

# **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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<u>Weekend Masses</u>: See listing of Masses on Page 2 <u>Weekday Mass</u>: Friday 9:00am St John's, Northgate <u>Reconciliation/Confession</u>: 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 5 to Saturday 11 March 2023

- Sun 9.30am School Supported Parish Mass (OLHC) Enrolment Mass for Penance Morning tea after 9.30am Mass MOM PARISH MINISTRY TEAMS EXPO
- Tues
   1.00-2.30pm Parish Prayer Engine

   Stations of the Cross during Lent

   Wed
   9.30-11.00am—Lenten Spirituality Group
- (Parish Centre)
- Fri <u>9:00am</u> Mass at St John's (Northgate)
- Sat Adoration of Blessed Sacrament 6am-5pm



# SECOND SUNDAY OF LENT 5 MARCH 2023

5-3-23 – 2<sup>nd</sup> Sun of Lent

#### Hi all,

Thanks to everyone who organised, volunteered and participated at the Men's BBQ and the Fr Richard Leonard Talk. We had 38 Men join us at the BBQ and talk. Thanks Joel and Bill for organising another engaging gathering and Deacon Peter for presenting ways of discerning God's presence in our lives.



Thanks to the Adult Formation Team for your logistics at the Fr Richard Leonard Talk. We had 80 plus people who came to the Xavier Centre, OLHC School locally and across the parishes. Thanks to all who came and that you were inspired to be Grateful, Generous and Loving. Fr Richard said "Praise God every day that you can have a bowel movement!!" LOL Some of the most simplest things can be the greatest sources of connection and relationship with God and each other.





Congrats to Agnes Walker on her baptism, parents Mary and Glenn and grandparent Paul and Kate.

Don't forget the **MOM Parish Expo** after the 9:30am Sunday Mass, Lectio Divina and the School Supported Mass this weekend.

**Blessings 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. Prayer Engine and St Vincent de Paul will also be represented. Please come and have a cuppa and see what is happening in our Parish!
- <u>LECTIO DIVINA 2023</u>: Held each Sunday in Lent— 8.30am-9.15am, in the Parish Centre, before the 9.30am family Mass at OLHC, Hendra. All are most welcome!
- 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!



 PRAYER ENGINE—STATIONS OF THE CROSS EACH TUESDAY IN LENT COMMENCING 1.00PM

#### Sacramental Journey News

#### Penance

Please pray for the children in our parish who are commencing preparation for the sacrament of penance (reconciliation). Lent is a time for all of us to turn our hearts towards God and the sacrament of penance is an opportunity to reconcile ourselves to God and one another. St. Padre Pio said that, "confession is the soul's bath. Even a clean and unoccupied room gathers dust; return after a week and you will see that it needs dusting again!" Fr Nev is usually available for Confession at 4.30pm on Saturdays at OLHC Church, Hendra (before the 5pm Vigil Mass). Or you can arrange a time by appointment with the Parish Office.

#### **Confirmation**

If your child is in Year 3 (or older) and has been baptised, they are invited to prepare the sacrament of Confirmation in Term 2. Please email Teresa at <u>pmc.hendra@bne.catholic.net.au</u> for more information. A Parent Preparation Session will be held on Thursday, 30<sup>th</sup> March from 6pm-7pm at the Parish Centre, Hendra. Please pass this information on to any families who you think may be interested. *Every Lenten blessing, Teresa* | *Sacramental Coordinator* 

# Stations of the Cross St Agatha's Church



Every Thursday 8.30am during Lent.

<u>What's It All About?</u> This week we continue with **Part 5** 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!!



Second Sunday of Lent 4 and 5 March

Tereesa is a Gamilaroi woman from Western Sydney who struggled with homelessness while raising her four children. Through the Baabayn Young Mums and Bubs Group, Tereesa was able to reconnect with her culture and create a better future for her children.

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 <u>caritas.org.au/</u><u>project-compassion</u>, 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.

<u>**Parish Spirituality Group**</u>: 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.

<u>Mother of Mercy Parish Prayer Engine of the Parish</u>: This prayer group prays for the intentions of the parish and the personal intentions of parishioners. Prayer intentions can be place 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!

<u>Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament</u>: 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.

<u>Portofino Mass</u>: 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.

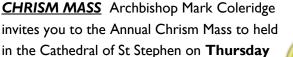
> 9.30AM MASS OLHC CHURCH, HENDRA

# CHILDREN'S LITURGY OF THE WORD

**NEXT SUNDAY, 12TH MARCH** 

All children are invited to join us to learn more about Jesus and the Gospels in a fun and engaging way.

WE CAN'T WAIT TO SEE YOU THERE!



30th March 2023 commencing at

**7.00pm.** This is a celebration for the entire Archdiocese and all are welcome.

# 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**

OPEN DAY: This week we welcomed prospective new families for 2024 and beyond at an Open morning. It was great to meet with them, take them on a tour of the school, and visit some of our classrooms. If you know other families looking for enrolment for their children, who were unable to make it this morning,



please encourage them to call the school office to book in a tour of the school.

SITE IMPROVEMENTS: It has been a busy week around the school with a few jobs improving the facilities in the school for the children.

The uniform shop is now located in the former Learning Support building next to Prep White. Thank you to Erin McMillan and Catherine Keating for you continued hard work in keeping this facility going for our families.

In what is now part of the post COVID landscape we have had the sliding door connecting EYG and EYW installed well ahead of the initial Easter Holiday date, while also seeing the artificial turf, originally planned for January, installed outside Xavier Place, creating an additional running space for the children.

CAPITAL WORKS PROJECT: If you have been inside the school grounds this week you will have noticed the commencement of the building work in Lynch Hall. The speed at which a space can be stripped back is amazing and we look forward to smooth process over the next few months as the fit out of the new office and staff room takes place.

Our next P&F meeting is on Tuesday 14th March at 7pm in the staff room. All are welcome.

Have a great week ahead. Adam Bennie Principal Observe in Faith, Reflect with Courage, Improve through Action



2nd March Christopher Trikilis (organ)

9th March Ireni Utley (soprano) Dominic Perissinotto (piano)

16th March Dominic Perissinotto (organ)

23rd March D'Arne Sleeman (soprano) Dominic Perissinotto (organ)

30th March Christopher Trikilis (organ) Fr Scot Armstrong (violin)



Stephen Lenten Concerts 2023 Thursdays at Noon

#### Position Vacant—Parish Secretary (Chermside Parish)

Applications are open for the above position at the Parish. The position is flexible in that we could accommodate a part time or casual applicant (ideally 9am to 3pm). For additional information, please contact the parish on 3359 0239.

To apply, please use this link:

https://brisbanecatholic.org.au/careers/?ia-iob+609284

# 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 27 April from 6.30-8.30pm in the Mother of Mercy Parish Centre and cater to current parishioners as well as those who wish to know more about Christianity.

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** 12 MARCH 2023 THIRD SUNDAY OF LENT YEAR A First Reading: Exodus 17:3-7 Second Reading: Romans 5:1-2,5-8 Gospel: John 4:5-15, 19-26, 39-42 ..... Sts Perpetua and Felicity, martyrs

Commemoration of Saints

Tue 7 Mar Wed 8 Mar St John of God, religious Thu 9 Mar St Frances of Rome, religious



WE PRAY FOR ....

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PRAY FOR US.....



The Recently Deceased: Nil

Anniversaries: Pamela Ann Gerrand, Brian Boyle, Enid May Magnani. Joseph James Goff, Harold William Pudniks, Giovanni Caniglia, Daniel David Conanan, Louis (Lou) Henry Hailey, Gloria Jean Sfettina, Stanley Tochukwu Obi

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 PARISH GIVING Donate Here Available on the Coogle Play



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

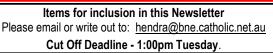


The Archdiocese of Brisbane holds that children, young people and vulnerable adults are a gift from God with an intrinsic right to dignity of life, respect and security from physical and emotional harm. They are to be treasured, nurtured and safeguarded.

VOCATION VIEW: The Lord called Abram to go forth to a new land and begin a new nation. There is no telling what we can become by responding to the Lord's invitation to us.



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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