



# 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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### **Safeguarding Children and Vulnerable Adults:**

- ◆ **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.



## SECOND SUNDAY OF EASTER

16 APRIL 2023

16-4-23 – 2<sup>nd</sup> Sun of Easter (Divine Mercy Sunday)

**Hi all,**  
Christ has Risen Alleluia!! and welcome back to those who have been on holidays. Remember too, we are having a **procession and praying the Divine Mercy Chaplet 30 mins** before the start of each Mass this weekend.



Divine Mercy Sunday is celebrated on the second Sunday of Easter and is a religious observance celebrated mostly among Catholics. This year, it takes place on April 16. It is a significant time for reflection on the Christian faith. As Pope John Paul II stated, "It is a time where we are blessed with divine mercy as it reaches us through the heart of Christ crucified." Divine Mercy Sunday focuses on the gifts that flowed from Christ's death, burial, and resurrection — his mercy and love that were so freely given to humanity after such a betrayal. Divine Mercy Sunday concludes the Easter celebrations and welcomes the ultimate gift that Christ gave after his crucifixion.

### HISTORY OF DIVINE MERCY SUNDAY

The story of Divine Mercy Sunday, also known as 'the Feast of the Divine Mercy,' is thousands of years old. However, the official recognition of the day was only authenticated by the Vatican in 2000. Pope John Paul II declared the Sunday after Easter to be called "Divine Mercy Sunday." Since that declaration, it has been marked in the General Roman Calendar as a religious observance celebrated by Catholics worldwide.

The significance of the day can be attributed to St. Faustina Kowalska, a Polish nun who experienced visions from Christ himself. Born in 1905, she served her parish well and communed with Jesus on several occasions where he communicated with her that he wished to be "a refuge and a shelter for all souls, and especially for poor sinners." St. Faustina, also known as the 'Secretary of Divine Mercy,' died in 1938 in Krakow at age 33 after suffering from Tuberculosis.

Divine Mercy Sunday is a space specifically designated for those who feel unworthy of God's love and Jesus's acceptance. In a vision, he told St. Faustina, "I pour out a whole ocean of graces upon those souls who approach the fount of My mercy." Divine Mercy Sunday, from its advent, has been a source of reconciliation with faith and God's mercy. It provides a specific day on which people from all walks of life can humble themselves before God, and ask for his mercy, love, and forgiveness, which he grants to all those who are willing to ask for it. It is also about forgiveness and mercy, how Jesus offered his to us, and how we should act in kind throughout our lives.

### DIVINE MERCY SUNDAY TIMELINE

1931

**Jesus Appears to St. Faustina**

St. Faustina begins experiencing visits from Jesus during her time at Plock.

1934

#### **Faustina Details Her Visions From Jesus**

St. Faustina begins her mythical diary between 1934 and 1938, and its pages contain her intimate exchanges with Jesus Christ.

1938

**1938 Faustina is Beatified**

St. Faustina earns the title 'Blessed' as she is beatified and recognized as having a divine relationship with God.

2000

#### **Basilica of Divine Mercy**

On April 30, St. Faustina is honored with the Basilica of Divine Mercy, dedicated to the devotion of Divine Mercy.

**Blessings**

**Fr Nev**

### **What's happening in the Parish this week?**

**Sunday 16 to Saturday 22 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**





## Parish Messages.....

### ◆ 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.



- ◆ **THANK YOU:** Very many thanks to all the generous donors of small Easter Eggs for our children's Easter Egg Hunt last Sunday after the 9.30am Mass. It was a delight for children and adults alike! **Thank you!**
- ◆ **Sincere thanks** again 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.
- ◆ **CONFESSION IN THE PARISH:** Fr Nev is available for confession at 4.30pm Saturdays before the 5.00pm Mass at OLHC, Hendra or by appointment via 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.**



# CORPUS CHRISTI PROCESSION

"HE WHO FOLLOWS ME WALKS NOT IN DARKNESS" - JOHN 8:12

**2PM SUNDAY 11 JUNE 2023**  
Cathedral of St Stephen, BRISBANE CITY



Starting and ending at the Cathedral of St Stephen and featuring prayers, rosary, hymns and Benediction with proceedings led by Archbishop Mark Coleridge.

#### ALSO INCLUDES:

Eucharistic Miracles Exhibition (10th - 11th June, Hardy Room)

Vigil night Adoration (10th June 7pm - 11th June 8am, Mary Mackillop Chapel)

To watch the livestream of the procession and for information regarding parish bus timetables, visit the website or call 0412 802 122



[corpuschristibrisbane.com](http://corpuschristibrisbane.com)

**CORPUS CHRISTI PRAYER PETITION BOOK:** Archbishop Mark has provided each Parish with a Petition Book for recording prayer intentions from the Parish. This book will be brought forward to the feet of Our Lord during the Corpus Christi Celebration on 11 June. **Please write your prayers in the MOM Petitions book in the foyer at OLHC, Hendra.**

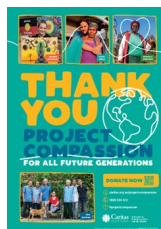
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You can donate through Project Compassion donation boxes and envelopes available from your parish, by visiting [caritas.org.au/project-compassion](http://caritas.org.au/project-compassion), or by calling 1800 024 413.



SAVE THE DATES!

CHILDREN'S LITURGY  
OF THE WORD

9.30AM MASS  
OLHC CHURCH, HENDRA

TERM 2  
23RD APRIL  
7TH MAY  
11TH JUNE

WE CAN'T WAIT TO SEE  
YOU THERE!

## 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

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

23 APRIL 2023

### THIRD SUNDAY OF EASTER

First Reading: Acts 2:14, 22-33

Second Reading: 1 Pet 1:17-21

Gospel: Lk 24:13-35



## Information Day for Prospective Guides & Welcomers

You are invited to attend an Information Day for prospective Guides and Welcomers at the Cathedral of St Stephen.

**Thursday 20<sup>th</sup> April from 9:30am to 2:00pm** in the Hanly Room Francis Rush Centre. It's the 150<sup>th</sup> Anniversary year for the Cathedral of St Stephen. Come along and learn about the art, history and significant religious features of the Cathedral and then host / guide visitors to the Cathedral. Register your interest at Cathedral Office via ph 07 / 33243006 or email [cathedral@bne.catholic.net.au](mailto:cathedral@bne.catholic.net.au)

## Commemoration of Saints

**Fri 21 Saint Anselm, bishop, doctor**

**PRAY FOR US.....**



## WE PRAY FOR....



**The Recently Deceased:** Michael Hogan

**Anniversaries:** Hazel Ruby Gordon, Francis Walter Towler, Kevin Henry Best, Leonard James Hunter, Felix Joseph Van Ooy, Ellen Mary (Elma) Overell, Violet May Shekleton, Marie Magdaline Kirwan, William John Lyons

**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](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.



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](mailto:hendra@bne.catholic.net.au)  
or [notllot@bigpond.net.au](mailto:notllot@bigpond.net.au).

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

For more information please go to: [www.alpha.org.au/try](http://www.alpha.org.au/try)

**VOCATION VIEW:** It is only through people like you that others will be able to say: "We have seen the Lord." With the resurrection to empower you and with Jesus to lure you, you too can inspire others who have not seen to believe.



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

Please email or write out to: [hendra@bne.catholic.net.au](mailto:hendra@bne.catholic.net.au)

Cut Off Deadline - 1:00pm Tuesday.





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