



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 MISSION

To co-create a welcoming community where all can encounter and be transformed by Christ, realise their call to discipleship, be empowered to serve, and attract new disciples.

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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 18 to Saturday 24 December 2022

- Sun** Morning tea after 9.30am Mass (OLHC Hendra)
- Sun** 11-11.45am Advent Reflection session in the Parish Centre, Hendra
- Mon** Advent Adventures for children, 9.30am to 2.30pm, Parish Centre, Hendra
- Fri** 9:00am Mass at St John's (Northgate)

Have a great week ahead



FOURTH SUNDAY OF ADVENT

18 DECEMBER 2022

18-12-22 – 4th Sun of Advent

Hi all,

Remember if you want to frequent the **1st Rite of the Sacrament of Penance**, I'm available before or after Sunday masses, Weekday masses and by appointment. Remember there is no Second Rite of Reconciliation being offered in the Parish before Christmas.



For the **OLHC mass attendees**, don't forget to bring back your **Just One Thing - survey sheets** and drop them at the Parish Office or the Collection plates. Grab a survey from the front of the Church.



How Can I Help?

Outreach:

Helping with Mass:

Hospitality after Sunday Mass:

Remember the Sunday after Christmas is New Year's Day and it's Mary Mother of God.

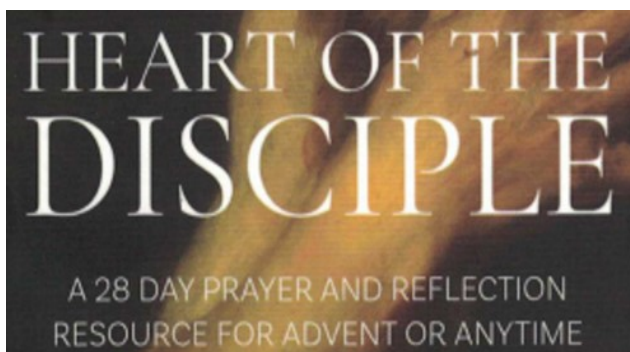


Have a blessed and peaceful week.

Cheers Fr Nev

Parish Messages.....

- ♦ The Parish office will be closed from **Thursday 22 December 2022** to **Tuesday 3 January 2023**.
- ♦ **CONFESSION:** Fr Nev is available for confession half an hour before and after all weekday and weekend Masses in the lead up to Christmas. Fr Nev is also happy to meet by appointment at other times during the week as might be more suitable. Please call the Parish Office if you would like to make a time for Confession/Reconciliation.
- ♦ ****REMINDER** Children's Advent Adventures** will be held this **Monday 19 December** in the Parish Centre at Hendra. Please see notice on Page 3 of the newsletter for registration details.
- ♦ ****LAST WEEKEND**** - All are welcome to join the final group Advent Reflection session in the parish centre at Hendra **11 – 11.45am this Sunday (18/12)**.



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



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

Thank You

Thank you to all those who have attended our **Monthly Gospel Reflection group**. We had a wonderful year looking at the next Sunday's Gospel, learning a lot and sharing our experiences of faith. We will begin again in **Lent 2023**. Please feel free to join us next year. Thank you and Happy Christmas.

Kate McLean

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.



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



ST VINCENT DE PAUL APPEAL—CHRISTMAS GIVING TREE:

Parishioners are invited to donate to our Christmas Giving Tree. Grocery items to support hampers being prepared by St Vincent de Paul can be placed under the tree in the Churches and your generosity is very much appreciated. Items needed: tinned vegetables and fruit, tinned ham, plum pudding, long life custard, jellies, nuts, sweets—all the usual Christmas fare that you would have at your own home. Other items would be those that you might need to put together a meal for yourself over the holidays as well as items for washing, cleaning, soaps, shampoos. **Please NO TOYS**—the parents will attend to the Santa wish for their children but this may leave them very low!

Thank you for your support!

COVID-19 Advice

The state has moved from "Green" to "Amber" 11 Nov 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.

Please be considerate of mask wearing at this time.

Please DO NOT attend Mass if you are UNWELL

HOLIDAY PROGRAM



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KIDS

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

NEWS FROM OUR PARISH SCHOOL

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



NEXT WEEK'S READINGS

25 December 2022

NATIVITY OF THE LORD

First Reading: Is 52:7-10

Second Reading: Hebrews 1:1-6

Gospel: John 1:1-18



Commemoration of Saints

Wed 21 Dec St Peter Canisius, priest, doctor

Fri 23 Dec St John of Canty, priest



PRAY FOR US.....

WE PRAY FOR....

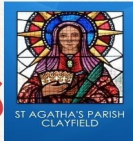


The Recently Deceased: Gerard Gillen

Anniversaries: Cecil Kenneth Menzies, Bernice Horn, Janine Margaret Kingston, Bella Judith Wright, Carol Anne Robertson, Denise Clifford

The Sick: Cooper Price, Linda Farrell, Tina Watson, 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.

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



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



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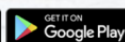
DONATIONS TO THE PARISH: We very much appreciate your continued financial assistance and donations to the Parish are most warmly welcomed. This can be best achieved by direct debit to the following account:

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.

VOCATION VIEW: Vocations from God are not always clear. Not all of us are like Joseph, who had an angel appear to him saying: "Take Mary as your wife, and fear not."

To talk to someone about your vocation, please make contact with Vocation Brisbane: 1300 133 544

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



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