



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 9 to Saturday 15 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)

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

Sat Adoration of Blessed Sacrament 6am-5pm

Easter Blessings



SUNDAY OF THE RESURRECTION

9 APRIL 2023

9-4-23 – Easter Sunday

Hi all,

As we approach Easter, let's take the time to reflect about Jesus' journey to the Cross.



Before doing so, I would firstly particularly want to reflect on the two of the smaller Mass communities of St Cecilia's and St John's. I had the difficult task of announcing the cessation of their Sunday masses on the Third Sunday of Easter two weekends ago.

I want to remind all our parishioners that the decision to close those Masses was not made lightly. No priest wants to close down Masses but for the future of the church in this area we need to reduce Masses in order to re-grow. By consolidating our numbers, we can celebrate our Masses with more people, more energy, more hope and joy. A parishioner last week has been attending a particular Mass there for 50 years and went to a new Mass time and has found it is so alive and engaging. My heart goes out to all those parishioners, particularly those who have only known their one Mass community. I want to say that you are welcome to the Masses offered at the other times and it is an opportunity to form new communities. The overlap of St Agatha's and OLHC parishioners going to each other's churches has been encouraging. New relationships are slowly developing and this is what we need to remember in this time of change. I thank all those who have embraced change and seen opportunities. I'm doing my best to feel your pain and grief and I continue to pray for each of us for renewed faith, courage and enlightenment.



As we enter the Paschal Triduum (Holy Thursday, Good Friday and Holy Saturday) let's become acutely present to Jesus passion and death. On Holy Thursday, we will ponder the Gift of the Most Holy Eucharist. On Good Friday, we will hear Jesus' passion proclaimed from the Gospel of John. Thus, this week begins with the proclamation of the Passion and ends with the Passion as a way of drawing us more deeply into the mystery of Christ's saving Sacrifice.

At the heart of the story of the Passion of Jesus is the manifestation of a love like no other. The love we witness this week is a love that is so pure, so selfless, so sacrificial and so transforming that it is beyond comprehension. The love that we witness is one in which God permits Himself to enter the deepest humiliation ever seen. He does this so that He can meet us in our lowliness, sin, and fallenness, and raise us up to the highest heights imaginable.

I pray everyone has a holy, peace-filled and safe Easter. Many people at that first Easter were full of fear, anxiety and uncertainty. The Jesus we believe in is the Jesus who suffered, died and rose again. Through our baptism we become incarnational people. We become part of Jesus' journey to the cross, to the tomb, back to life and into everlasting life!! Lord help us to embrace the cycle of life through faith in your Son: suffering, death and resurrection.

Blessings and may the Crucified and Risen Christ help us onto a new road of possibilities!!

Cheers

Fr Nev

Parish Messages.....

Sincere thanks to all who contributed so meaningfully to our Lenten preparation and Easter Liturgies in the Parish. The generosity of your time, effort, ministry and talents is greatly appreciated.



- ◆ **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.
- ◆ **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. **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.**
- ◆ **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.
- ◆ **CONFESSION BEFORE EASTER:** By appointment with Fr Nev via the Parish Office in Holy Week.

ANZAC DAY REMEMBRANCE 2023—VOLUNTEERS NEEDED: All are warmly invited to join the ANZAC Day Mass which will be held from 6am at St John's, Northgate. The Mass will be preceded by a short Navy Commemorative Service at 6.05am at the Navy Honour Board near the entrance of the church. Our Parish School children will be participating in the service as well as serving the Navy veterans and guests breakfast in the Hall. **Helpers needed:** If you are able to help set up, prepare and cook the BBQ, please contact the Parish Office.



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

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

He is not here;
for He is risen,
as He said.
Matthew 28:6a



Easter Sunday

9 April 2023



Happy Easter from all at Caritas Australia!

Thank you for your continued support for Project Compassion – past, present and future. Together, we can help vulnerable communities face their challenges today and build a better tomorrow **For All Future Generations.**

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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.

NEWS FROM OUR PARISH SCHOOL

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

16 APRIL 2023

SECOND SUNDAY OF EASTER

First Reading: Acts 2:42-47

Second Reading: 1 Pet 1:3-9

Gospel: Jn 20:19-31



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: Anthony Edgar Woodcock, Claire Elizabeth Condon, Dr Michael Bernard Grattan Geraghty

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—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.



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: *You have been given new life in Christ. Forsake earthly materialism to live life to the full.*



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

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