



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

What's happening in the Parish this week?

Sunday 20 to Saturday 26 August 2023

- Sun** Morning tea after Mass (Parish Centre Courtyard)
11.00am **Alpha 2** session (Parish Centre)
- Tue** 1:00-2:30pm Parish Prayer Engine (OLHC)
- Thu** 6.00pm OLHC - Family Workshop 2 - First Eucharist (Parish Centre)
- Fri** 9:00am Mass at St John's, Northgate
- Sat** Adoration of Blessed Sacrament 6am-5pm (OLHC)
7.30am Men's Bible Study Group (Parish Centre)
10.00am OLHC - Family Workshop 2 - First Eucharist (Parish Centre)



TWENTIETH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME (YEAR A) 20 AUGUST 2023

20-8-23 – 20th Sun in Ord Time

Hi everyone,

A reminder this weekend is the **Catholic campaign**, so bring back your envelopes filled in and place them on the Collection baskets at this weekend Masses. Thank you in advance for your generosity.

This **Tuesday evening**, the children at **St Agatha's** preparing for **Confirmation** with be confirmed by Bishop Tim Norton.

The children at **OLHC** will be starting their first **Family Workshops** for the **Sacrament of Eucharist**. Keep all these children and families in your prayers.

I'll be away this weekend, so please welcome **Fr John Gillen and Fr Chris Hanlon** to our Masses.

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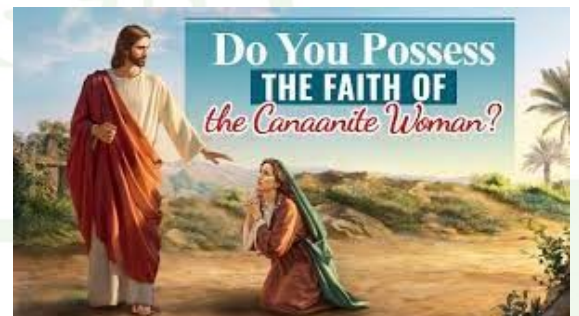
The readings for the 20th Sunday in Ordinary Time underscore the themes of inclusion and faith in the context of God's plan for salvation. In Isaiah 56:1, 6-7, we're reminded that God's salvation is not limited to a particular group; it's extended to all who seek Him and hold fast to His covenant. This message resonates with the psalmist's call

in Psalm 67:2-3, 5, 6, 8, for God's blessings to be made known to all nations. In Romans 11:13-15, 29-32, we encounter the mystery of God's plan to include both Jews and Gentiles in His redemptive work. Despite human failings, God's mercy extends to all, and the passage emphasizes the unfathomable depth of His wisdom and knowledge.

The Gospel passage, Matthew 15:21-28, presents the story of the Canaanite woman whose persistent faith led to the healing of her daughter. This narrative showcases the power of unwavering faith, even in the face of challenges and cultural boundaries. The woman's interaction with Jesus demonstrates that genuine faith transcends societal norms and expectations, and it touches the heart of God.

What is a pagan in today's world? Is it someone who doesn't believe in God? Is it a non-practicing Catholic or someone who doesn't go to church and worships? In a world that is busier, do we box people into categories? Do we lament that families and young people are not present in our churches? How are we, the church, welcoming all to receive salvation from God? Do we talk to people about our faith and belief in a real and living God (Father, Son and the Holy Spirit)? Do we sit there quietly afraid or not equipped to tell people about our Triune God? Let's be encouraged by the Canaanite Woman to reach out to everyone we know no matter what their class, colour, race, lifestyle and speak and act boldly as Catholics around our Catholic faith. Despite being a pagan she conversed with Jesus and challenged him and his followers that all deserved to be saved including her daughter. Are we convicted enough in our belief of God to tell all. Do we sit on the fence and be silent? Or do we stand for God and initiate these important conversations? Of course if it is too difficult to have a conversation, pray for them!!

Blessings Fr Nev





Your gift today is a blessing to your local community

The face of the Church can seem ordinary enough, as can the face of each of us. But if we open the door of faith and allow God's mercy to flow through us into the lives of those in need, people will see in the Church and in each of us the face of Christ himself. May God, who is the giver of all gifts, bless you in every way.



catholiccampaign.com.au

Parish Messages.....

- ◆ **ANNUAL CATHOLIC CAMPAIGN 2023—THIS WEEKEND 19 AND 20 AUGUST:** Donation envelopes are available at all churches this weekend or use the QR code in the notice above. *Your gift is a blessing to your local community.*
- ◆ **WELCOME AND THANKS FR CHRIS HANLON:** This weekend we warmly welcome and thank Fr Chris Hanlon who will be celebrating the 5.00pm and 9.30am Masses in the Parish with us.
- ◆ **REQUEST FROM M.O.M COMMUNITY LIFE TEAM:** Our hospitality team have asked if parishioners could save rice pods from rice cup kits and drop them into the Parish Office and/or Parish Centre kitchen area. These are a great help in preparing jelly / treat cups for children for morning teas after Mass and special events.



RECEIVED INTO FULL INITIATION—NAIYA SMITH

Naiya Smith will be received into Full Initiation (Baptism, Confirmation, Holy Communion) into the Catholic Church next **Sunday 27 August at the 5.30pm Mass at St Agatha's**. Naiya has been warmly welcomed attendee at both OLHC and St Agatha's during her time of preparation. Please join Naiya and her family and friends on this wonderful occasion.

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 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!



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.**



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 might join us, particularly if you have previously participated but missed a session. We'll be discussing Episodes 3 "Why did Jesus die?" & 4 "How can I have faith?" this Sunday 20/8 & Episodes 5 "Why and How Do I Pray?" & 6 "Why and how should I read the Bible?"

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. Who will you invite?



In this 150th year of the Cathedral of St Stephen Archbishop Mark Coleridge invites couples together with family and friends

Golden Wedding Anniversary Mass

Saturday, 30th September 2023

Mass at 11:30am

followed by refreshments on the Cathedral grounds.

Other couples married at the Cathedral or Chapel, are also invited to attend with family and friends to celebrate 150 years of weddings at the Cathedral.



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

If you have photos or stories to share of your wedding at the Cathedral, please contact David Todd. email: todd@bne.catholic.net.au telephone: 3324 3030 by 1st September 2023



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.



NEWS FROM OUR PARISH SCHOOL

QCMF

On Friday 18th August our Middle Years students represented 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
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RSVP: WED 13TH SEPT.
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NEXT WEEK'S READINGS

27 AUGUST 2023

TWENTY-FIRST SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME (Year A)

First Reading: Is 22:19-23

Second Reading: Rom 11:33-36

Gospel: Mt 16:13-20



Commemoration of Saints

Mon 21 St Pius X, *pope* **MEMORIAL**
Tues 22 Queenship of The Blessed Virgin Mary **MEMORIAL**
Wed 23 St Rose of Lima, *virgin*
Thur 24 St Bartholomew, *apostle* **MEMORIAL**
Fri 25 St Joseph Calasanz, *priest* and St Louis
Sat 26 Saturday Mass of the Blessed Virgin Mary

PRAY FOR US.....

MEMORIAL



WE PRAY FOR....



The Recently Deceased: Peter Brewer, Joan Murphy

Anniversaries: Neville James Rashford, Elsa Quilim Hodgkinson, Maurice Joseph Conquest

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, Andrew Price and Angela.

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



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



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: It is so easy to push people out of our lives. But the Lord knows no boundaries, races, or colours. Spread the Good News that we are all God's people.



To talk to someone about your vocation, please make contact with Vocation Brisbane: 1300 133 544

vocation@bne.catholic.net.au vocationbrisbane.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: 0481307821
Email: qldbookings@wwme.org.au www.wwme.org.au



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.

Items for inclusion in this Newsletter

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

Cut Off Deadline - 1:00pm Tuesday.

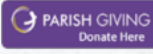
DONATIONS TO THE PARISH: We very much appreciate your continued financial assistance and donations to the Parish are most warmly welcomed. This can be best achieved by direct debit to the following account:

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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