



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 28 May to Saturday 3 June 2023

- Sun 9.30am Morning tea after Mass (OLHC)
- Tues 1.00-2.30pm Parish Prayer Engine (OLHC)
- Wed 6.45pm State of Origin 1 (Parish Centre) see Pg 3
- Thur 5.30pm Alpha (Parish Centre)
- Fri 9:00am Mass at St John's (Northgate)
Funeral Mass for Tonia Maria Cairns
- Sat Adoration of Blessed Sacrament 6am-5pm

Have a great week ahead



PENTECOST

28 MAY 2023

28-5-23 – Pentecost

Hi all,

Welcome to Pentecost- the birthday of the Church!!

This week the Archdiocese announced that **Bishop Ken Howell** has accepted the appointment of **Bishop of Toowoomba**. Let's keep him in our prayers as he shares his gifts and shepherds this new flock for the wider local Church. Bishop Ken's Installation Mass will be on the 11th July.



This account of the first Pentecost is given as the First Reading on this feast every year.

From a fearful group, hidden away in the Upper Room for fear of being arrested themselves, the wind and fire, symbols of the coming of the Holy Spirit, embolden them to burst out on to the streets of Jerusalem to proclaim the Good News. Whereas in the account of human arrogance in the Book of Genesis (Ch.10), where humans thought they could build a huge tower to climb into the heavens, and take over from God, but then God hampered their efforts by introducing differences of language, so that they were no longer able to communicate with each other; now when the apostles speak, they are understood by everyone, no matter what their native language. The Good News is to be accessible to all peoples.

The gift of the Holy Spirit bringing about both diversity and unity is at the heart of our Second Reading. The message is the same for everyone and can be understood by everyone. The gifts given vary from person to person but the end for which they are given always remains the same: to build up the one Body of Christ. No matter what one's status in life maybe, slave or free citizen, Jew or Gentile, all belong to the same Body, and thereby to each other. Unity in Christ overcomes all other divisions invented by humankind.

Jesus imparts the Spirit to the disciples on Easter Day itself here in St John's Gospel. His very first appearance to the whole group (minus Thomas, of course) is to "send" them out on their mission of sharing the Good News. Jesus has done all the necessary preparation work with them before his arrest. We have been reading extracts from his words to the disciples at the Last Supper for a few weeks now. Now, they are ready to take up the mission on his behalf. With the Spirit they will offer the gifts of peace and reconciliation to others, just as they have received and experienced them.

<https://diocesehn.org.uk/wp-content/uploads/2023/05/Weekly-Reflections-2023-Pentecost.pdf>

Congratulations to the children and their families celebrating their Confirmation tonight at OLHC.

We pray that the Holy Spirit of God and the charismatic and ministerial gifts are awakened, activated and manifest themselves in your lives. May you then set others ablaze with God's love, mercy and faith to all you meet!!

Blessings Fr Nev

Parish Messages.....

- ◆ **NEW APPOINTMENT—BISHOP KEN HOWELL:** The entire community of the Archdiocese of Brisbane welcomes the appointment of Bishop Ken Howell as the new Bishop of Toowoomba and offers him our warmest congratulations. Bishop Ken's Installation will be held on 11 July 2023.
- ◆ **Sacramental Journey News—Confirmation:** On Friday evening, 26 May, Archbishop Mark Coleridge confirmed 15 of our young parishioners at OLHC Church. We thank His Grace for celebrating this special occasion with us. May the Holy Spirit always guide them and continually strengthen them with His gifts. Come, Holy Spirit!
- ◆ **CORPUS CHRISTI PRAYER PETITION BOOK:** A reminder to write your prayers in the MOM Petitions book in the foyer at OLHC, Hendra.



Parish Activities

- Parish School Playgroup** Currently operating each week (in school terms). Held in the OLHC OSHC, 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.



THE 2023 ANNUAL RACING MASS



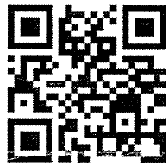
The 2023 Annual Racing Mass will be celebrated next **Sunday 4 June at Our Lady Help of Christians Church, Hendra at 9.30am.** Refreshments will be offered after Mass. All are most welcome!

IGNITE CONFERENCE 2023: WONDER

21—24 September 2023

St Laurence's College, South Brisbane

Step into colour and light and register for Ignite Conference 2023: Wonder. Earlybird tickets available until June 30.....see QR code.



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



The **Archdiocesan Centre for Catholic Formation** has been launched in response to Plenary Council feedback in order to engage the baptised in a deeper experience of God as understood and experienced in the Catholic tradition. **Parishioners who attended the first module thoroughly recommend it.**

The **second** module, "**Understanding, Praying and Living the Scriptures**" will commence on **August 21st, 2023 from 7.00-9.00pm on Monday evenings** (21 Aug, 28 Aug, 4 Sept, 11 Sept, NB: 3 week break inc. King's Birthday, 9 Oct, 16 Oct, 23 Oct, 30 Oct, 6 Nov and 13 Nov) at **Xavier Hall, Holy Spirit Seminary, Banyo** and other hub/s.. More information is available @ [Archdiocesan Centre for Catholic Formation - Evangelisation Brisbane](https://www.catholicformation.au) & www.catholicformation.au

If you might be interested in joining a group booking which would attract a discount price, please contact the Parish Office.

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 Seven: Embedding Synodal Governance.**

Lamps Ablaze: Apostolic Priorities for the Archdiocese of Brisbane

Priority Seven: Embedding Synodal Governance

We have begun the long and complex process of moving towards a synodal mode of governance in the Church, but the process is far from complete; and there is much to be done to embed synodal governance more securely at every level in the Archdiocese... Synodality implies inclusion, and therefore we will have to keep asking how we might at every level include women in the decision-making processes of the Archdiocese. So too synodality requires transparency and accountability, and we will have to keep asking what we need to do make the Archdiocese more transparent and accountable.

WITH LAMPS ABLAZE

Download the whole document at tinyurl.com/lampsablaze

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, Hanly Room)

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

NEWS FROM OUR PARISH SCHOOL

Executive Director Visit

On Wednesday 31st May we are looking forward to welcoming the Executive Director of Brisbane Catholic Education, Dr Sally Towns, to OLHC. Sally has been with BCE for one year now is most of the way through visiting all of BCE's 146 schools. Sally will be here next Wednesday afternoon and will hopefully be joining us for our Reconciliation Week liturgy.



Capital Works Project

Our building project is progressing nicely, with Stage 1 due to be completed on time during July. It is very exciting to see the transformation and I am looking forward to sharing that with the community when we can move into the space.

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. He will be working with students and staff throughout the afternoon as well.

Warm regards **Adam Bennie** Principal
Observe in Faith, Reflect with Courage, Improve through Action

ALL ARE INVITED
TO JOIN THE PARISH'S COMMUNITY
SCREENING OF THE

STATE OF ORIGIN
GAME 1

MAROONS vs **BLUES**

BRING YOUR MATES, SNACKS & A BEER OR TWO.
ENJOY SOME HEALTHY INTERSTATE RIVALRY.
GO MAROONS!

WED MAY 31ST 2023 | 6:45PM FOR 7:30PM KICKOFF
OLHC PARISH CENTRE (9 BOWMAN STREET, HENDRA)
RSVP VIA SMS: JOEL (0438 241 524) OR BILL (0418 183 400)

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 – 2 July 2023, Live Out Weekend, McAuley College, Beaudesert

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

For More Information Contact:

David and Maria Murphy
Phone: 0481 307821
Email: qldbookings@wwme.org.au
www.wwme.org.au

ALPHA

The first Alpha program for this year has commenced and has been well attended. The 6th meeting will be held on Thursday 1 June @ 6.30-8.30pm in the Parish Centre.

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

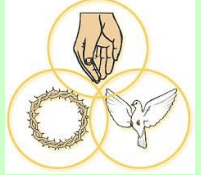
4 JUNE 2023

THE MOST HOLY TRINITY

First Reading: Ex 34:4-6, 8-9

Second Reading: 2 Cor 13:11-13

Gospel: Jn 3:16-18



Commemoration of Saints

Mon 29 The Blessed Virgin Mary, Mother of the Church **MEMORIAL**

Wed 31 The Visitation of the Blessed Virgin Mary **FEAST**

Thur 1 Jun Saint Justin, martyr **MEMORIAL**

Fri 2 Jun Saints Marcellinus and Peter, martyrs

Sat 3 Jun Saints Charles Lwanga and companions, martyrs **MEMORIAL**

PRAY FOR US.....



WE PRAY FOR....



The Recently Deceased: Tonia Maria Cairns, Marie Theresa O'Malley

Anniversaries: Kathleen Margaret Bright

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 best way of showing our attitude to God is to be passionately in love with the fact that we are his children."

You and your family are cordially invited to attend a Mass in honour of

St Josemaría Escrivá
Founder of Opus Dei

Celebrated by Most Rev Mark Coleridge DD
Archbishop of Brisbane

11:00am, Saturday 17 June 2023
Our Lady of Victories Church
1 Roche Ave Bowen Hills QLD

The Sacrament of Reconciliation will be available from 10:00 – 10:45am

WWW.OPUSDEI.ORG.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: "There are different gifts, but the same Spirit." Each of us has been graced with certain gifts of the Spirit. And they are active if we utilise them for the building up of the Church. Name the way the Lord has gifted you.



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>



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
28 May 2023	Bill Nott	Louise Nott
4 June 2023	Julie Anne Standfield	Barbara Nelson
11 June	Serena Varendorff	Volunteer

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