



# 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 27 to Saturday 2 September 2023

- Sun** Morning tea after Mass (Parish Centre Courtyard)  
11.00am **Alpha 2** session (Parish Centre)
- Tue** **Funeral of Caterina Curcuruto (St Cecilia's)**  
1:00-2:30pm Parish Prayer Engine (OLHC)
- Fri** 9:00am Mass at St John's, Northgate  
**Funeral of Kenneth Lee (OLHC)**
- Sat** Adoration of Blessed Sacrament 6am-5pm (OLHC)  
7.30am Men's Bible Study Group (Parish Centre)  
1.30pm OLHC—First Eucharist Retreat



*Have a great week ahead*



## TWENTY-FIRST SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME (YEAR A) 27 AUGUST 2023

27-8-23 – 21<sup>st</sup> Sun in Ord Time

**Hi all,**

This week I just started the school of Preaching course at ACU.

We had a very engaging introductory talk by the Archbishop about Scripture and subsequently how each of us can preach better in our various contexts – parish, schools, diocese, community.

He was saying that we must be first open to the reality of the world. That God is communicating continuously with us. All we need to do is tune ourselves to hear God speaking to us through our prayer and reading the Word. He quoted a former Anglican Bishop – “*today's society is dangerously bored*”. He was saying that people are so distracted that their personal world view is getting smaller and smaller. In regards to preaching, the role of the preacher is to make the world bigger for the listener. Their job is to encourage, invite and challenge the listener that God is indeed present in the world and whether I am truly listening to His voice or someone else's. The preacher is like a travel guide pointing out things that the person has seen previously but just not been aware of.

Just as God created light from the darkness, as preachers, our job is to enlighten the minds of all of those who sit in darkness and chaos. It's through the preacher's words that we create new worlds. As listeners we all need worlds of possibility. It is so important that we listen to the Word and allow it to speak to us. Learning to hear as Elijah calls it 1 Kings 19 – *the voice of a thin silence*.

If we can learn to understand the gaps and silences of the Bible, we will be better equipped to understand the gaps and silences of the world. A good question he posed to us is are we journeying with God or are we wandering aimlessly? Do I have a purpose?

**Theme: Acknowledging God's Authority and Wisdom**

The readings for the 21st Sunday in Ordinary Time prompt us to reflect on the themes of God's authority, wisdom, and the role of faith in recognizing His plan for our lives.

In the first reading from Isaiah 22:19-23, the appointment of Eliakim as steward in the king's household serves as a metaphor for the authority God bestows upon those He chooses. Just as Eliakim was entrusted with responsibility, we are reminded of the importance of stewarding our lives in alignment with God's will, recognizing the roles of leadership and service He might call us to.

The responsorial psalm, Psalm 138, expresses gratitude for God's constant care and unfailing love. It's a reminder that our lives are anchored in His faithfulness, and our response should be one of humble acknowledgment of His goodness.

Romans 11:33-36 delves into the depth of God's wisdom and knowledge, beyond human comprehension. The passage leads us to a place of awe and humility, recognizing that God's ways are beyond our full understanding. This reflection on God's boundless wisdom invites us to trust His plans even when they don't align with our expectations.

In the Gospel passage, Matthew 16:13-20, Peter's confession of Jesus as the Christ is a pivotal moment. Jesus affirms Peter's insight and names him as the rock upon which He will build His Church. This exchange emphasizes the importance of acknowledging Jesus' divinity and the foundation of the Church on faith.

Collectively, these readings encourage us to surrender to God's authority, recognizing His wisdom and plans even when they seem mysterious or challenging. They invite us to respond with gratitude for His love and to embrace our roles as stewards of His grace in the world. Just as Peter's confession marked a turning point in the disciples' journey, these readings inspire us to anchor our faith in Christ and actively contribute to the growth of His kingdom through our words and actions.

**Blessings Fr Nev**



## Parish Messages.....

- ◆ **RECEIVED INTO FULL INITIATION—NAIYA SMITH—CONGRATULATIONS:** We warmly congratulate Naiya Smith who will be received into Full Initiation (Baptism, Confirmation, Holy Communion) into the Catholic Church this **Sunday 27 August at the 5.30pm Mass at St Agatha's.** God's blessings to you Naiya!
- ◆ **ANNUAL CATHOLIC CAMPAIGN 2023—FOLLOW UP WEEKEND:** Your further donations are most welcome...please place envelopes on the collection plate or mail as indicated. **Your gift is a blessing to your local community.**
- ◆ **REQUEST ASSISTANCE—FIRST HOLY COMMUNION CELEBRATION—after 9.30am Mass—SUNDAY 10 SEPTEMBER:** Our hospitality team would be grateful if parishioners could bring a plate of food to share with our First Communion families on this day. Offerings can be left at the Parish Centre Coffee Stop from 8.00am on the morning. Anyone who would like to help with hospitality would be most welcome. Please advise the Parish Office or Coffee Stop.



### Receiving Holy Communion from the Cup Trial of changes to parish practice

A significant number of our parishioners have expressed a desire to receive Communion under the form of both bread and wine, but are hesitant about drinking from the Cup because of the potential for viral infection.

In order to accommodate as many of our parishioners as possible, we will now change on a trial basis to the alternative of INTINCTION so that all are able to receive the Lord's Body and Blood under both kinds in a safe manner. This will be for a trial period only at OLHC, Hendra. The alternatives are these:

- Receiving the Host in the hand.
- Receiving the Host and dipping this Host into the chalice.

For the safety of all, drinking directly from the Cup will no longer be offered at this point in time.

Thank you for your understanding as we try to navigate these realities while remaining true to sound Eucharistic theology.

### SOCIAL JUSTICE SUNDAY—27 August 2023

In a tradition reaching back to 1940, the Australian Catholic Bishops release major social justice statements each year in time for Social Justice Sunday. Through this tradition they contribute to the development of local Catholic Social Teaching. The statements encourage the Catholic community to reflect and act on social, economic and ecological issues. They remind us of the social dimension of the mission of the Church.

#### Social Justice Statement 2023-24

**Listen, Learn, Love – A New Engagement with Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Peoples**

*"We, Australia's Bishops, invite members of the Church to walk with Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander peoples in this year of great possibility."*

Australia's Bishops have released their 2023-2024 Social Justice Statement - Listen, Learn, Love: A New Engagement with Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Peoples.

This year, the Bishops invite the National Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Catholic Council (NATSICC) to speak directly to us all. The Bishops call on us to begin a new engagement with Australia's First Peoples grounded in love and humility. It is their hope that we can build a civilisation of love through this new engagement.

Access the statement at: <https://bit.ly/SJS2023-24>

**A hard copy is available for viewing at the Parish Office.**

### Parish Birthdays celebration

**This Sunday—27 August after the 9.30am Mass in the Parish Centre Courtyard...all welcome!**



## 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](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 might join us, particularly if you have previously participated but missed a session.** This Sunday 27/8 we'll be discussing Episodes 5: "Why and How Do I Pray?" & 6: "Why and how should I read the Bible?" and then we'll take a break on Father's Day. Our Holy Spirit retreat afternoon will run from 12pm on Sunday 10/9. All who have joined in the majority of the 1st 6 Episodes either with this or other Alphas would be most welcome to join us on the afternoon of 10/9.

For more information please go to: [www.alpha.org.au/try](http://www.alpha.org.au/try)



## Women of The Way Retreat

*"Open the Eyes  
of My Heart, Lord"*  
Ephesians 1:18

13<sup>th</sup> – 15<sup>th</sup> Oct. 2023



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Contact: Rosa Montegrando 0400 755 516  
Women of The Way: [wowqld@gmail.com](mailto:wowqld@gmail.com)

## RETREAT DAY SATURDAY 7th October (Sponsored by the Knights of the Southern Cross)

An annual retreat day is being held, open to all adults, on Saturday 7th October in Nolan Hall, Leslie St Nundah, adjacent to Corpus Christi Church. Fr. Chris Hanlon will conduct the retreat with the theme the 'Discipleship in Jesus'.

The day begins with morning tea (supplied) at 10am. The first session is from 10.30 until 11.30am followed by Mass at noon. Lunch follows, with the second session from 1.30 until 2.30pm. After summing up and questions the day concludes before 3pm. BYO lunch. Tea and coffee provided.

For info and booking contact John James 0459 950 070, John Carr 07 3266 1119 or Tom Cusack 0419 643 987

## NEWS FROM OUR PARISH SCHOOL

### Father's Day BBQ Breakfast

On Thursday 31 August we will again have our Father's Day BBQ Breakfast from 7:30am, followed by a liturgy prepared by the Early Years classes. Last year was a wonderful morning for the community and I would encourage you to attend if possible.



Warm regards, **Adam Bennie** Principal

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

### 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*)



## HOLY LAND TOUR 2023 (4—20 October 2023)

Accompanied by Fr Paul Chackanikunnel

### Urgent expressions of Interest

An opportunity has arisen to invite parishioners who might be interested in a tour to the Holy Land which is currently in planning in the Rochedale Parish. Fr Paul Chackanikunnel has been asked to assist the Rochedale Parish by accompanying this tour due to the sudden unavailability of the Parish Priest. With apologies for the short notice, Fr Paul is seeking expressions of interest (**by noon this Monday 28 August**) to ascertain any further interested travellers.

The proposed 14 day pilgrimage (4—20 October 2023) will take you to the most significant places of faith providing unforgettable experiences of the Holy Land. Indicative costs: \$9,000.00.

To register your expression of interest or for further details, ie. itinerary, inclusions, travel costs, accommodation etc, please contact Fr Paul on 0428 624 287 or email [chackani@hotmail.com](mailto:chackani@hotmail.com).

2023 TERRACE PAST MOTHERS'  
**Mass and Morning Tea**  
Sunday 10 September | 10.30am – 1pm  
Chapel of the Holy Family  
St Joseph's College, Gregory Terrace  
COST | \$25 (includes morning tea)  
RSVP | via College Events by Friday 1 September  
CONTACT | Mrs Anna Wright | [TLG@Terrace.qld.edu.au](mailto:TLG@Terrace.qld.edu.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: 0481 307821  
Email: [qldbookings@wwme.org.au](mailto:qldbookings@wwme.org.au) [www.wwme.org.au](http://www.wwme.org.au)

## NEXT WEEK'S READINGS

3 SEPTEMBER 2023

TWENTY-SECOND SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME (Year A)

First Reading: Jer 20:7-9

Second Reading: Rom 12:1-2

Gospel: Mt 16:21-27



### Commemoration of Saints

Mon 28 St Augustine, bishop, doctor **MEMORIAL**

Tues 29 The Passion of Saint John the Baptist, martyr **MEMORIAL**

Fri 1 Sept **SPRING EMBER DAY** (*Ember Days mark the beginning of each of the four seasons. These are special days of prayer and penance, focussing on the environment, the seasons and God's providence.*)

Sat 2 Saturday Mass of the Blessed Virgin Mary



## WE PRAY FOR....



**The Recently Deceased:** Caterina Curcuruto, Kenneth Lee

**Anniversaries:** John Burton (Jack) Dearlove, Gerda Janssen, Owen O'Donoghue, Mary Overell, Erin Mary Lyons, Margaret Bechtel, Edward Vincent Brasch, Ronald Andrew, Gladys Vera Andrews, Norma Sullivan

**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 Krista.

## MYSTERY & MISSION

### Art of Liturgical Celebration

28-30 September 2023

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### 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:** Many of us fear people in authority as authority can be used rightly or wrongly. As Christians, we are called to see power as service. We shall all be judged on love.



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

[vocation@bne.catholic.net.au](mailto:vocation@bne.catholic.net.au) [vocationbrisbane.com](http://vocationbrisbane.com)



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](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
27 August	Andrew and Ambrose Devereux	Pat Shine
3 September	Trish Dunn and Roselyn Rayappan	Volunteer

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