to say a very big "Thank you" to the following Priests who assisted with saying Mass in the Mother of Mercy Parish and St Agatha's over the past 12 months. Your assistance is greatly appreciated. Thank you to: Fr James O'Donoghue, Fr John Gillen, Fr Chris Hanlon, Fr Jim Smith, Fr Pan Jordan, Fr Leo Burke, Fr John Sullivan, Fr Tom Elich, Fr Luan Le, Fr Roger Burns, Fr Harry Chan, Bishop Brian Finnigan, Fr Johns Fowles, Fr Orm Rush, Fr Paul Chandler, Fr Neil Muir, Monsignor John Grace, Fr Bavin Clarke, Fr Stephen Byrnes, Fr Saldie Resolado, Fr Joe McKay, Fr Frank O'Dea, Fr Peter Weineke, Fr Emmanuel Ayankudy, Fr Philip Alesin, Fr Gary Walker

Parish Activities

Parish School Playgroup Currently operating each week (in school terms). Held in the OLHC Hall, 23 Bowman St, Hendra, every Friday 9:00am-11:30am (babies to Prep). All welcome. **For enquiries, call School Office 3268 3070.**

Parish Spirituality Group: The group meet once a month to discuss the gospel reading for the next Sunday. For enquiries call 3268 3040.

Mother of Mercy Parish Prayer Engine of the Parish: This prayer group prays for the intentions of the parish and the personal intentions of parishioners. Prayer intentions can be placed in the special baskets at each of the churches and Parish Office. **The Prayer Engine will meet at OLHC Church, Hendra every Tuesday, from 1:00-2:30pm.** All are welcome to join in prayer! *The Prayer Engine will be on recess for the holidays from Tues 6 December – Tues 7 February 2023.*

Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament: First Friday of the month after the 9:00am Mass at St John's, Northgate. All welcome.

Anointing and Healing Mass: Second Friday of the month at 9:00am at St John's, Northgate. All welcome.

Portofino Mass: Fourth Wed of the month at 11am. Due to safety and security reasons, only residents of Portofino attend. Eucharistic Ministers of Holy Communion distribute Holy Communion to residents every Sunday.

SATURDAY ADORATION: The Blessed Sacrament is exposed every Saturday, including holiday times, from 6am-4.30pm at OLHC Hendra for personal prayer. Entry to the Church is via the Bowman St side door. Please sign in and out. **For enquiries, please contact Julie Anne on 0418 193 235 or Pat on 0411 597 781.**



COMMUNITY CHRISTMAS SING ALONG

A Journey to Joy

Saturday 3rd December 3pm-5pm

St Luke's Uniting Church

(Corner Jackson and Oxford Streets Hamilton)

Featuring

- HNH singers
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- Kenani Community Church Singers



Activities Include: story telling – 4pm, making decorations, trimming the tree, Christmas treats



HOLIDAY PROGRAM



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**Save
the
date!**

January 19th, 2023

Our Lady Help of Christians Parish Centre, Hendra

Fully-supervised, drop-off program for kids from all primary schools!

Online registrations opening soon at

www.encountercatholickids.com.au

ST VINCENT DE PAUL — ITEMS WANTED:

SVDP Hendra Conference is in need of good working **Laptops and Mobile Phones** for needy clients. Donations would be gratefully appreciated. Please contact Mike on 0419 027 430



NEWS FROM OUR PARISH SCHOOL

Christmas Lunch: What a fantastic effort today from Mrs Di Cristo and her elves. The Christmas Lunch was again another fantastic day for the children. I spoke to the children today at lunch and expressed my gratitude towards the people that make this event happen. It is unique and it is special. The children were amazing with their manners and behaviour and enjoyed this time together, as well as a special visit from Santa!



Christmas Concert: We are looking forward to the Christmas concert on Friday morning starting at 8:45am in Xavier Place. We had a brief rehearsal on Tuesday and the items are looking great!

2023 School Start: Term 1 for 2023 begins on Tuesday 24 January.

Every blessing for a wonderful holiday break. May it be filled with fun, festivities and moments that will be treasured in years to come.

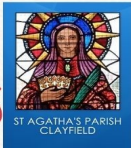
Kind Regards,

Adam Bennie Principal

Observe in Faith, Reflect with Courage, Improve through Action



ADVENT ADVENTURES



All primary-school aged children are invited to join us for a fun day of craft, Bible stories, drama and games.

Monday, 19th December
OLHC Parish Centre, 9 Bowman St, Hendra
9.30am-2.30pm
 Registration from 9.15am
 Morning tea and lunch will be provided.
 There is no cost to attend.

To register, click on:
<https://app.tickets.org.au/eb/AdventAdventures2022>

Enquiries: Please email
 Teresa at pmc.hendra@bne.catholic.net.au
 or Sandra at cantarrutis@bne.catholic.net.au

MOTHER OF MERCY PARISH CHRISTMAS VIGIL NATIVITY PLAY

Calling all angels, shepherds and kings!

Would your child like to be part of the Christmas Eve nativity song performance at OLHC Church, Hendra at 4.30pm? To nominate your child for a role, click on <https://forms.gle/7mX7JuiAaDSBkxwq7>

REHEARSAL

No speaking parts required. Key roles will need to attend the *Advent Adventures* fun day at OLHC Parish Centre on Monday, 19th December.

Click here for details and to register:
<https://app.tickets.org.au/eb/AdventAdventures2022>

ALL CHILDREN ARE WELCOME TO PARTICIPATE!

If you can't make it to the rehearsal, all children are invited to come along to the Christmas Eve Mass dressed in any nativity costume they like. No rehearsal required - they will be told what to do on their arrival.

Questions - Email Teresa at
pmc.hendra@bne.catholic.net.au



NEXT WEEK'S READINGS

4 December 2022

SECOND SUNDAY OF ADVENT

First Reading: Isaiah 11:1-10

Second Reading: Romans 15:4-9

Gospel: Matthew 3:1-12



Commemoration of Saints

Wed 30 St Andrew, *apostle* **FEAST**

Sat 3 St Francis Xavier, *priest* **MEMORIAL**

PRAY FOR US.....



WE PRAY FOR....



The Recently Deceased: Stephen Jones, John Powell

Anniversaries: Lawrence Conanan, Helen May Riley, Audrey Catherine Ryan, Carmel Bernice Holt, Monica Ormiston Nugent

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

HEALING MASS - BARDON Are you in need of healing? Come to the first Friday of the month Healing Mass at St. Mary Magdalene's, 51 Cecil Road, Bardon, Friday, 2nd December, 2022 at 7.30pm. Fr. Thomas Varkey, PP Booval Parish, will be the celebrant. Personal prayer for healing will be offered after the homily as well as intercessory prayer. Sponsored by CCR Bardon. For further information, contact Len Airey on 0421 977 849 or by email to lenpatairey@gmail.com

Safe and Supported



The Parish of Mother of Mercy and the Diocese of Brisbane are committed to the care, wellbeing and protection of children, young people and people at risk in our community. May we work together to ensure all people feel safe and supported.

You can find out more about the Church's work in this area at:

www.catholic.org.au/safeguardingsunday

NEW DATE FOR ARCHDIOCESAN SUMMIT 18 - 20 May 2023

Evangelisation Brisbane has confirmed the new dates and venue for the Summit which will run across three days as one of the primary strategies for the implementation of the Plenary Council Decrees in the Archdiocese of Brisbane. This event will include keynote speakers and workshops that focus on all aspects of the Church and its mission as well as Mass, and various other opportunities for encounter with God and each other. Please place these new dates in your diary for 2023.

Date: 18 - 20 May 2023

Location: Riverlife, 47 Jennifer St, Seventeen Mile Rocks Q 4073



Far too many families around the world are experiencing hardship through poverty. This Christmas, share a gift that can change a life. Your Global Gift will help bring hope and joy to the world's most vulnerable people. Help families and communities thrive this Christmas. www.globalgifts.org.au



VOCATION VIEW: In our materialistic society, someone must stand up to speak for our spiritual heritage. Could that be you?

To talk to someone about your vocation, please make contact with

Vocation Brisbane: 1300 133 544

vocation@bne.catholic.net.au vocationbrisbane.com



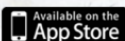
DONATIONS TO THE PARISH: We very much appreciate your continued financial assistance and donations to the Parish are most warmly welcomed. This can be best achieved by direct debit to the following account:

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.

MASS ATTENDANCE AT MOTHER OF MERCY PARISH

Masks are no longer mandatory but we ask everyone please maintain social distancing particularly when entering/exiting the church and when going to Communion. Please sanitise hands on entry to the churches please.

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Please DO NOT attend Mass if you are UNWELL

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