



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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- ◆ **Compliance Officer:** Mrs Kath Shaw
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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 23 to Saturday 29 July 2023

Sun 9:30am Morning tea after Mass (OLHC)

Tues 1:00-2:30pm Parish Prayer Engine (OLHC)

Thurs 6.00pm Parent Preparation Session for First Eucharist (Parish Centre)

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

Sat Adoration of Blessed Sacrament 6am-5pm



Have a great week ahead



SIXTEENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME (YEAR A)

23 JULY 2023

23-7-23 - 16th Sun in Ord Time

Hi all,

Just a change of venue for the **Feast of the Assumption Mass Times** (Holy Day of Obligation) on **Tuesday, 15th August. 8:45am at OLHC Church and 5:30pm at St Agatha's Church.** Also **Feast of Mary Mackillop**, we'll be having a Mass on **Tuesday, 8th August. 8:45am at OLHC.**



Here's a pic of the last Alpha night on Thursday. We are planning for another **Alpha to start in August.** So keep an eye out for that. Start praying for people that you know that you can accompany or invite along to the Alpha. We are planning to run it on **Sunday after 9:30am Mass and M/Tea.**

Also keep an eye out for the Archdiocesan Centre Of Catholic Formation. – **2nd Module – "Understanding, Praying and Living out the Scriptures."** – At the moment we have 3 people registered from one of our parishes. If you're interested and we can get 5 people the cost is **\$150/ person.** It starts **21st Aug, from 7-9pm at the Seminary** and goes for 10 sessions. [See Ad]

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In this weekend's Gospel, Jesus proposed another parable to the crowds, saying: "The kingdom of heaven may be likened to a man who sowed good seed in his field. While everyone was asleep his enemy came and sowed weeds all through the wheat, and then went off. When the crop grew and bore fruit, the weeds appeared as well." [Matthew 13:24-26](#)
Divine Sower, I pray that You do deliver us all from the evil one. May we be freed from his lies and snares and always keep our eyes upon You, our Divine Shepherd. I turn to You in all things, dear Lord. Jesus, I trust in You.

Blessings Fr Nev

Scam Warning: There are currently a large number of scam messages being sent by text to parishioners which use the names of Brisbane Clergy. Please be aware of these scams and do not respond to the texts. Do not purchase any gift cards. **Simply delete the messages.** Father Nev's name is being used in the scams, along with many of our Brisbane priests' names. Our Clergy would never seek to contact you in this way, or require of you that you provide them with cash or gift cards. Please do not fall victim to this scam.

Parish Messages.....

- ◆ **THANK YOU:** Thank you to everyone who donated to the Peter's Pence retiring collection. A total of \$495.00 was raised.
- ◆ **SAINT MARY OF THE CROSS (MARY MACKILLOP):** TUESDAY 8 AUGUST Mass at OLHC Hendra at 8.45am
- ◆ **FEAST OF THE ASSUMPTION:** *Please note that the venue for the evening Mass has changed from St Cecilia's to St Agatha's, Clayfield.* TUESDAY 15 AUGUST: Masses
8.45am School Mass at OLHC, Hendra
5.30pm Mass at St Agatha's, Clayfield
- ◆ Our next Alpha will run on **Sundays from 11am-1pm**, from 6 August at the parish centre. More details to follow soon.



Celebrating World Day for Grandparents and the Elderly Sunday 23 July 2023

It's a special day when the Church honours and recognises the important role that grandparents and elderly individuals play as they share the faith with their grandchildren and witness to Jesus through their lives.

Thank you and God's Blessings to all!



DATE CLAIMER: Learning about the Gospel of St Mark—OCT 2023

Last year, we explored the Gospel of Matthew in some detail in preparation for this liturgical year. Next year, we will use the Gospel of Mark as the predominant source of our Sunday Gospel readings. With this in mind, we have prepared a short (four week) course on Mark's Gospel which will be offered during October 2023. The dates and session times are:

Wednesdays: October 4, 11, 18 and 25 (9.30am) in the parish centre. The session will be repeated as below:

Wednesdays: October 4, 11, 18 and 25 (7.00pm) in the parish centre.

If there is any group who would like some other arrangement, please let us know via the parish office, and we will endeavour to accommodate you.

Come and increase your appreciation and knowledge of Mark's picture of Jesus' life and ministry.

You might be surprised. (Adult Formation Team)



Parish Birthdays

Have you entered your birthday in our Parish Birthday Book?

Each last Sunday of the month, we celebrate the birthdays of all our Parish family members with a Birthday cake after the 9.30am Mass at Hendra.

The next celebration is on **Sunday 30 July**, so please



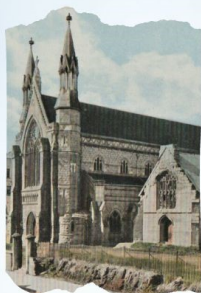
Celebrating 150 years of Weddings at The Cathedral of St Stephen

In this 150th year of the Cathedral of St Stephen, couples who have been married at St Stephen's are invited to commemorate their years of marriage.

On Saturday, 30th September 2023, the Archbishop will celebrate Mass at 11:30am, followed by refreshments on the Cathedral grounds.

There will be a particular focus on Golden Wedding Anniversaries, however anyone married at the Cathedral or Chapel, is invited to attend.

If you have photos or stories to share, please contact David Todd.
email: toddd@bnc.catholic.net.au
telephone: 3324 3030
by 1st September 2023



To register to attend the Mass and for catering purposes please RSVP by Friday 22nd September 2023
cathedral@bnc.catholic.net.au
3324 3030

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.



Reclaim Plus is a new initiative for the millennials (25-40 years old according to Google) of the Catholic Church which aims to provide a space for young parents, professionals, and young adults to have community and a place to receive. There will be trained child minders ready to supervise and run a couple of activities for them.

Jugar is a classy cafe/bar tucked away in West End with a fully decked-out indoor play space for the kids, with function rooms, change facilities and delicious food!

There are parks available at the front and down the side of the building. This part of West End does have a lot of street parking, in particular along Davies Park.

Time: 8-10am (arrive to order your coffee & check your children in, formalities start at 8:30am)

Dates: 19th August 2023

Location: Jugar, 71 Jane St West End

Cost: \$20pp, \$45 per family (The ticket price covers food (for adults and children) and coffee. It's a pretty sweet deal!)

RSVP: Tuesday 15th August



Registration is essential, please book via the following link:

<https://app.tickets.org.au/eb/Reclaimplus>

An initiative of the Youth & Young Adults and Adult Formation Teams at Evangelisation Brisbane

World Wide Marriage Encounter Weekend Dates

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

For More Information Contact:

David and Maria Murphy
Phone: 0481307821
Email: qldbookings@wwme.org.au
www.wwme.org.au

The Paraclete (Holy Spirit Seminary Publication)

Copies of *The Paraclete* and the 2023 Prayer Calendar are available at the entrance of the Church.

Please take a copy home and pray for our priests, deacons, seminarians and Church leaders.



NEWS FROM OUR PARISH SCHOOL

Welcome back to a new term.

Capital Works Project: Our building project is practically complete, and we are excited to begin moving into the new space this week. Once the move is complete, we will have opportunities to welcome parents and visitors into the office and we will have an official opening later in the year.



Catholic Education Week: Queensland Catholic Education Week is on 23-29 July. This annual event celebrates the wonderful contributions that Catholic schools make to the education and well-being of our students. This year's theme is Communities of **FAITH, HOPE** and **LOVE**. As a **Community of FAITH**, please join us for Mass on Wednesday 26 July at 9am at OLHC church to celebrate Catholic Education.

Warm regards, **Adam Bennie** Principal

Observe in Faith, Reflect with Courage, Improve through Action



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. Tickets availablesee QR code.



Women's Night of Spirituality will be held at 7pm on **Tuesday 25 July** in St Ignatius Church, Kensington Terrace, Toowong.

The event will take the format of a panel to discuss "Nurturing the nurturer" – how does a person in a nurturing role, sustain their own spirit? Entry by donation & supper provided. Please mark the date in your calendar. See further details on this event, flyer available on the Toowong parish website www.stignatiustooong.org.au. This event will be livestreamed on the night and the link will be available via parish website.

Brisbane City Pops Orchestra Concert "Golden Memories"

Friday 18 August at 7:00pm at St Paschal's Catholic Church, 30 Warraba Avenue, Wavell Heights. Tickets \$35.00 pp (includes a light supper) Contact the office on 0493 636 632. or tickets purchased through the parish website: www.olaparishchermside.org.au



MYSTERY & MISSION Art of Liturgical Celebration

28-30 September 2023 Liturgy and Music Conference in Brisbane. Workshops, presentations, panel discussion and exhibits. Enquiries – liturgy@liturgybrisbane.net.au



How do women of faith remain in Jesus and bear fruit? By staying connected.

In the midst of our fast-paced lives, it is crucial to carve out moments of stillness and create space to hear the whispers of God. This weekend retreat will provide an opportunity to remain, abide and stay with God who created you and longs to spend time with you.

Throughout the course of the retreat, the participants will be accompanied by Evangelisation Brisbane's Adult Formation Project Officer, **Lisa McKerr**, and Associate Director for Children & Families **Chantale Wilson**.

Date: 6pm Friday 8 September– 1pm Sunday 10 September
Location: Santa Teresa Spirituality Centre ([267 Wellington St, Ormiston](http://267WellingtonSt.Ormiston))
Price: as below

- Live in attendees - \$425 (includes all meals and accommodation)
- Live out attendees - \$230 (includes morning tea, lunch and dinners)

RSVP: 3 September 2023 <https://app.tickets.org.au/eb/GuidedRetreatSept23>
Evangelisation Brisbane Adult Formation Team
07 3324 3440
formation@bne.catholic.net.au

NEXT WEEK'S READINGS

30 JULY 2023

SEVENTEENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME (Year A)

First Reading: 1 Kgs 3:5, 7-12
Second Reading: Rom 8:28-30
Gospel: Mt 13:44-52



Commemoration of Saints

Mon 24 St Sharbel Makhluf, *priest*

Tues 25 St James, *apostle* **FEAST**

Wed 26 Saints Joachim and Anne, *parents of the Blessed Virgin Mary* **MEMORIAL**

Sat 29 Saints Martha, Mary and Lazarus **MEMORIAL**
PRAY FOR US.....



WE PRAY FOR.... *Prayer Request*

The Recently Deceased: Nil

Anniversaries: Elizabeth Cavanagh, Isabelle Margaret Akes, Angelo Ivanni

The Sick: Peter Brewer, Hadge Banks, Paddy "Peter" Ryan, Lyn Smith, 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 and Andrew Price.



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 & www.catholicformation.au

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

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 many weeds growing with the wheat in our lives. Sometimes the weeds strangle our growth or prevent us from hearing clearly God's voice. We need time to reflect on the garden of our life.



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**: **Scan the QR code below, or the code attached to the church collection plates, to your mobile telephone and follow the prompts to complete your giving donation.**

<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.

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
30 July	Robyn Jeynes	Lorelei Gozzard
6 August	Mary Nicholls, Roselyn Rayappan	Barbara Nelson

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