



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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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 2 to Saturday 8 April 2023

Sun 8.30-9.15am **LECTIO DIVINA** (Parish Centre)
9.30am Morning tea after 9.30am OLHC Mass
Tues 1.00-2.30pm Parish Prayer Engine (OLHC)
Stations of the Cross during Lent

EASTER TRIDUUM LITURGIES
SEE PAGE 2

Sat No Adoration on Holy Saturday



PALM SUNDAY OF THE PASSION OF THE LORD 2 APRIL 2023

Isaiah has prepared us for our mission in spreading God's word to those he has selected to reflect it to others, arousing them to do the same. He encourages us to follow his example and do as he has done. "I have set my face like flint, knowing that shall not be put to shame."



Paul, in speaking to the Philippians, continues Isaiah's message. He urges them to purge the enmity from their hearts and prepare their souls for God's gifts of peace and love. Accepting God's love in our hearts is all we will need on our journey.

With all the preparation above, Matthew takes us to the Last Supper and the crucifixion of Jesus. "Tonight your faith in me will be shaken, as Scripture has it: 'I will strike the shepherd and the sheep of the flock will be dispersed.'" And then all the pain and sorrow that we know so well follows.



Old Gold

by Sister Dorothy Anne Cahill, CSC

Gold now shines
With a gentle dream,
As years consume
The living dross.
This is the glory,
This is the gift
Of lifetime spent
Beneath the Cross.

—Sister Kathleen Weber, CSC



Hi dear all,

Please see the yellow insert with this newsletter in which I have written to you all regarding the last phase of the changes to our communities at Mother of Mercy Parish.

My prayers and those of the whole community are with you all, particularly those who are finding these changes difficult and challenging. May the peace of Christ fill your hearts and minds with the love and knowledge of God.

Blessings Fr Nev

Parish Messages.....

- ◆ **NO ADORATION ON HOLY SATURDAY:** The Blessed Sacrament will not be exposed between Good Friday and the Easter Vigil so there will be **no Adoration on Holy Saturday**, 8 April.
- ◆ **COLLECTION PLATE PROCEDURE IN THE PARISH:** Weekly donations to the parish will resume being taken up in collection plates brought round the pews of the church by collectors at the time of the Offertory / Preparation of the Gifts during Mass. The Parish Offering Boxes will no longer be in use. We sincerely thank parishioners for their continued generosity in contributing to the works of the parish.
- ◆ **HELP WANTED—GENERAL MAINTENANCE / GARDENING:** Fr Nev would be pleased to have some willing assistance with the maintenance and upkeep of the gardens around OLHC Church at Hendra.. If you are able to assist, please see Fr Nev at Masses or call the Parish Office.
- ◆ **THE IONA PASSION PLAY:** There will be 2 public performances at the Iona Performing Arts Complex at 85 North Rd, Lindum (Wynnum West):
 - * Good Friday 7 April at 7.00pm
 - * Holy Saturday 8 April at 2.00pmTickets sales are through TryBooking: www.passionplay.org.au
- ◆ **CONFESSION BEFORE EASTER:** 4.30pm on Saturday at OLHC Church, Hendra or by appointment with the Parish Office in Holy Week.

GOOD FRIDAY COLLECTION FOR THE HOLY LAND: Please give generously to the Pope's worldwide Good Friday Collection to support those who are custodians of the Holy Lands. Your donation is a direct way to make a difference in the lives of those caught up in war, violence and instability in the Custody of the Holy Land. It helps to maintain ancient churches and shrines and to support the diminishing presence of Christians in the Middle East. **The collection will be taken up at the Good Friday ceremony at OLHC or can be put on the collection plate at Easter Masses. Envelopes are available on the pews and at the church door. Thank you for your generosity.**

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



**Palm Sunday
1 & 2 April 2023**



Every day, more than 200 million children miss out on school, around 690 million people go hungry and 2.2 billion people cannot access clean drinking water.

With your generosity, Caritas Australia has been able to help millions of vulnerable people around the world, through the Project Compassion appeal.

Please donate to Project Compassion 2023.

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.



Palm Sunday

Palm Sunday! Be reminded of the reason for the Easter season! Amongst all the busyness that goes on reflect on Jesus & His resurrection.



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

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

Holy Thursday - 6 April

7.00pm -Mass—Our Lady Help of Christians Church, Hendra
All parishioners warmly invited to OLHC Church.

Good Friday – 7 April

Stations of the Cross 10.00am – St John's Church, Northgate
(A lay-led liturgy—all welcome)

and

The Lord's Passion 3.00pm - Our Lady Help of Christians, Hendra
All parishioners warmly invited to OLHC Church.

Holy Saturday – 8 April **NO ADORATION ON HOLY SATURDAY**

Easter Vigil Mass 7.00pm – Our Lady Help of Christians, Hendra
All parishioners warmly invited to OLHC Church.

Easter Sunday – 9 April

Easter Sunday Mass 7.30am – St John's Church, Northgate

Easter Sunday Mass 9.30am – Our Lady Help of Christians, Hendra

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

The end of the first term has crept up quickly and it is hard to believe we finish the term on Friday. With Easter falling in the middle of the school holidays, the children have been participating in Holy Week activities at school, including Stations of the Cross class liturgies. Many thanks to Mrs Iles for preparing these in Mrs Waters' absence.



This week we farewelled **Mrs Wraith** and **Mrs Siliato** as they embark on extended periods of leave. We wish them well and look forward to updates on their travels and adventures throughout the rest of the year.

It has been wonderful to meet with new families for Prep interviews over the last two weeks. I am looking forward to catching up with siblings after the holidays as we progress towards confirming Prep enrolments for 2024.

There was plenty of excitement in the air for the Easter Bonnet parade Thursday morning.

Next term we will hold some great community events including:

- Resurrection Liturgy—Tuesday 18th April at 2:30pm
- ANZAC Day ceremony—Monday 24th April at 8:45am and Tuesday 25th April at St John's Northgate at 6:00am.
- School Photos—Friday 28th April (Formal school uniform please)
- Cross Country—Tuesday 2nd May

Wishing you all a safe and happy school holiday period and I look forward to welcoming you all back for Term Two on Monday 17th April.

Warm regards **Adam Bennie** Principal

Observe in Faith, Reflect with Courage, Improve through Action



NEXT WEEK'S READINGS

9 APRIL 2023

SUNDAY OF THE RESURRECTION

First Reading: Acts 10:34, 37-43

Second Reading: Col 3:1-4 or 1 Cor 5:6-8

Gospel: Jn 20:1-9

Commemoration of Saints

HOLY MEN AND WOMEN

PRAY FOR US.....



WE PRAY FOR....



The Recently Deceased: Aileen Kavanagh, Fr John Boyd-Boland OFM, Robert Out (former Principal of Padua College)

Anniversaries: Darryl John Gollan, Krista Dierdre Kerr, Mary Elliott Ross-Walis

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, Anthony Hallin, Br Tom Dempsey, Michael Hardy, David Edmunds, Betty Mahony, Michael Hand, Joan Murphy, June Thompson, Jan O'Donoghue, 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—10007977

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.



Our next Alpha will run on
Thursdays 6.30 – 8.30pm
From 27/4/23
At the MoM Parish centre



Who will YOU invite?

Registrations are open now.

Please register interest by emailing the parish office via

hendra@bne.catholic.net.au
or notllot@bigpond.net.au.

- friends who are asking questions
- fellow parishioners
- yourself?

For more information please go to: www.alpha.org.au/try

VOCATION VIEW: Today's world is so filled with suffering, injustice, anger, depression, and loneliness that it cries for people waving palm branches of hope and resurrection, proclaiming new life.



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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To the Faithful at St Cecilia's and St John's

Since the beginning of 2022 we've undertaken significant consultation and discernment about the future of the four communities at Hendra, Hamilton, Northgate and Clayfield. Whilst there are various practical issues to consider, the primary consideration is the mission of the Church into the future. Informing our decision processes was the question; how we can most effectively engage people with the faith, hope and love found in an encounter with Jesus?

In the second consultation that took place in September last year, it was made clear that it would be necessary to reduce Mass times to four per weekend at two Mass centres. This was indicated both in the "Steps Forward" document and also by Bishop Ken who made this clear in his address to the community.

The Parish continues to own St Cecilia's church itself. The remainder of the property has been sold. The proceeds of the sale of the Hamilton precinct are being held and managed in the accounts of Mother of Mercy Parish. There are no plans at present for the sale of any property at the St John's precinct.

After the Mass survey was considered by the parish councils and ultimately Fr Nev, new Mass times were introduced in November last year. Fr James was invited to continue to say the weekend Masses at Northgate and Hamilton in the short term as we transitioned to four Masses.

These new Mass times have now been implemented and it is now time to transition the Northgate and Hamilton Communities into the Hendra and Clayfield Communities. **To this end, the 4:30pm Vigil Mass at St Cecilia's and the 7:30am Mass at St John's will come to a close on the weekend of 30 April.** The weekly Mass at 9am on Friday at St John's will continue.

I am open to having a **weekday Mass at Hamilton.** These times include **Wed morning 9am or Sat morning at 8am.**

All those who regularly attend St Cecilia's are invited to join the 5pm Vigil Mass at Our Lady Help of Christians which is only 2.3 kilometres away. Those who regularly attend St John's are invited to join the 8am Sunday Mass at Clayfield which is a little over 5 kilometres away. Of course, everyone is welcome at any Mass in the Archdiocese of Brisbane, and we'd love to see you at any of our four Masses which are as follows:

Saturday 5:00pm Vigil: Our Lady Help of Christians

Sunday 8:00am Mass: St Agatha's Parish (Families Mass)

Sunday 9:30am Mass: Our Lady Help of Christians (Families Mass)

Sunday. 5:30pm Mass: St Agatha's (Youth Mass)

Our prayer is that as we journey through this process of change, all of us will grow deeper in our relationship with Christ and with each other. **A supper after the 4:30 Mass at Hamilton and a morning tea after the 7:30am Mass at Northgate will be arranged for the final weekend Masses.** We will also take the opportunity to thank Fr James O'Donoghue for his generous service to the Parish over many years. May the God who is the author of peace, bestow upon us unity and joy as we journey together in the mission, he has called us to. We leave you with the prayer of St Patrick,

"Christ with me, Christ before me,
Christ behind me, Christ in me,
Christ beneath me, Christ above me,
Christ on my right, Christ on my left,
Christ when I lie down, Christ when I sit down,
Christ when I arise, Christ in the heart of every person who thinks of me,
Christ in the mouth of everyone who speaks of me,
Christ in every eye that sees me,
Christ in every ear that hears me."

My prayers and those of the whole community are with you all, particularly those who are finding these changes difficult and challenging. May the peace of Christ fill your hearts and minds with the love and knowledge of God.

Blessings Fr Nev