



# 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 17 to Saturday 23 September 2023

**Sun** Morning tea after Mass (Parish Centre Courtyard)

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

**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)



*Have a great week ahead*



## TWENTY-FOURTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME (YEAR A) 17 SEPTEMBER 2023

17-9-23 – 24<sup>th</sup> Sun in Ord Time

**Hi all,**

We had a wonderful celebration of **31 kids** for **First Holy Communion** at OLHC. Thank you Teresa for preparing these children and all your work as Sacramental Co-ordinator for the last 5 years at the parish. Thank you parents for all your efforts and formation with your children.



Just a reminder of the **Archbishop's pastoral letter re: the Voice to Parliament**. It is on our Mother of Mercy website under **News & Events** and **Parish Calendar**. [https://www.motherofmercyparish.org.au/uploads/1/3/2/7/132788216/nl2023\\_0910referendum.pdf](https://www.motherofmercyparish.org.au/uploads/1/3/2/7/132788216/nl2023_0910referendum.pdf)

EB has also produced a resource around the Uluru Statement of the Heart.

**Uluru Statement from the Heart Discussion Series**

We also had a wonderful RCIA reunion dinner on Thurs night. We had people who have been baptised Catholic in the last month to 2 years. Thanks to Kate, Lorelei and Joe for their work in this important ministry!!



In October we are studying the **Gospel of Mark** for next year's Sunday Gospel's. Every **Wed** in **Oct 4, 11, 18** and the **25<sup>th</sup>** at **9:30am** and a repeat session at **7pm** @ the Parish Centre at OLHC, Hendra.

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You might not know that **St Agatha is the patron saint for Breast Cancer**. So on **Oct 8<sup>th</sup>** - Mass, Morning tea and talk by Dr David Schlect, **Oct 15<sup>th</sup>** - Memorial mass for Pregnancy Loss and Miscarriages and the **Oct 22<sup>nd</sup>** - BBQ and Fundraising.

Please join us as a community in promoting awareness, providing financial and spiritual support. Check out the ad in the newsletter.

**Blessings Fr Nev**

## Parish Messages.....

**Saturday 16 September**  
**Fr Nev's Birthday**  
**Blessings and many happy returns!!**

- ◆ **Sacramental Journey News:** Last Sunday, 31 children received their first Holy Communion in a joy-filled celebration at OLHC Church. It was wonderful to see a packed church and the children all dressed in their Sunday best to receive their final sacrament of initiation into the Catholic Church. Special thanks to all those involved in helping make the celebration so successful, especially the musicians and choir, hospitality volunteers, and all those who helped set up the church and make the celebration run smoothly. Please keep these children and their families in your prayers as they continue their journeys of faith. May they always stay close to Jesus in the Eucharist. God bless, Teresa|Sacramental Coordinator
- ◆ **World Day of Migrants and Refugees—NEXT SUNDAY 24 SEPTEMBER:** As part of celebrating World Day of Migrants and Refugees, and the diversity and vibrancy of Catholic faith traditions, MOM parish invites all on **Sunday 24th September**, to come in their cultural dress and bring a plate of traditional food to share after Mass.

**Why was the Gospel according to Mark written? When? Where? For whom?**

**What picture of Jesus do we encounter in Mark?**

**How did Mark's community receive this Gospel?**

**How do we read Mark today?**

**Join us each Wed in October in the Parish Centre @ 9.30am or 7pm to find out!**



## 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)

**FUEL UP! (STEAK & SALAD)**  
**FANTASTIC COMPANY!**  
**FABULOUS SPEAKER!**



**DADS - BRING YOUR SONS!**



**JOEL PERKINS: 0438 241 524**  
**BILL NOTT: 0418 183 400**

## 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

**Join us this Sunday 17 September**

Sessions currently run from 11am - 1pm at the Mother of Mercy Parish Centre, 9 Bowman St, Hendra. All welcome. This Sunday 17/9 we will be viewing and discussing episodes titled "How does God guide us?" and "Does God heal today?" and on Sunday 1/10 we will conclude this series with "How can I resist evil?" and "Why and how should I tell others?"

**Note: we'll take a break on Sunday 24 September**

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

Contact: [hendra@bne.catholic.net.au](mailto:hendra@bne.catholic.net.au) (or 3268 3040)



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](mailto: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: [toddd@bne.catholic.net.au](mailto:toddd@bne.catholic.net.au)  
telephone: 3324 3030  
by 1st September 2023

## AGEING WISELY—SEMINAR

The **Archdiocese of Brisbane's free Ageing Wisely seminar** provides advice and information on a range of pertinent matters, as a service to older parishioners. The seminar will feature professional guest speakers and a range of information sessions on estate planning and legal advice, retirement planning and financial advice, charitable gifts in Wills and perpetual endowments, funeral planning and in-home community support services.

**Please join us Date: Tuesday, 26th September Time: 9:30am - 1:30pm**  
**Venue:** Sandgate Brighton Parish Hall 108, Brighton Road, Sandgate 4017  
*Morning tea and lunch will be provided free of charge*

**PLEASE SEE FLYERS AT CHURCH DOORS FOR AGENDA/PROGRAM**

## NEWS FROM OUR PARISH SCHOOL

Thank you all for another fantastic term. Enjoy the holidays and we look forward to seeing you for an action-packed Term 4 commencing on Tuesday 3 October.

Warm regards, **Adam Bennie** Principal

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



Save the Date

## OCTOBER IS THINK PINK MONTH AT ST AGATHA'S, CLAYFIELD

ST AGATHA, PATRON OF BREAST CANCER PATIENTS, PRAY FOR US!

For information call Parish Office 3262 2859. Stay tuned for more information on our 'St Agatha's Catholic Parish Clayfield' Facebook or our weekly newsletter available from clayfieldparish.org.au

### Think Pink Family Mass Sunday October 8th 8:00am

First Sunday in Term 4!  
It's Mass- made for children!  
Second Sunday of the month during school terms

Would your child like to have a role/reading? Roles are open to all children! Please email Sandy: cantaruffisabne.catholic.net.au



JOIN US AFTER FAMILY MASS FOR... **THINK PINK LONGEST MORNING TEA**

**MORNING TEA FROM 9:00AM**  
FEATURING GUEST SPEAKER  
**DR DAVID SCHLECT, ONCOLOGIST**  
REGISTRATION REQUIRED

**GOLD COIN ENTRY PER HEAD**

LOCATION: ST AGATHA'S PRIMARY SCHOOL APAC CENTRE

STAY TUNED FOR HOW TO REGISTER A SPOT

FUNDS GO TO THE MCGRATH FOUNDATION.

SUPERVISED KIDS CORNER (FROM 5 YEARS OLD, REGISTRATION REQUIRED!)

SUNDAY 15TH OCTOBER 8:00AM MASS

PREGNANT LOSS, MISCARRIAGE AND INFANT LOSS MEMORIAL



October is Pregnancy and Infant Loss Awareness Month

MAIN FUNDRAISER

ST AGATHA'S PARISH, CLAYFIELD

## THINK PINK CELEBRATION

SUNDAY OCTOBER 22ND, 2023

8:00AM MASS THEN SAUSAGE SIZZLE TO FOLLOW FROM 9:15AM AT ST AGATHA'S PRIMARY SCHOOL PRESENTATION CENTRE



FUNDRAISING FOR THE MCGRATH FOUNDATION

ALL INVITED TO WEAR PINK

STAY TUNED FOR HOW TO PURCHASE TICKETS

SAUSAGE SIZZLE  
COLD DRINKS  
BAKED TREATS  
RAFFLE  
KIDS GARDEN GAMES

ANY DONATIONS FOR OUR RAFFLE/FOOD, PLEASE CONTACT THE PARISH OFFICE PH 3262 2859

### 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 this **Sunday 24 September**, so please come along to join us! The Birthday Book is at the Coffee Spot in the Parish Centre Courtyard—please add your name!



### 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](http://www.wwme.org.au)

### NEXT WEEK'S READINGS

24 SEPTEMBER 2023

TWENTY-FIFTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME (Year A)

First Reading: Is 55:6-9

Second Reading: Phil 1:20-24, 27

Gospel: Mt 20:1-16



### Commemoration of Saints

Tues 19 St Januarius, bishop, martyr

Wed 20 Sts Andrew Kim Taegon, Paul Chong Hasang and companions  
**MEMORIAL**

Thur 21 St Matthew, apostle, evangelist **FEAST**

Sat 23 St Pius of Pietrelcina, priest **MEMORIAL**

PRAY FOR US....



### WE PRAY FOR....



The Recently Deceased: Nil

**Anniversaries:** Mary Adams, Paul Richard Pawlowski, Mary Bridget "Maureen" Byrne, Mary Elizabeth Kelly, Maureen Ann O'Connor, Dr Bernard Raymond Mason

**The Sick:** Stan Janssen, 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

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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:** "Forgive us our trespasses as we forgive those who trespass against us." Make a stand for mercy, empathy, forgiveness, and selflessness!



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)



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

Watson Park  
Convention Centre  
Dakabin, QLD 4503

Contact: Rosa Montegrando 0400 755 516  
Women of The Way: [wowqld@gmail.com](mailto:wowqld@gmail.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
17 September	Neville Canham	Robyn Jeynes
24 September	Serena Varendorff	Janeen Lamb

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