



# 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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**Hours:** Tues, Weds, Thurs, 9:00am-12noon

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**Parish Pastoral Council:** Neville Canham

**Parish Finance Council:** Henry Giang

**Safeguarding Children and Vulnerable Adults:**

- ◆ **Compliance Officer:** Mrs Kath Shaw  
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**Workplace Health & Safety Officer:** TBA

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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 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 19 to Saturday 25 February 2023

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| Sun  | Morning tea after 9.30am Mass (OLHC)                       |
| Tues | 1.00-2.30pm Parish Prayer Engine                           |
| Wed  | Ash Wednesday Services<br>5pm St Cecilia's 6pm St Agatha's |
| Fri  | 9:00am Mass at St John's (Northgate)                       |
| Sat  | Adoration of Blessed Sacrament 6am-5pm                     |
| Sat  | Men's BBQ Get Together 6pm                                 |

*Have a great week ahead*



## SEVENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME 19 FEBRUARY 2023

19-2-23 – 7th Sun in Ord Time

Hi all,

Please come along to **Lectio Divina's** starting on 26th Feb on **Sundays.**



Lectio Divina



Read, study  
and share  
about the  
Bible

Sundays of Lent  
8-9:15am b4 9:30am  
Mass at OLHC  
Parish Centre



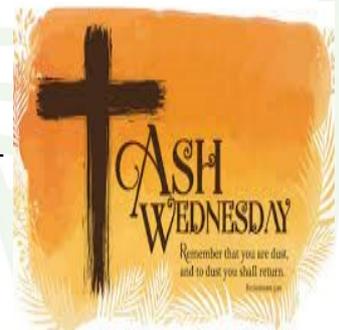
### Reminder of Ash Wednesday Masses/ Liturgies on 22<sup>nd</sup> Feb

8:45am - OLHC School, Xavier Hall - Liturgy

11:30am - St Agatha's School, Presentation Centre -  
Liturgy

5pm – St Cecilia's Church, Hamilton – Mass

6pm – St Agatha's Church, Clayfield – Mass



Don't forget to attend the Expo and find out what our Ministry Teams are doing and how you can help serve the Parish.



Blessings

**MOM Parish Ministry  
Teams Expo  
in the Parish Centre  
at 9:00am-11:30am, 5<sup>th</sup>  
March 2023**

Fr Nev

## Parish Messages.....

### Ash Wednesday Masses - 22nd February

#### Our Lady Help of Christians School

9.00am Liturgy in Xavier Place

St Cecilia's Church

5.00pm

St Agatha's Church

6.00pm

#### ♦ MOM PARISH MINISTRY TEAMS EXPO—SUNDAY 5 MARCH

Ministry teams will host an expo to share with parishioners what they do in the parish. They will take feedback and suggestions for future planning. Teams include **Adult Formation, Youth, Children and Families, Inclusion, Service and Outreach and Liturgy**. Please come and have a cuppa and see what is happening in our Parish!

♦ **LECTIO DIVINA RESTART 2023! NEW TIME!** The first date will be **Sunday 26 February, 8.30am-9.15am, in the Parish Centre**, before the 9.30am family Mass at OLHC, Hendra. All are most welcome!

♦ **CONFIRMATION 2023:** Preparation for the sacrament will take place in Term 2. If you are interested in your child receiving this sacrament, please click on <https://mailchi.mp/603df035cef3/sacrament-of-confirmation-2023> to be added to the mailing list. If you are interested in your child being baptised or received into the Catholic Church, please contact me at [pmc.hendra@bne.catholic.net.au](mailto:pmc.hendra@bne.catholic.net.au)



God bless, Teresa Gittins | Sacramental Coordinator

#### CHILDREN'S LITURGY – Term 1

This term, Children's Liturgy will be held on **Sunday 12 March and Sunday 26 March** at the 9.30am Mass at Hendra. We look forward to seeing you there!

**What's It All About?** This week we continue with **Part 3** of the 9 part series explaining the significance of Lent and Easter and the many practices, both liturgical and personal, that surround this time. Each Part will be attached separately. Look out for the articles in each week's newsletter (also attached to emails) and be inspired!!



**You're invited to**  
*An Evening with*  
*Fr Richard Leonard SJ*  
**Monday 27 Feb**  
**at 7pm**  
**Xavier Place**

Entry by donation  
(but if that's stopping you,  
come along anyway!)

*Be inspired!*



### Project Compassion Sunday

18 & 19 February



Please take home a Project Compassion box or a set of donation envelopes to support Caritas Australia this Lenten season and help support vulnerable people around the world, now and **For All Future Generations**. With your support, Caritas Australia has been able to support vulnerable communities around the world to tackle poverty, food security, education, water and sanitation and disaster risk reduction to build a better future for all. Together, we can help vulnerable communities face their challenges today and build a better tomorrow **For All Future Generations**.

You can donate through Project Compassion donation boxes and envelopes available from your parish, by visiting [caritas.org.au/project-compassion](http://caritas.org.au/project-compassion) or by calling 1800 024 413.



## 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 meets at 9.30am on the first Tues of the month in the Parish Centre to discuss the gospel reading for the next Sunday.

**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!

**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—5pm 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.**



## WORLD DAY OF PRAYER 2023

### Taiwan

10.00am, Friday 3 March 2023

St Colombs Anglican Church

Victoria Street, Clayfield



For enquiries: Margaret 0438 193 460 or Mary 0408 080 723 (text preferred)

**All are warmly invited to join this ecumenical service to pray for our overseas Christian Family and the people of Taiwan in particular.**

*Our Parish has been asked to bring a plate to share!*

### Aboriginal Catholic Mass

Do you remember, or if you don't, did you know of the historic celebration of a special Aboriginal Mass at the Eucharistic Congress in Melbourne in 1973? Friday, 24th February, 2023, marks the 50th anniversary of this remarkable event which was attended by some 30,000 people. Aboriginal singers and dancers from north and west of Australia took an active part in the original liturgy which broke new ground in the Church's liturgical renewal. To commemorate this occasion, Mass will be celebrated in the Cathedral of St Stephen on **Thursday, 23rd February, 2023, commencing at 12.30pm.** The Archbishop has granted special approval to use the revised liturgical texts from that original celebration. Please join us for this occasion.

## MASS TIMES

**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

### WEEKDAY MASSES

**Thursday 9.00am** St Agatha's Clayfield

**Friday 9.00am** St John's Northgate

**Please be considerate of mask wearing at this time.**

**Please DO NOT attend Mass if you are UNWELL**

## NEWS FROM OUR PARISH SCHOOL

Thank you to those who were able to join us for our Parent Information Evening last week to hear from the school leadership team, to meet your child's classroom teachers and hear about the exciting year ahead. Our 2023 Annual Plan was presented as a summary, with our main goals being across the three key areas of Catholic Identity, Learning and Teaching, and Wellbeing.



At the end of this month, we look forward to the start of the capital works project transforming Lynch Hall into the front entrance to the school, office and staff room. It has been a long time since Master Plans were developed for our community and it is great to now see Stage 1 commencing. I look forward to bringing you progress updates and we will keep you informed of any access changes as they become known to us.

Kind Regards,  
**Adam Bennie** Principal  
*Observe in Faith, Reflect with Courage, Improve through Action*

Join us

## OLHC School Parish Mass

Sunday 5th March 2023

9.30 AM

Our Lady Help of Christians Church

Stay on for a cuppa afterwards!



## MEN'S BBQ/

## GET TOGETHER

When: Saturday 25/2/23 6pm

Where: OLHC Parish Centre,  
9 Bowman St Hendra.

Cost: \$10 to cover food

RSVP: Wednesday 22/2/23

Bill Nott 0418 183 400  
Joel Perkins 0438 241 524



**Guest Speaker: Deacon Peter Pellican**

Topic:

**Experiencing God: Becoming alive to God's presence and discerning God's voice.**



Items for inclusion in this Newsletter

Please email or write out to: [hendra@bne.catholic.net.au](mailto:hendra@bne.catholic.net.au)

Cut Off Deadline - 1:00pm Tuesday.

## NEXT WEEK'S READINGS

26 February 2023

FIRST SUNDAY OF LENT YEAR A

First Reading: Gen 2:7-9, 3:1-7

Second Reading: Romans 5:12-19

Gospel: Mt 4:1-11



## Commemoration of Saints

Tue 21 Feb St Peter Damian *bishop, doctor*

Wed 22 Feb Ash Wednesday

Thu 23 Feb St Polycarp *bishop, martyr*



PRAY FOR US.....

WE PRAY FOR....



**The Recently Deceased:** Nil

**Anniversaries:** Mabel Ellen Fogarty, Francis Thomas Heeney, Mary Mabel Hutchinson, John Franco Arba

**The Sick:** Paddy "Peter" Ryan, Lyn Smith, Cooper Price, Linda Farrell, Tina Watson, Mary Gilmer, Rosaria Fazio, Monica Johnson, Alison Leis, Val Walsh, Carole and Gordon Hodge, Frank McHugh, Trevor Gozzard, 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, 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.

**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](mailto: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.

## 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.

**VOCATION VIEW:** We read in Leviticus: "You must love your neighbour, as yourself!" Some are being called to love their neighbour as a priest or religious. Pray that many will answer the call to love.



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

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