



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 14 to Saturday 20 May 2023

Sun 9.30am Morning tea after Mass (OLHC)

Tues 1.00-2.30pm Parish Prayer Engine (OLHC)

Thur 5.30pm **Alpha** (Parish Centre)

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

Sat Adoration of Blessed Sacrament 6am-5pm
1.30pm **Sacrament of Confirmation Retreat**



SIXTH SUNDAY OF EASTER

14 MAY 2023

14-5-23 – 6th Sun Of Easter

Hi all,

Happy Mother's Day to all our mum's and mother figures this Sunday. Here's a Mother's Day Prayer.



Loving God,

You have loved us with an everlasting love (*Jer 31:3*)
You have loved us even more as a mother loved her child.
Today, we give you thanks and praise for the gift of mothers.

We pray for the mothers-to-be,
who are just beginning to be the bearers of new life in them,
may they welcome their forthcoming child
with loving anticipation and joy.

We pray for the young mothers,
may they cherish their child with tender care and unconditional love.

We pray for the mothers who are separated from their children
especially because of war, poverty, conflict, violence and for any other reasons.
Comfort them, strengthen their hope, and let them feel your loving embrace
that wipes every tear away.

We pray for all Mother-figures,
those who have loved, surrounded and shaped us
with motherly care and compassion.

We especially pray for our own mothers who have nurtured and cared for us,
Their sacrifices and care gave us a glimpse of the extent of your love for us.

Thank you for them.

Grant health, blessings, and well-being for those our mothers who are still alive.

We also remember those mothers who are no longer with us.
While they live forever in our hearts and memory grant them eternal rest
and reward of their labours.

Amen.

Today, many countries are celebrating #MothersDay. I wish to remember all mothers with gratitude and affection, entrusting them to the protection of Mary, our heavenly Mother. Let us also remember those mothers who accompany us from Heaven. Pope Francis @ Pontifex

We are also celebrating World Volunteer's Day this Week. Thank you to all our volunteers and helpers in all our ministries. Without your commitment, service, and efforts we would not have the welcoming communities we have or that we aspire to be.

Have a blessed day Fr Nev

NATIONAL 15-21 MAY 2023
VOLUNTEER
THE CHANGE MAKERS WEEK

Thank you to all the wonderful volunteers in our Parish who give so generously of their faith, support, time, effort and talents.

Parish Messages.....

- ◆ **HELP WANTED—CONFIRMATION CELEBRATION:** We would be grateful for help with hospitality for the celebration after Confirmation for our parish children **on Friday 26 May from 6.00pm**. If you are available to decorate, set up, bring refreshments or pack down, we would love to hear from you.....please contact the Parish Office.
- ◆ **DATE CLAIMER**—Masses to celebrate the Feast of Our Lady Help of Christians: **Wednesday 24 May 8.45am School Mass**
Wednesday 24 May 6.30pm Mass
- ◆ Last 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. Let's welcome everyone back to Masses!
- ◆ **Sacramental Journey News—Confirmation:** Please keep the children preparing for the Sacrament of Confirmation in your prayers over the coming weeks. Every Easter blessing, Teresa |Sacramental Coordinator pmc.hendra@bne.catholic.net.au
- ◆ **CORPUS CHRISTI PRAYER PETITION BOOK:** A reminder to write your prayers in the MOM Petitions book in the foyer at OLHC, Hendra.
- ◆ **CONFESSION** : Fr Nev is available for confession at 4.30pm Sat before the 5pm 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.**



ST VINCENT DE PAUL — ITEMS WANTED:

SVDP Hendra Conference is in need of good working **washing machines** for needy clients. Donations would be gratefully appreciated. Please contact Mike on 0419 027 430



BRISBANE SUMMIT—REGISTRATIONS CLOSING THIS WEEK!!

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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. This week's is: *Priority Five: Engaging Anew with First Nations Peoples.*

Lamps Ablaze: Apostolic Priorities for the Archdiocese of Brisbane

Priority Five: Engaging Anew with First Nations Peoples

The injustice done to First Nations peoples in this country is a running sore at the heart of the nation. It is contemporary Australia's original sin... We need a genuinely new engagement of the Church with the First Nations peoples, especially in an Archdiocese like this where the Indigenous presence is strong. A new engagement will mean, first of all, listening to Indigenous voices, and believing that we can learn if we really listen. In the past, non-Indigenous Australia has struggled to believe that we could learn anything from First Nations peoples. They could learn from us, but not we from them. That has to change, both in the Church and in Australia more generally. Then the listening and learning need to lead to action.

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LAMPS
ABLAZE

Download the whole document at tinyurl.com/lampsablaze

MAY THE
LORD BLESS YOU WITH
LOVE AND JOY ON
MOTHER'S DAY AND
ALWAYS.

HAPPY MOTHER'S DAY!

NEWS FROM OUR PARISH SCHOOL

Cross Country: Congratulations to all students who competed in our Inter-House cross country carnival last Tuesday at Crosby Park. It was a great success with some fantastic running feats and some outstanding sportsmanship with all runners putting in a great effort to complete the course.



Rugby 7's: Congratulations to the two teams who represented our school so beautifully today at the BCE North Rugby 7's carnival. We entered an U10 Boys and U10 Girls team made up of students from the middle years.

Co-teaching models: Over the last few weeks, our teachers have been exploring co-teaching models and they will continue to do so moving forward, to enhance the learning experience for the children in all our classrooms.

Brett Lee – Cyber Safety event: We are very much looking forward to welcoming Brett Lee, a leading cyber safety expert, to OLHC on June 5th to present to parents.

Finally, I would like to wish all Mothers in our OLHC community a very **Happy Mother's Day** on Sunday. I hope you are able to enjoy the day in a way that is special for you and your family.

Best wishes for the fortnight ahead.

Warm regards **Adam Bennie** Principal

Observe in Faith, Reflect with Courage, Improve through Action

NEXT WEEK'S READINGS

21 MAY 2023

THE ASCENSION OF THE LORD

First Reading: Acts 1:1-11

Second Reading: Eph 1:17-23

Gospel: Mt 28:16-20



Commemoration of Saints

Thur 18 Saint John I, *pope, martyr*

Sat 20 Ascension Vigil

St Bernadine of Siena, *priest*

PRAY FOR US.....



WE PRAY FOR....



The Recently Deceased: Nil

Anniversaries: Andrew Collier, Nola Mary McNulty, James John McNulty, Albert Podesta, Bereneice Joy Tayler, Kevin Brandon Brazel, Maureen Olive O'Mahoney, Ivy Dorothy Kelly

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.

THE CATHEDRAL OF
ST STEPHEN

150 Years



THE SESQUICENTENARY OF THE CATHEDRAL OF ST STEPHEN

Date Claimer

Wednesday 17 May 2024, will mark the Sesquicentenary of the Cathedral of St Stephen. To acknowledge this important milestone, **a year of celebration will be launched on Pentecost Sunday this year (28 May) at the 10.00am Mass.** Everyone is invited to attend this launch as a sign of the unity of the local church of Brisbane.

World Wide Marriage Encounter Weekend Dates

30 June - July 2, 2023 - Live-out Weekend, McAuley College, Beaudesert

13 - 15 October, 2023 - Live-in Weekend, Santa Teresa Spirituality Centre, Ormiston

For more information, contact:

David & Maria Murphy Phone: 0481 307 821

Email: qldbookings@wwme.org.au or www.wwme.org.au



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ALPHA

The first Alpha program for this year has commenced and has been well attended.

The 4th meeting will be held on Thursday 18th 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 18th May is the best remaining date 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 MoM Office via hendra@bne.catholic.net.au or ph.3268 3040, if you would like to RSVP or know more.

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: That Jesus rose from the dead is our Faith. That we can be reborn in the Spirit is our Hope. That we can do God's work is our Love. Follow God's Call.



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
21 May 2023	Mary Nicholls	Lorelei Gozzard
28 May 2023	Bill Nott	Louise Nott
4 June 2023	Julie Anne Standfield	Barbara Nelson

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