



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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Workplace Health & Safety Officer: TBA

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Weekend Masses: See listing on back page

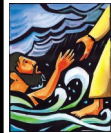
Weekday Mass: Friday 9:00am St John's, Northgate

Reconciliation/Confession: By appointment

What's happening in the Parish this week?

Sunday 13 to Saturday 19 August 2023

- Sun 9:30am Children's Liturgy of the Word (OLHC)**
Morning tea after Mass (Parish Centre Courtyard)
11.00am **Alpha 2** session (Parish Centre)
- Tue 8.45am Feast of the Assumption Mass (OLHC)**
1:00-2:30pm Parish Prayer Engine (OLHC)
- Thu 6.00pm OLHC - Family Workshop 1 - First Eucharist (Parish Centre)**
- Fri 9:00am Mass at St John's, Northgate**
- Sat Adoration of Blessed Sacrament 6am-5pm (OLHC)**
10.00am **OLHC - Family Workshop 1 - First Eucharist (Parish Centre)**



NINETEENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME (YEAR A)

13 AUGUST 2023



Ten things you might not know about Mary



Mary MacKillop was an educator, a pioneer and a leader, someone who had compassion for others regardless of their situation or race.

Galvanised by her belief in the value of education as the foundation for a fulfilling life, Mary's motto was 'never see a need without doing something about it'. This led her to minister in many different ways to those who were poor and pushed to the margins. Formerly Mary MacKillop International, the Mary MacKillop Foundation and the Josephite Foundation, we are committed to continuing the works of the Sisters of Saint Joseph, with the utmost respect for our great past and we look to the future for transformation and change, in the spirit of Saint Mary MacKillop. Guided by the Gospel, we stand with the poor and the marginalised so they can realise their potential and participate fully in the community. Through access to education and learning of practical life skills, we seek to transform lives. Did you know some of these details about Mary's life, which reinforce her strength of character? <https://www.marymackilloptoday.org.au/ten-things-about-mary/>

1. Her parents were Scottish immigrants who settled in Melbourne and Mary was born there on 15 January, 1842. Money worries were part of Mary's life and the 'boom and bust' gold days saw the MacKillops suffer continual financial instability.
2. From her teens to mid-twenties Mary supported the family, working in a stationery business and then as a school teacher and governess, before taking the first of many courageous steps in her life at the age of 24.
3. Mary wanted to serve the poor, particularly educating the children who lived in the bush. She opened a school in a stable on 19 March 1866, wearing a simple black dress as a sign of a radical life change. The first school set the pattern for many to come – it was for the children of the working class, providing a basic but thorough education, aiming to make children independent, employable and well-grounded.
4. Other young women joined Mary MacKillop and worked to establish places of refuge and rehabilitation for people in need, as well as the schools. Mary developed a Rule for the Sisters of St Joseph, as they became known, dedicated to meeting the material and spiritual needs of struggling people.
5. Mary MacKillop had a radical vision of the way the Order of the Sisters should be structured – she didn't want the Order to be subject to direction by the Bishops of particular dioceses, and every Sister was to help with the work, regardless of background.
6. In response to Mary's stand on the structure of the Order of the Sisters of Saint Joseph, Mary came into direct conflict with the Bishop of Adelaide. She was excommunicated on 22 September 1871, which was technically removed on 23 February 1872, although conflict around the principle of the matter continued.
7. Mary decided to take her cause to the Pope in Rome – the highest authority in the Catholic Church. Aged just 31 and as a professed Sister of St Joseph, Mary went to Rome dressed as a widow, and gained an audience with Pope Pius IX and a hearing from the Vatican authorities, receiving approval of her Rule within a year.
8. Returning to Australia, Mary went to Queensland establishing schools and communities but her troubles were not over. Mary was deposed as Superior General in 1885 on technical grounds but was later re-elected by the Sisters.
9. Mary MacKillop's attitude was always of forgiveness and respect. Her many letters are evidence of her vision, courage and leadership.
10. After suffering a stroke, Mary lived at North Sydney in Alma Cottage, her health deteriorating but her keen mind alert to the end. Mary died peacefully on 8 August 1909.

Parish Messages.....

♦ CHILDREN'S LITURGY OF THE WORD THIS SUNDAY

13 AUGUST: All children are most warmly welcome!!



♦ 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



2023 ANNUAL
CATHOLIC CAMPAIGN
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ALPHA Come and try an Alpha Session this Sunday at 11.00am!



The new Australian version of the Alpha film and discussion series is running on **Sundays from 11am at the Mother of Mercy Parish Centre, 9 Bowman St, Hendra.**

RSVP: 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.

For more information please go to: www.alpha.org.au/try

Alpha is for anyone, anywhere, to freely explore their unique questions about life, faith and God.

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 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.**



Xavier School of Preaching: Thursday 24 August – Saturday 26 August

The Xavier School of Preaching seeks to raise up a new generation of preachers - men and women - within life and mission of the Catholic Church.

The Xavier School of Preaching will be delivered by the Xavier Centre for Theological Formation, in partnership with Evangelisation Brisbane.

If you are interested in attending this 3-day School of Preaching, please collect a brochure at the front of the Church.

Where: Xavier Hall, Holy Spirit Seminary, Banyo

Cost \$250 per person
\$125 concession rate



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.olaparishchermerside.org.au



Parish Birthdays

Have you entered your birthday in our Parish Birthday Book?

Each last Sunday of the month, we celebrate the birthdays of our Parish family members with a Birthday cake after the 9.30am Mass at Hendra. The next celebration is on **Sunday 27 August**, so please come along to join us! The Birthday Book is at the Coffee Spot in the Parish Centre Courtyard—please add your name!



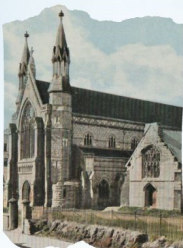
Celebrating 150 years of Weddings at The Cathedral of St Stephen

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: todd@bne.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@bne.catholic.net.au
3324 3030



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

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

NEWS FROM OUR PARISH SCHOOL

QCMF

On Friday 18th August our Middle Years students will be representing our school at the Queensland Catholic Schools and Colleges Music Festival at Villanova College.



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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NEXT WEEK'S READINGS

20 AUGUST 2023

TWENTIETH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME (Year A)

First Reading: Is 56:1, 6-7

Second Reading: Rom 11:13-15, 29-32

Gospel: Mt 15:21-28



Commemoration of Saints

Mon 14 St Maximilian Mary Kolbe, *priest, martyr* **MEMORIAL**
Tues 15 The Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary **SOLEMNITY**
Wed 16 St Stephen of Hungary
Sat 19 St John Eudes, *priest*
Saturday Mass of the Blessed Virgin Mary



PRAY FOR US....

WE PRAY FOR....



The Recently Deceased: Peter Brewer, Joan Murphy

Anniversaries: Mrs Antonangeli, Bobbie Tynan, Helen Margaret Mayes, Vincent Hayes, Maria Guerreri

The Sick: 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, June Thompson, Jan O'Donoghue, Peta Ziegenfusz and Andrew Price

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.

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: Why is it that we lack real trust when the Lord calls us? We think we may drown, or must give up too much, or fear failure. These attitudes can help to strengthen our faith in the Lord.

To talk to someone about your vocation, please make contact with Vocation Brisbane: 1300 133 544
vocation@bne.catholic.net.au vocationbrisbane.com



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



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: 0481 307821
Email: qldbookings@wwme.org.au www.wwme.org.au

Items for inclusion in this Newsletter

Please email or write out to: hendra@bne.catholic.net.au

Cut Off Deadline - 1:00pm Tuesday.

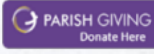
DONATIONS TO THE PARISH: We very much appreciate your continued financial assistance and donations to the Parish are most warmly welcomed. This can be best achieved by direct debit to the following account:

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
20 August	Paul McLean	Kate McLean
27 August	Andrew and Ambrose Devereux	Pat Shine

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