



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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- ◆ **Compliance Officer:** Mrs Kath Shaw
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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 26 to Saturday 4 March 2023

- Sun Morning tea after 9.30am Mass (OLHC)
- Mon 7.00pm—An Evening with Fr Richard Leonard (Xavier Place, OLHC Primary School)
- Tues 1.00-2.30pm Parish Prayer Engine
- Wed 9.30-11.00am—Lenten Spirituality Group (Parish Centre)
- Fri **9:00am Mass** at St John's (Northgate)
- Sat Adoration of Blessed Sacrament 6am-5pm

Have a great week ahead



FIRST SUNDAY OF LENT 26 FEBRUARY 2023

26-2-23 – 1st Sun of Lent

Hi everyone,

Welcome to Lent!! May the Lord assist each of you with your Lenten promises in the areas of Fasting, Prayer and Almsgiving.

Reminder of Lectio Divina before the 9:30am Sunday Masses throughout Lent.



Lectio Divina

Read, study and share about the Bible

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

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



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

Don't forget the Parish School Mass next Sunday!!

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!

Keep Harry and Olive Fitzgerald (who everyone met at the 9:30am Mass last week), their parents Rory and Zara, & Agnes Walker (parents Mary and Glen) who will be baptized over the weekend!!

Blessings for everyone's Lenten journey.

Fr Nev.

Parish Messages.....

- ◆ **MOM PARISH MINISTRY TEAMS EXPO—THIS 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—COMMENCES THIS SUNDAY**
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
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!
- ◆ **PRAYER ENGINE—STATIONS OF THE CROSS EACH TUESDAY IN LENT COMMENCING 1.00PM**



LENTEN SPIRITUALITY GROUP: This group will meet **each Wednesday morning during Lent from 9.30-11.00am in the Parish Centre** for Lenten prayer and reflection on the readings. All are very welcome!



What's It All About? This week we continue with **Part 4** 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!!

REMINDER: THIS MONDAY EVENING 27 FEBRUARY 7PM

An evening with Fr Richard Leonard: "Darkness to Light"
Xavier Place, OLHC Primary School grounds
23 Bowman St, Hendra



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



Please donate to Project Compassion 2023.

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, 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!

Lenten Concert Series

Each Thursday in March at 12 noon
in St Stephen's Cathedral

Come explore the 40-day journey of Lent through music—featuring compositions inspired by the key themes and scripture readings of Lent.

A time of inspiration and reflection
before the 12.30pm Mass.

All welcome, free admission.

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!



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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.

ALPHA AT MOTHER OF MERCY PARISH, HENDRA

Alpha is an opportunity for anyone, anywhere, to freely explore their unique questions about life, faith and God. The next Alpha program will be run on Thursday evenings from late April in the Mother of Mercy Parish Centre.

We are currently recruiting extra volunteer team members for roles during the sessions, and others who may be willing to help provide some of the food for the meal/s. Please contact the Alpha Team via the Parish Office or via nottlot@bigpond.net.au if you would like to know more.

Please continue to pray about whether you might be a helper or participant and who you might invite.



NEXT WEEK'S READINGS

5 MARCH 2023

SECOND SUNDAY OF LENT YEAR A

First Reading: Gen 12:1-4

Second Reading: 2 Tim 1:8-10

Gospel: Mt 17:1-9



Commemoration of Saints

Mon 27 Feb Saint Gregory of Narek, abbot, doctor

Fri 3 Mar Ember Day—marks the beginning of each of the four seasons. On Ember Days, the Church is accustomed to entreat the Lord for the various needs of humanity, especially for the fruits of the earth and for human labour, and to give thanks to him publicly.

Sat 4 Mar Saint Casimir

PRAY FOR US.....



WE PRAY FOR....



The Recently Deceased: Nancy Zavaglia

Anniversaries: Zdenek Stodulka, Trevor Thomas Hennessey, Minnie Mavis Pinkey

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 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: Lent is a season of renewal, of spiritual growth. These forty penitential days invite us to strive for our true calling.

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

vocation@bne.catholic.net.au

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