



# 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 30 July to Saturday 5 August 2023

- Sun** 9:30am Morning tea after Mass (OLHC)  
**Tues** 1:00-2:30pm Parish Prayer Engine (OLHC)  
**Funeral of Fay Yvonne Ford (St John's)**  
**Fri** 9:00am Mass + Adoration at St John's  
**Sat** Adoration of Blessed Sacrament 6am-5pm  
7.30am Men's Bible Study Group (Parish Centre)



*Have a great week ahead*



## SEVENTEENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME (YEAR A)

30 JULY 2023

30-7-23 – 17<sup>th</sup> Sun in Ord Time

**Hi all,**

A fortnight ago we had the first **Engaged Encounter** in a long time in Qld for two lovely couples at OLHC. Thanks to Angela and Andy Devereux (MOM parishioners) and Mel and Maria Noronha for being team facilitators for this important ministry. Keep Nathaniel, Catherine, Jess and John, (middle) in your prayers as they prepare for their wedding days and future married life. Anyone who is interested in supporting and mentoring younger couples particularly within the Parish please make yourself known to me or the Parish Office. If there are couples who are interested in volunteering their time with facilitating the **FOCCUS Pre-marriage Course (Facilitate Open, Couple Communication, Understanding and Study)** This course is run by Centacare in the Archdiocese of Brisbane for engaged couples. If you become a trained facilitator you can lead the couples in conjunction with myself. I find facilitating these discussions is personally rewarding and it's a wonderful way to pass on your wisdom to couples. Anyone who is interested in being a team member for Engaged Encounter can contact me or the Parish. Their next weekend is the **4-5<sup>th</sup> Nov at the Parish Centre, OLHC**. It's another vital area in our Parish Community. Strong and well-formed marriages lead to resilient and evangelical families.



In this week's Gospel, Jesus uses vivid images to describe the Kingdom of Heaven. He compares it to a hidden treasure that a man finds in a field and a valuable pearl that a merchant seeks and sells everything to obtain. Jesus also tells the parable of the fishing net that catches fish of all kinds, representing the gathering of people from all nations into the Kingdom. These parables emphasize the incomparable worth of the Kingdom of Heaven and the need to prioritize it above all worldly possessions. They call for a wholehearted commitment to seek and embrace the Kingdom's values in one's life.

Overall, the readings for the 17th Sunday in Ordinary Time offer messages of seeking God's wisdom and guidance, trusting in His providence, and recognizing the supreme value of the Kingdom of Heaven. They encourage believers to centre their lives on God's will and find joy in following His ways.

**Blessings Fr Nev**



## Parish Messages.....

**PARISH SPIRITUALITY DISCUSSION GROUP—CHANGE OF DATE FOR AUGUST:** Please note the change of date for the next meeting of the Parish Spirituality Group to **Tuesday 8 August** in the Parish Centre. Mass for the Feast of Saint Mary of the Cross will be held at 8.45am at OLHC, followed by the spirituality discussion group & morning tea. All are most warmly welcome.

- ◆ **SAINT MARY OF THE CROSS (MARY MACKILLOP):**  
TUESDAY 8 AUGUST Mass at OLHC Hendra at 8.45am
- ◆ **FEAST OF THE ASSUMPTION: TUESDAY 15 AUGUST: Masses**  
8.45am School Mass at OLHC, Hendra  
5.30pm Mass at St Agatha's, Clayfield
- ◆ **ANNUAL CATHOLIC CAMPAIGN 2023—WEEKEND 19 AND 20 AUGUST**  
The ACC for this year will be held on 19 and 20 August—*Your gift is a blessing to your local community.* Donations also via QR Code below



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## ALPHA

The new Australian version of the Alpha film and discussion series is starting **NEXT Sun 6<sup>th</sup> August from 11am at the Mother of Mercy Parish Centre, 9 Bowman St, Hendra.**  
RSVP: [hendra@bne.catholic.net.au](mailto:hendra@bne.catholic.net.au) (or 3268 3040)

We share hospitality, watch a video or 2, and discuss in small groups & we hope that you will join us.

[alpha\\_walkthrough\\_video\\_84\\_sec\\_Life\\_Faith\\_Meaning\\_Food\\_vid\\_disc.mp4](#)  
For more information please go to: [www.alpha.org.au/try](http://www.alpha.org.au/try)

**Alpha is for anyone, anywhere, to freely explore their unique questions about life, faith and God.  
Who will you invite?**

## 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)



## Cathedral of St Stephen Guides and Welcomers Celebrating 25 years on 27 August 2023

The Cathedral Guides and Welcomers will celebrate their 25th Anniversary on 27 August this year and all current and former Guides and Welcomers are invited to join the festivities.

We will mark the occasion on Sunday, 27 August with Mass in the Cathedral at 10am, followed by a function in The Hanly Room in the Francis Rush Centre.

If you would like to celebrate with us on 27 August, and rekindle old friendships and memories with former Guide and Welcomers, please let us know via email, by Monday 21 August to:  
[cathedralguidesandwelcomers@gmail.com](mailto:cathedralguidesandwelcomers@gmail.com)



## 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 **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. Please note there is no requirement to have attended Module 1 to be able to attend Module 2...all interested persons most welcome!**

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](http://www.catholicformation.au)  
**If you might be interested in joining a group booking which would attract a discount price, please contact the Parish Office.**

## WOMEN'S RETREAT

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

**Date:** 6pm Friday 8 September– 1pm Sunday 10 September

**Location:** Santa Teresa Spirituality Centre ([267 Wellington St, 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](mailto:formation@bne.catholic.net.au)

## 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  
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## 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 come along to join us! The Birthday Book is at the Coffee Spot in the Parish Centre Courtyard.

## NEWS FROM OUR PARISH SCHOOL

**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.



Warm regards, **Adam Bennie** Principal

*Observe in Faith, Reflect with Courage, Improve through Action*

# MENS BBQ

## DETAILS

**WHEN:** 6PM, SATURDAY  
16TH SEPTEMBER  
BBQ FROM 6PM  
GUEST SPEAKER FROM 7PM

**COST:** \$10 CASH TO COVER  
FOOD & DRINK  
[BYO ALCOHOL]

**WHERE:** OLHC PARISH  
CENTRE  
(9 BOWMAN ST  
HENDRA)

**RSVP:** WED 13TH SEPT.  
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## Peter Kearney Concert Reflection

**SIGNS of HOPE—People of Faith**  
**Songs & Stories**

**Songs linked by stories and reflections about people whose faithful lives have brought compassion, hope and justice into our world.**

Thursday 3rd August 6.30pm  
St Paschal's Catholic Church  
30 Warraba Ave, Wavell Heights  
**Donations 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.  
Tickets available .....see QR code.



## NEXT WEEK'S READINGS

6 AUGUST 2023

### THE TRANSFIGURATION OF THE LORD (F)

First Reading: Dan 7:9-10, 13-14

Second Reading: 2 Pet 1:16-19

Gospel: Mt 17:1-9



## Commemoration of Saints

Mon 31 July St Ignatius of Loyola, *priest* **MEMORIAL**  
Tues 1 Aug St Alphonsus Mary de Liguori, *bishop, doctor* **MEMORIAL**  
Wed 2 St Eusebius of Vercelli, *bishop* and St Peter Julian Eymard, *priest*  
Thur 3 St Dominic, *priest* **MEMORIAL**  
Fri 4 Saint John Vianney, *priest* **MEMORIAL**  
Sat 29 The Dedication of the Basilica of Saint Mary  
Saturday Mass of the Blessed Virgin Mary **PRAY FOR US.....**



## WE PRAY FOR....



**The Recently Deceased:** Mirjana Andrijich  
Fay Yvonne Ford

**Anniversaries:** Leonard Carl Bechtel, Ronald William Conquest

**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.

## 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



## 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:** Finding our vocation in life is like finding a buried treasure. We will do whatever we have to, to be able to possess it. Finding the treasure is a gift, possessing it is our vocation.



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](mailto: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](mailto: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 Jaynes	Lorelei Gozzard
6 August	Mary Nicholls, Roselyn Rayappan	Barbara Nelson

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