



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.

What's happening in the Parish this week?

Sunday 7 to Saturday 13 May 2023

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| Sun | 9.30am | Children's Liturgy of the Word during Mass & Morning tea after in the courtyard |
| Tues | 1.00-2.30pm | Parish Prayer Engine (OLHC) |
| Thur | 5.30pm | Alpha |
| | 6.00pm | Confirmation—Family Workshop 2 |
| Fri | 9:00am | Mass at St John's (Northgate) |
| | 6.00pm | Mens BBQ and Talk (Archbishop Mark) |
| Sat | | Adoration of Blessed Sacrament 6am-5pm |



FIFTH SUNDAY OF EASTER

7 MAY 2023

7-5-23 – 5th Sun of Easter

Hi all,

I had a relaxing time in Melbourne conducting a Marriage Encounter Weekend for 8 couples and myself.



We are now in our **second week of Alpha**. Our video last night was titled - **Who is Jesus?** Well done to those who have come along to have a look or help out. Thank you to everyone including team who have created a lovely vibe around dinner. There has been a lot of fun and great discussions!! So come on down and enjoy getting to know some new and old friends and sharing faith. Alpha is on **every Thursday at OLHC, Parish Centre from 6:30pm to 8:30pm except school holidays**. Contact the Hendra Parish Office or just turn up.



This week Archbishop Mark sent correspondence that from Pentecost Sunday – 28th May the **pandemic dispensation** will be withdrawn and the **Sunday obligation to attend Mass** will be restored. The obligation does not apply to those for whom it is impossible to attend Mass, those who are sick or frail or those who are caring for the sick, especially sick children. So I encourage you all to invite friends and family that have got out of the habit of participating in Sunday Mass to consider coming back to the source and summit of our faith — the Eucharist and the worship of the Lord's Resurrection and connecting with their parish community. Let's give them a warm welcome into our parishes.

Blessings Fr Nev.

Parish Messages.....

- ◆ **CHILDREN'S LITURGY OF THE WORD THIS SUNDAY 7 MAY:** Children—please join us for Children's Liturgy of the Word during the 9.30am Mass at Hendra. We can't wait to see everyone there!
- ◆ **HELP WANTED—ALPA:** Should you be able to spare an hour or 2 between 6.15 & 8.15 to help with hospitality for **our Alpha session/s** on **Thursday evenings**, particularly cleaning the kitchen after sharing the meal with us, even if on just one occasion, we would love to hear from you by Tuesday 3/5 to allow a roster to be drawn up.
- ◆ **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.**
- ◆ **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.
- ◆ **Sacramental Journey News—Confirmation:** Twelve children and their families committed to preparation for the sacrament over the coming weeks. This rite 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 pmc.hendra@bne.catholic.net.au



Message from Archbishop Mark Coleridge THE LORD'S DAY—Removal of the pandemic dispensation and restoration of the Sunday obligation

When the COVID pandemic struck, I joined other bishops in deciding for a dispensation from the obligation to attend Sunday Mass. Now that the pandemic seems to be receding, it is good for us to reflect not only upon the Sunday obligation but upon the meaning of Sunday itself. To call the first day of the week Sunday recalls the Roman name, but from the first Christians always called it the Lord's Day, in honour of the Risen Christ who is the true light of the world and the source of life. The Lord's Day was the weekly Easter and the weekly Pentecost, because on the first day Jesus Christ rose from the dead and breathed the Holy Spirit into the Church. It was the day that looked back to the first day of creation and forward to the last day of the Lord's return in glory. Even in times of persecution, Christians remained faithful unto death to the assembly of the Lord's Day. The spontaneous practice of the early days eventually became Church law. Yet it is not law that draws us to Mass but the Lord's desire to eat the Passover with us (cf Luke 22:15). The deepest reason we go to Mass on Sunday is not because we have decided or because the Church's requires it but because we are drawn there by his desire for us. In coming to Mass, we surrender to the Lord's love and let ourselves be drawn by him who wants to speak to our heart and share his feast with us. Therefore, in the Archdiocese of Brisbane from Pentecost Sunday of this year (28 May) the pandemic dispensation will be withdrawn and the Sunday obligation will be restored, so that all of us, responding to the Risen Lord's call, may say with one heart and voice, "This is the day which the Lord has made: let us rejoice and be glad" (Psalm 118:24).



Mark Coleridge
Archbishop of Brisbane

If you know people who have not been coming, please feel free to invite them and let them know that the dispensation has been restored.

Blessings Fr Nev

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.**



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. This week's is: *Priority Four: Responding to Abuse and the Abused.*

Lamps Ablaze: Apostolic Priorities for the Archdiocese of Brisbane

Priority Four: Responding to Abuse and the Abused

"In responding to abuse and the abused, we need to move beyond considerations of law and finance... Of course we need to attend to legal and financial matters, but the paramount concern needs to be the good of those abused. Not all victims and survivors look to the Church for spiritual and pastoral accompaniment and care, but some do and others may in time, if ever trust can be established. We can learn from experience elsewhere in seeking to respond more effectively to abuse and the abused. Unless we do, this will remain a gaping wound - certainly for victims and survivors but for the whole Church as well - which makes it hard for us to move in the future."

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Download the whole document at tinyurl.com/lampsablaze

NEWS FROM OUR PARISH SCHOOL

Social media accounts

We are now on Instagram! Working alongside our Facebook page, our Instagram account will serve as a platform to share our school activities with the wider community as a form of advertising as well as being one of our channels to communicate school events to the parent community. You can follow us at [hendra.ourladyhelpofchristians](https://www.hendra.ourladyhelpofchristians.com).



Warm regards **Adam Bennie** Principal

Observe in Faith, Reflect with Courage, Improve through Action

MENS BBQ

DETAILS

WHEN: SATURDAY 13TH
MAY, 6PM

COST: \$10 CASH TO
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DRINK
(BYO ALCOHOL)

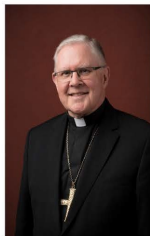
WHERE: OLHC PARISH
CENTRE
(9 BOWMAN ST
HENDRA)

RSVP: WED 10TH MAY
SMS TO JOEL OR BILL

STEAK, SALAD & SUPERB SPEAKER



DADS - BRING YOUR SONS!



ARCHBISHOP MARK COLERIDGE

ARCHBISHOP COLERIDGE WILL BE JOINING US ON
THE EVENING AS A GUEST SPEAKER TO DISCUSS

**MOVING TO A DEEPER PERSONAL FAITH:
WHAT WISDOM DOES THE CHURCH OFFER?**

JOEL PERKINS: 0438 241 524
BILL NOTT ON 0418 183 400

ST VINCENT DE PAUL — ITEMS WANTED:

SVDP Hendra Conference is in need of good working
TVs, Laptops and Mobile Phones for needy clients.
Donations would be gratefully appreciated.
Please contact Mike on 0419 027 430



ALPHA

The first Alpha program for this year has commenced and has been well attended. The 3rd meeting will be held on Thursday 11th May @ 6.30-8.30pm in the Parish Centre.

If you are curious to attend for only 1 session you would still be most welcome, and 11th and 18th May are the best remaining dates for this.

The 12 week Alpha film and discussion series is being held on Thursdays 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.

For more information please go to: www.alpha.org.au/try Please contact the Parish Alpha Team via the MoMP Office via hendra@bne.catholic.net.au or ph.3268 3040, if you would like to RSVP or know more.



NEXT WEEK'S READINGS

14 MAY 2023

SIXTH SUNDAY OF EASTER

First Reading: Acts 8:5-8, 14-17
Second Reading: 1 Pet 3:15-18
Gospel: Jn 14: 15-21



Commemoration of Saints

Wed 10 Saint John De Avila, priest, doctor
Fri 12 Saint Pancras, martyr
Saints Nereus and Achilleus, martyrs
Sat 13 Our Lady of Fatima

PRAY FOR US.....



WE PRAY FOR....



The Recently Deceased: Robert James William Kelly

Anniversaries: Nola Mary McNulty, James John McNulty, Graham Hows, Catherine May Burke, Anthony William Joseph Hynes, Carmel Jeanette Hanron, David Charles French, Rita Gabriel Wrafter, Mary Ann Tierney

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.



Calling all liturgists, musicians, clergy, cantors, choristers, lay liturgical ministers, composers, teachers, conductors, liturgy teams, & campus ministers! Learn the latest about the 2023 National Conference.

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: The institution of the Diaconate is mentioned in today's Scripture. Perhaps the Lord is calling you to assist with the charitable, educational, or liturgical needs of the Lord's People today.



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.

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

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

READERS AND EUCHARISTIC MINISTERS ROSTER OLHC 9.30am

| Date | Reader | Eucharistic Minister |
|-------------|-----------------------------|----------------------|
| 14 May 2023 | Andrew and Ambrose Devereux | Kathleen McClafferty |
| 21 May 2023 | Mary Nicholls | Lorelei Gozzard |
| 28 May 2023 | Bill Nott | Louise Nott |

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