



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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23 Bowman St, Hendra 4011 **Telephone:** 07 3268 3070

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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 24 to Saturday 30 September 2023

- Sun** Morning tea after Mass (Parish Centre Courtyard) **World Migrant and Refugee Day**
- 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-FIFTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME (YEAR A) 24 SEPTEMBER 2023

24-9-23 -25th Sun in Ord Time

Hi all,

Thanks to all the brothers who met for the Men's BBQ on Sat night and to our guest Rob Falzon for sharing his journey of faith. Another great night of inspiration!! Next **Men's BBQ is 4th Nov, 6pm at OLHC** with **Bishop Tim Norton**.



Congrats to Chinonso Njoku who was confirmed on Sunday morning and his family. His parents are Godson and Ijeoma and his siblings Chidubem and Chioma.



Thank you to everyone who celebrated my birthday in some shape or form last week too!! I had 9 celebrations and 5 cakes last week. Luckily I didn't have to eat all those cakes!! I felt very loved and appreciated!!

++ **Happy World Day of Migrants and Refugees** for this Sunday. Feel free to wear your national dress at Mass. I'll be away this weekend in Melbourne for a Marriage Encounter National Conference.

Blessings

Fr Nev

Parish Messages.....

- ◆ For the information of parishioners, **this Sunday 9.30am Mass at OLHC will be a Liturgy of the Word and Communion Service.**
- ◆ **World Day of Migrants and Refugees—THIS SUNDAY 24 SEPT, 9.30AM MASS—WEAR CULTURAL DRESS:** As part of celebrating World Day of Migrants and Refugees, and the diversity and vibrancy of Catholic faith traditions, MOM parish invites all attending the 9.30am LOW/CS at OLHC on Sunday to come in their cultural dress and bring a plate of traditional food to share after the service.
- ◆ **DATE CLAIMER: VOLUNTEERS GET-TOGETHER (THANK YOU)**
When: 5.00-8.00pm—Friday, 20th October 2023
Where: Parish Centre, Hendra

HOSPITALITY MINISTERS AT MASSES

We are hoping to create a HOSPITALITY MINISTRY for Masses at OLHC.

It is a great Ministry for families, couples, anyone at all - and involves welcoming people at the doors before Mass, handing out the Newsletter, answering any simple questions and just smiling.

Also asking someone there to take up the Gifts of Bread and Wine to Fr or doing it yourselves as part of the Ministry.

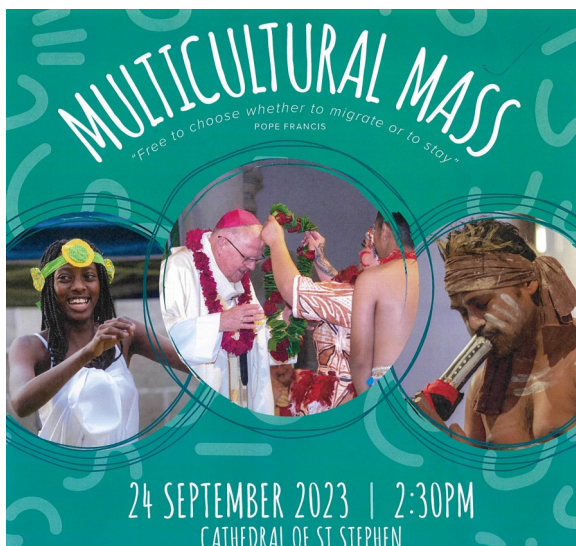
It is a lovely way to be involved as part of the Mass. We did this with our children when they were young - and they loved having something to do that was important to our Community.

If we have enough responses for Saturday night and Sunday morning Mass, it would probably be only once a month or longer. **Please put your name and contact phone number into the HOSPITALITY BOX on the table at the door of the OLHC Church** and we can create a roster to start at Advent. You will receive a roster with dates and contacts so you can swap with someone if you know you can't get there, someone is ill etc.

Thanking you - it is such a blessing being part of such a lovely Parish Community. *Kate McLean*

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!



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

Note: We'll take a break this Sunday 24 September & meet for our final session next Sunday 1 October.

Please note the session on 1 Oct will commence at 10.45am.

Sessions usually run from 11am - 1pm at the Mother of Mercy Parish Centre, 9 Bowman St, Hendra. All welcome.

We're planning for our next Alpha to begin in **May 2024**, probably on Sundays from 11am - 1pm. Please consider inviting yourself and/or someone else.

For more information please go to: www.alpha.org.au/try
Contact: hendra@bne.catholic.net.au (or 3268 3040)

World Day of Migrants and Refugees 2023

Pope Francis has declared that the theme for this Sunday is **"Free to choose whether to migrate or to stay"**. Please see below the ending to the Holy Father's proclamation. A strong message for all to consider.

The synodal path that we have undertaken as a Church leads us to see in those who are most vulnerable – among whom are many migrants and refugees – special companions on our way, to be loved and cared for as brothers and sisters. Only by walking together will we be able to go far and reach the common goal of our journey.

*Rome, Saint John Lateran, 11
May 2023*

FRANCIS

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



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

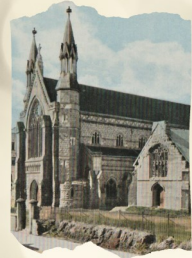
Golden Wedding Anniversary Mass

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: 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

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



Women of The Way Retreat

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

13th - 15th Oct. 2023



Watson Park
Convention Centre
Dakabin, QLD 4503

Contact: Rosa Montegrando 0400 755 516
Women of The Way: wowqld@gmail.com

NEXT WEEK'S READINGS

1 OCTOBER 2023

TWENTY-SIXTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME (Year A)

First Reading: Ezek 18:25-28

Second Reading: Phil 2:1-11

Gospel: Mt 21:28-32



Commemoration of Saints

Tues 26 Sts Cosmas and Damian, *martyrs*

Wed 27 St Vincent de Paul, *priest* **MEMORIAL**

Thur 28 St Wenceslaus, *martyr* and
Sts Lawrence Ruiz and companions, *martyrs*

Fri 29 Sts Michael, Gabriel and Raphael, *archangels* **FEAST**

Sat 30 St Jerome, *priest, doctor* **MEMORIAL**



PRAY FOR US....

WE PRAY FOR....

The Recently Deceased: Nil

Anniversaries: Marie Clare Fisher

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

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: We can never be called "generous". All that we possess we have received from God. It is our vocation to return to God all the talents God has entrusted to us.



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

vocation@bne.catholic.net.au 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

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
24 September	Serena Varendorff	Janeen Lamb
1 October	Trish Dunn and Roselyn Rayappan	Pat Shine and Lorelei Gozzard

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