Mother of Mercy Parish

Living and Growing in the Spirit

NORTHGATE • HENDRA • HAMILTON

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 2
Weekday Mass: **Friday 9:00am St John's, Northgate**
Reconciliation/Confession: **By appointment**

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 1 to Saturday 7 January

Sun **Morning tea after 9.30am Mass (OLHC Hendra)**

Tues Prayer Engine is on recess until 7 Feb 2023

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

Have a great week ahead

SOLEMNITY OF MARY, THE HOLY MOTHER OF GOD YEAR A 1 JANUARY 2023

And Mary kept all these things, reflecting on them in her heart. **Luke 2:19**

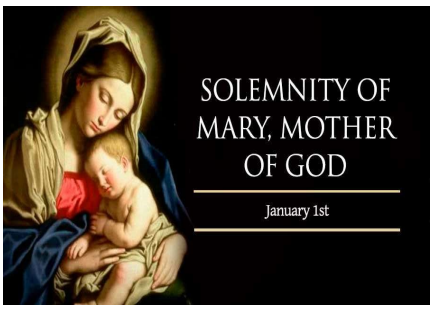
Our Christmas Octave would not be complete without paying special attention to the glorious Mother of God! Mary, the mother of Jesus, the mother of the Saviour of the World, is properly called the "Mother of God." It is worth reflecting upon this powerful title of our Blessed Mother. And it's important to understand that this title says just as much about Jesus as it does about His Blessed Mother.

In calling Mary the "Mother of God," we especially acknowledge one fact of human life. A mother is not just the source of one's flesh, she is not just the mother of the body of her children, she is the mother of that person. Being a mother is not just something biological, it is something sacred and holy and is part of the divine order of God's creation. Jesus was her Child and this Child is God. Therefore, it is proper logic to call Mary the "Mother of God."

It's an amazing fact to think about. God has a mother! He has a particular person who carried Him in her womb, nursed Him, raised Him, taught Him, loved Him, was there for Him, and pondered who He was throughout His life. This last fact is especially beautiful to look at.

The Gospel passage above says, "*And Mary kept all these things, reflecting on them in her heart.*" And she did this as a caring mother. Her love for Jesus was as unique as the love of any mother. However, it should be noted that she was a mother in perfection and loved Him with a perfect love, He who was not only her Son, but was also God and was perfect in every way. What does this reveal? It reveals that the motherly love shared between Mary and Jesus was profound, inspiring, mysterious, glorious and truly sacred! The mystery of their love is worth reflecting on throughout our lives, keeping it fully alive in our hearts. She is an example for every mother and is also an example for all of us who seek to love others with a pure and holy heart.

Reflect, today, upon the holy and captivating relationship that Mary would have shared with her Divine Son. Try to fathom what this love would have been like. Imagine the deep emotion and passion that would have filled her heart. Imagine the level of unwavering commitment she would have had. Imagine the unbreakable bond that was forged as a result of her love. What a beautiful celebration this is to conclude this Octave of Christmas Day!



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PLEASE NOTE
CHANGES TO WEEKDAY MASSES

Fr Nev advises that there will be **NO** morning Masses at St Agatha's and St John's on 5/6 January and 12/13 January 2023. Morning Masses will recommence on Thursday 19 January at St Agatha's and Friday 20 January at St John's.

Father Nev, together with Monica, Helen, Erin and Teresa, wishes all of you a safe, happy and blessed New Year.

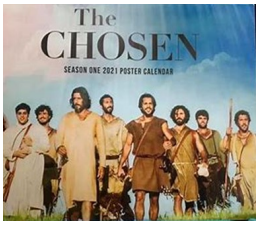
Parish Messages.....

- The Parish office will be closed from **Thursday 22 December 2022** to **Tuesday 3 January 2023**.
- **PLEASE NOTE**: The Parish Prayer Engine will be having a break over Christmas/New Year and will resume on **Tuesday 7 Feb 2023.**

Beginning a new year with a good guide on our side, the star of Jesus, which shows us safe roads and fills our hearts with His grace.
Anonymous

Alpha is for those who are ready to ask questions and explore life, faith and meaning. It is a short, free interactive course which is usually run via 11 weekly 2hr sessions and one retreat day/weekend after the 6th/7th session. Helpers complete training beforehand (mid-January) and may be 'behind the scenes' or join the hospitality, connection, content and conversations along with our guest participants.
If interested, please register your availability preferences via this survey link https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/TQGK283 or on paper (at church doors) or email parish office **by 15/1/23.**
The First 2 hour session will occur between 3rd -12th Feb.

The Chosen is a faith-enriching crowd-funded series which portrays, mostly authentically, many New Testament stories, from the perspectives of the main characters. *"No matter where you are at in your journey with Jesus Christ, this TV series is for you! Imagine you could see the life of Jesus through the eyes of the people that walked on Earth with Him."* A Catholic Reflection Guide For The Chosen - Catholic-Link. Please register your interest via The Chosen availability survey https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/CYFDTCP or on paper(at church doors) or email parish office **by 15/1/23**. The first 45 minute session will occur between 3rd -12th Feb.



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
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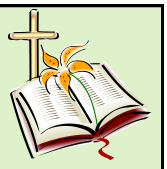
Do you have a Family Trust? Did you know that making your weekly gift to the Parish through dividend income from your trust reduces your tax obligations? Additionally, these gifts are not counted against your family tax benefit payments. Contact your financial advisor for details on how you can save taxes and help build our Parish community at the same time.

NEXT WEEK'S READINGS



8 JANUARY 2023
THE EPIPHANY OF THE LORD
First Reading: Isaiah 60:1-6
Second Reading: Ephesians 3:2-3, 5-6
Gospel: Matthew 2:1-12

Commemoration of Saints

Mon 2 Jan St Basil the Great and St Gregory Nazianzen, bishops, doctors ***MEMORIAL***

Sat 7 Jan **Epiphany Vigil**
Saint Raymond of Penyafort, *priest*

PRAY FOR US.....

WE PRAY FOR

TThe Recently Deceased: William Johnson

Anniversaries: Nathaniel Thomas Scanlan-North, Colin Arthur Dobbie, Alfia Tornabene, Michael James Kelso

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.

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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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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: **Saturday 4.30pm** St Cecilia's Hamilton
Sunday 7.30am St John's Northgate

Please be considerate of mask wearing at this time.

Please DO NOT attend Mass if you are UNWELL