



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 on back page
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.



THIRD SUNDAY OF EASTER 23 APRIL 2023

Gospel reflection—Third Sunday of Easter



When we read today's Gospel, we may be surprised to learn that these friends of Jesus could walk and converse with him at some length yet not recognize him. Again we discover that the risen Jesus is not always easily recognized. Cleopas and the other disciple walk with a person whom they believe to be a stranger; only later do they discover that the stranger is Jesus. We learn that the first community met and recognized Jesus in the breaking of the bread, just as we meet Jesus in the Eucharist.

We can imagine the feelings of the two disciples in today's reading. They are leaving their community in Jerusalem. Their friend Jesus has been crucified. Their hope is gone. They are trying to make sense of what has occurred, so that they can put the experience behind them.

Jesus himself approaches the two men, but they take him for a stranger. Jesus asks them what they are discussing. He invites them to share their experience and interpretation of the events surrounding his crucifixion and death. When the two disciples have done so, Jesus offers his own interpretation of his crucifixion and resurrection, citing Jewish Scripture. In that encounter we find the model for our Liturgy of the Word—what we do each time we gather as a community for the Eucharist. We reflect upon our life experiences and interpret them in light of Scripture. We gather together to break open the Word of God.

In the next part of the story, we find a model for our Liturgy of the Eucharist. The disciples invite the stranger (Jesus) to stay with them. During the meal in which they share in the breaking of the bread, the disciples' eyes are opened; they recognize the stranger as Jesus. In the Eucharist too we share in the breaking of the bread and discover Jesus in our midst. Just as the disciples returned to Jerusalem to recount their experience to the other disciples, we too are sent from our Eucharistic gathering. Our experience of Jesus in the Eucharist compels us to share the story with others.

By Loyola Press



*Gracious and loving God,
the cross of Christ is the sign of your desire for justice and peace for all.
Open our minds to your vision as we remember all who suffered through Australia and New Zealand's involvement in wars, conflicts and peacekeeping operations.
Grant all servicepersons who sacrificed health and life for the good of all, the gift of your deep peace.
May we who inherit the freedom for which they fought become instruments of your peace in our homes, workplaces and world.
We ask this prayer through Christ our Lord. Amen*

What's happening in the Parish this week?

Sunday 23 to Saturday 29 April 2023

Sun 9.30am Morning tea after 9.30am OLHC Mass
Tues 6.00am ANZAC Day Mass and BBQ Breakfast
St John's, Northgate
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.....

- ◆ **CHILDREN'S LITURGY OF THE WORD—THIS SUNDAY 23 APRIL:**
Young folk of the Parish—Can't wait to see you all there!
- ◆ **Sacramental Journey News**
Over the next two weekends, a Rite of Enrolment for children who are preparing to receive the sacrament of Confirmation will take place at the 9.30am Mass at Hendra. This marks the start of their formal preparation to be strengthened by the gifts of the Holy Spirit in their second sacrament of initiation into the Catholic Church. Please make these children and their families welcome and keep these children in your prayers over the coming weeks. Every Easter blessing, Teresa |Sacramental Coordinator |jpmc.hendra@bne.catholic.net.au
- ◆ **ANZAC DAY REMEMBRANCE 2023:** See Notice in next column.
- ◆ **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 at 2.00pm on Sunday 11 June. **Please write your prayers in the MOM Petitions book in the foyer at OLHC, Hendra.**
- ◆ **VOLUNTEER(s) NEEDED:** The parish is looking for volunteer(s) who might be willing to geurney the concrete pathways around OLHC Church. All equipment provided. Please see Fr Nev or contact the Parish Office.
- ◆ **PROJECT COMPASSION:** Please return your Project Compassion donations to the Parish Office (or the collection plates at Masses) as soon as possible. Receipts will be issued shortly.

ADULT FAITH FORMATION @MOM PARISH

St Thomas Aquinas said "It requires effort to seek knowledge-God gives us a natural appetite to seek that knowledge"

And it does take effort - so join us any first TUESDAY of the Month at the Parish Centre at 9.30 where we are seeking to know and deepen our faith- through the gospels and reflection sharing.

Adult Faith Team Any queries - Kate @0422 575 546

- ◆ **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.**



MOTHER OF MERCY PARISH

ANZAC DAY SERVICE

Commencing at 6am
with laying of wreaths
followed by Mass.
Breakfast for veterans, families and
all held in hall afterwards.

ST JOHN'S CHURCH, NORTHGATE
688 NUDGE ROAD

*St John's is the only civilian church dedicated to the
Navy to honour their fallen.
This service embraces and honours all military.*

All wishing to observe ANZAC Day welcome

Introducing Archbishop Mark's Apostolic Priorities

In recent weeks, Archbishop Mark has published a document entitled "Lamps Ablaze: Apostolic Priorities for the Archdiocese of Brisbane from 2023" which outlines seven priorities for us all to consider.

Over the next seven weeks concluding with Pentecost, clergy around the Archdiocese have been encouraged to preach on these apostolic priorities with reference to the readings for each Sunday. The first of these priorities is teaching prayer. This week's is regarding reshaping Parish Communities.

Lamps Ablaze: Apostolic Priorities for the Archdiocese of Brisbane

Priority One: Teaching Prayer

"We must first find our way into a new and deeper experience of prayer not just as one of many elements in a busy life but as a way of life for all the baptised. Often we urge people to pray but don't really teach them how to pray in a way that moves beyond the prayers of childhood and youth. Now is the time to teach ways of prayer which are mature and all-embracing. Christian prayer begins not with speaking but with listening; and learning to pray is therefore learning to listen - to listen even to the silences of God. If all we do is speak, then in the words of Jesus we "babble like the pagans" (Matt 6:7). But if we speak after listening and in response to God who always has the first word, then we speak according to the mind of the Holy Spirit. That's what we need to teach and learn."



Download the whole document at tinyurl.com/lampsablaze

Lamps Ablaze: Apostolic Priorities for the Archdiocese of Brisbane

Priority Two: Reshaping Parish Communities

"Our current structures are based upon the facts of an earlier time and our current mode of provision is unsustainable. In the cities at least we have too many parishes and too many churches. Urban parishes were established on the assumption that people had to be able to walk to church and at a time when the numbers attending Mass were much larger. Many of our parishes are pressed financially and cannot provide the range of services which a missionary Church requires. Therefore, we need - sensibly and over time - to move towards larger configurations of a community of communities where the concentration of personnel and the sharing of resources would allow a greater range of services for the sake of the Gospel."



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NEWS FROM OUR PARISH SCHOOL

Welcome back for Term Two, staff, students and families.

Warm regards **Adam Bennie** Principal

Observe in Faith, Reflect with Courage, Improve through



HEALING MASS - BARDON

People in the Archdiocese are invited to attend the monthly Healing Mass at St. Mary Magdalene's Church, 51 Cecil Road, Bardon, Friday, 5th May, 2023 at 7.30pm. Fr. Neville Yun, Parish Priest, Mother of Mercy Parish, Hendra, will be the celebrant. Personal prayer for healing will be offered during Mass. Sponsored by CCR Bardon. For further information, contact Len Airey on 0421 977 849 or by email to lenpatairey@gmail.com

Opportunities for engaging in Mission.

Stella Maris is a worldwide Catholic ministry to the seafaring community, supported by Centacare in Brisbane. With borders reopening after Covid 19 restrictions there is a growing need to build a team of volunteers to assist with transporting seafarers from ship to shore at the Port of Brisbane and Northside berths. All you need is a C class drivers' licence to drive the Stella Maris vehicle, a welcoming heart and a few hours spare on one or two days a week. Volunteering in the Archdiocese requires a Blue Card and Criminal History Check and meeting safeguarding requirements. For more information, please contact Judy Norris e: judy.norris@bne.centacare.net.au or call 3324 3193.



NEXT WEEK'S READINGS

30 APRIL 2023

FOURTH SUNDAY OF EASTER

First Reading: Acts 2:14, 36-41

Second Reading: 1 Pet 2:20-25

Gospel: Jn 10:1-10



Commemoration of Saints

Mon 24 St Fidelis of Sigmaringen, priest, martyr

Tues 25 ANZAC DAY

Wed 26 St Mark, evangelist **FEAST**

Thur 27 St Louis Grignon de Montfort, priest

Fri 28 St Peter Chanel, priest, martyr **MEMORIAL**

Sat 29 St Catherine of Siena, virgin, doctor **MEMORIAL** **PRAY FOR US**



WE PRAY FOR....



The Recently Deceased: ...

Anniversaries: Maria Rotolone, Ross Brayley, William David Buckingham, Edith Almina Stirling, Donn Cannon Macgroarty, Valerie Joan O'Brien, Cecelia Joyce McCormack, Aileen Ursula Collins, Patrick James McKewin, Theodore William George

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.

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National Conference 28-30 September 2023, Brisbane

REGISTRATIONS NOW OPEN: <https://mysteryandmission.com.au>

For all enquiries contact : liturgy@liturgybrisbane.net.au

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: We can feel the Lord's call at the strangest places and times. The call can haunt us and pursue us until we say, "Lord, what will you have me do?"



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

vocation@bne.catholic.net.au vocationbrisbane.com



Items for inclusion in this Newsletter

Please email or write out to: hendra@bne.catholic.net.au

Cut Off Deadline - 1:00pm Tuesday.



Come and try the first Alpha Session **THIS THURSDAY 27/4**

Registrations are requested asap for catering purposes via MoM parish office: Email: hendra@bne.catholic.net.au or Phone: 3268 3040

The 12 week Alpha film and discussion series will run weekly from this coming Thursday, 27th April from 6.30 – 8.30pm at the MoM Parish Centre, 9 Bowman St, Hendra. We will share a meal, watch the videos and discuss them in small groups & we hope that you will join us. [alpha_walkthrough_video \(540p\) 84 sec Life Faith Mng Food vid disc.mp4](#)

Alpha is for anyone, anywhere, to freely explore their unique questions about life, faith and God.

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


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>



Available on the **App Store** and **Google 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.

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

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Please DO NOT attend Mass if you are UNWELL

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