

# 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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**PRINCIPAL:** Mr Adam Bennie

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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 March 2023

Sun 8.30-9.15am **LECTIO DIVINA** (Parish Centre)

9.30am Morning tea after 9.30am Mass

Tues 1.00-2.30pm Parish Prayer Engine (OLHC)

Stations of the Cross during Lent

Wed 9.30-11.00am—Lenten Spirituality Group

(Parish Centre)

Thu OLHC - Family Workshop 2- Penance

6.30pm **SACRAMENT OF PENANCE**

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



## FOURTH SUNDAY OF LENT 19 MARCH 2023

19-3-23 – 4<sup>th</sup> Sun of Lent

Hi all,

Congrats again to Sam Willetts for his reception into the Church at St Agatha's last Sunday.



Don't forget the Catholic Guy is doing a series of talks at St Flannan's tonight and next week.

**St Flannan's Catholic Parish, Zillmere**

**16, 17, 20, 21 March 2023**

Morning and evening sessions **9.15am & 7.00pm**

194 Handford Rd, Zillmere QLD Australia



Don't forget the **Holy Week Liturgies**. Check the St Agatha's website for their times. <http://clayfieldparish.org.au/wp-content/uploads/2023/03/Third-Sunday-of-Lent-12.03.2023-1.pdf>

**Palm Sunday – 1/ 2 April**

4.30pm – St Cecilia's Church, Hamilton

5.00pm – Our Lady Help of Christians Church, Hendra

7.30am – St John's Church, Northgate

9.30am – Our Lady Help of Christians Church, Hendra

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Blessings Fr Nev

## Parish Messages.....



### *Congratulations Fr James 30th Anniversary of Ordination*

*19 March 2023*

*May God continue to bless your ministry and we thank you for all the ways you have supported our Parish and others over many years.*

- ◆ **FR JAMES O'DONOGHUE—30th Anniversary of Ordination**  
All parishioners are warmly invited to celebrate Fr James' significant anniversary with refreshments after 4.30pm Mass at St Cecilia's, Saturday 18 March and after 7.30am Mass at St John's Sunday 19 March. Please bring a plate to share! Congratulations to Fr James for his anniversary day on 19th March!
- ◆ **EASTER EGGS WANTED:** The Parish would be very grateful for the donation of packets of small easter eggs for our Easter Egg Hunt after the 9.30am Mass on Easter Sunday. Deliver at Masses or to Parish Office.
- ◆ **PRAYER ENGINE—STATIONS OF THE CROSS EACH TUESDAY IN LENT COMMENCING 1.00PM**
- ◆ **CONFESSION DURING LENT:** 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.

### Sacramental Journey News

#### Penance

Please pray for the children in our parish who are commencing preparation for the sacrament of penance (reconciliation).

#### 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 [pmc.hendra@bne.catholic.net.au](mailto:pmc.hendra@bne.catholic.net.au) for more information. A Parent Preparation Session will be held on **Thursday, 30th March from 6pm-7pm at the Parish Centre, Hendra**. Please pass this information on to any families who may be interested. **Every Lenten blessing, Teresa | Sacramental Coordinator**

**What's It All About?** This week we continue with **Part 7** 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!!

## 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.**



## EASTER 2023

### **2nd Rite of Reconciliation – Wednesday, 29 March**

7.00pm—St Agatha's Church, Clayfield  
*All parishioners warmly invited to St Agatha's Church.*

### **Holy Week Liturgies**

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## 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**



### **Third Sunday of Lent 18 & 19 March**



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](http://caritas.org.au/project-compassion), or by calling 1800 024 413.



St. Joseph protects those who revere him and accompanies them on their journey through this life – just as he protected and accompanied Jesus when he was growing up.

– St. Josemaria Escriva

**Saint  
Joseph  
Pray  
For  
Us !**

## NEWS FROM OUR PARISH SCHOOL

We have a few **staffing updates** as we head into the final few weeks of Term 1.



Our wonderful **Mrs Siliato** is embarking on a period of long service leave commencing next term. This is very exciting for Silvana, but she will be greatly missed. During her leave, **Mrs Erin McMillan** will be replacing Silvana. We look forward to hearing from Silvana about her exciting travels and welcoming her back later in the school year.

Until the end of this term, **Mrs Waters** will be on a period of personal leave. We welcome **Mrs Nicole Doughty** to Senior Years. **Mrs Iles** will be released from classroom teaching to provide additional support in her role on the school leadership team. We wish Kym well and look forward to welcoming her back next term.

**Easter Events:** The children will be engaging with a **Stations of the Cross** activity on **Wednesday 29th March** and we will have the very popular **Easter Bonnet Parade on Thursday 30th March**.

**2024 Enrolments:** Thank you to those who have submitted enrolment forms for siblings. I am commencing Prep interviews with new families next week and look forward to meeting with siblings early in Term Two

**P&F News:** The P&F AGM was held last night with the Executive committee recommitting to another 12 months in their roles. Many thanks to Olivia Hatch (President), Therese Helly (Vice-President), Freya Matonovic (Secretary), and Kate Kruk (Treasurer) for their work over the past year. Looking forward to seeing what can be achieved together in 2023.

Have a great week ahead. **Adam Bennie** Principal

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**CHRISM MASS** Archbishop Mark Coleridge invites you to the Annual Chrism Mass to held in the Cathedral of St Stephen on **Thursday 30th March 2023 commencing at 7.00pm**. This is a celebration for the entire Archdiocese and all are welcome.



### 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](mailto: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

26 MARCH 2023

FIFTH SUNDAY OF LENT YEAR A

First Reading: Ezek 37:12-14

Second Reading: Rom 8:8-11

Gospel: Jn 11:1-45



### Commemoration of Saints

**Mon 20 Mar** **St Joseph, Spouse of the Blessed Virgin Mary SOLEMNITY**

**Thur 23 Mar** **Saint Turibius de Mogrovejo, bishop**

**Sat 18 Mar** **THE ANNUNCIATION OF THE LORD SOLEMNITY**  
**PRAY FOR US.....**



WE PRAY FOR....



**The Recently Deceased:** Nil

**Anniversaries:** Gerard Janssen, Silvio D'Astuto, Eufemia D'Astuto, Fr Gerard Peter Dore, Betty Teresa Wouffe, Dr Francis Arthur McDonnell, Royal William Atkins, Robert Anthony McGee, Paul Franklin Neylan

**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:** If we cannot see where we are going, we will never get there. The Good Shepherd leads us to green pastures, refreshes our souls and brings light to a darkened world.



To talk to someone about your vocation, please make contact with Vocation Brisbane: 1300 133 544  
[vocation@bne.catholic.net.au](mailto:vocation@bne.catholic.net.au) [vocationbrisbane.com](http://vocationbrisbane.com)



### Items for inclusion in this Newsletter

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