



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 1 to Saturday 7 October 2023

Sun	Morning tea after Mass (Parish Centre Courtyard) 10.45am ALPHA 2 —Final session for 2023 (Parish Centre)
Tue	9.30am Spirituality Discussion Group (Parish Centre) 1:00-2:30pm Parish Prayer Engine + Benediction (OLHC)
Wed	9.30am Gospel of St Mark Study Group OR repeated session at 7.00pm (Parish Centre)
Fri	9:00am Mass + Adoration (St John's, Northgate)
Sat	6am-5pm Adoration of Blessed Sacrament (OLHC) 7.30am Men's Bible Study Group (Parish Centre)

Have a great week ahead



TWENTY-SIXTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME (YEAR A)

1 OCTOBER 2023

1-10-23 – 26th Sun in Ord Time

Hi all,

Welcome to Oct. Thanks to those celebrated **Migrants and Refugee Day** in the Parish. Thanks Dona for making your Biscotti and Cyril and Shirley made the Paella, meat balls and other goodies at OLHC.



Don't forget at **St Agatha's throughout Oct** we'll be doing all things pink for **Breast Cancer** and celebrating our Feast Day (albeit later in the year). Don't forget the weekend of the 15th we'll be acknowledging the area of **Pregnancy Loss and Miscarriages**. Drop into St Agatha's and write on the **Book of Prayers** at the back of church any prayers or people that have been through any of these issues. At each Mass at St Agatha's we'll be bringing up the Book of Prayers during the offertory. If you can't get to St Agatha's, add your prayers in the white boxes in each of the churches and the **Prayer Engine** will pray for them on Tuesday. See the newsletter and poster's in the Churches for more information.

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There is another letter from the Archdiocese re: Archbishop's statement regarding the Voice to Parliament. See the newsletter.

Here's a Statement from the Catholic Bishops's conference re: Referendum <https://catholicoutlook.org/towards-the-referendum-a-statement-from-australias-catholic-bishops/>

Here's a video from True Cause of Indigenous Disadvantage | Anthony Dillon. <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=bhW8w8LsJgI>

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On another topic for those who have been following the Synod on Synodality.

https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Sixteenth_Ordinary_General_Assembly_of_the_Synod_of_Bishops

<https://www.catholicworldreport.com/2023/09/22/the-sacramental-nature-of-authority-and-the-limits-of-synodality/#sdfootnote33anc>

Finally, I had a restful and fun time in Melbourne at the National Marriage Encounter Conference too. Go the Broncos and Lions during this weekend!!

Blessings

Fr Nev

Parish Messages.....

- ◆ **GOSPEL OF ST MARK STUDY GROUP—COMMENCES THIS WEEK—WEDNESDAY 4 OCTOBER:** A reminder that each Wednesday in October we will be hosting a study group exploring the Gospel of St Mark. Sessions will be held at either **9.30am or 7.00pm commencing this Wed 4 October**. Come and increase your appreciation and knowledge of Mark's picture of Jesus' life and ministry. You might be surprised. (*Adult Formation Team*)
- ◆ **EMAIL BOUNCE BACK/REJECTION OF NEWSLETTER EMAILS:** For the information of parishioners, last week's email send-out of the newsletter received over 60 bounce back/rejection of email messages. The majority of these were from addresses which were from bigpond.com users. It may be that the security/privacy settings have been upgraded for your email provider. You may wish to check your junk mail inbox or contact your provider for clarification. Please don't hesitate to advise the office if you are still not receiving newsletter emails from us.
- ◆ **EUCCHARISTIC MINISTERS—VOLUNTEERS WANTED—SUN 9.30AM MASS, OLHC:** Currently we only have 7 dedicated ladies who provide assistance with Eucharistic Ministry at this Mass. We require 2 ministers at each Mass. It would be great to have more (esp. some gentlemen) to share this important ministry. Please consider whether you can help and make a meaningful contribution to the Mass each week. Please contact the Parish Office and we'll be happy to add you to the roster.
- ◆ **DATE CLAIMER: VOLUNTEERS GET-TOGETHER (THANK YOU)**
When: 5.00-8.00pm—Friday, 20th October 2023
Where: Parish Centre, Hendra

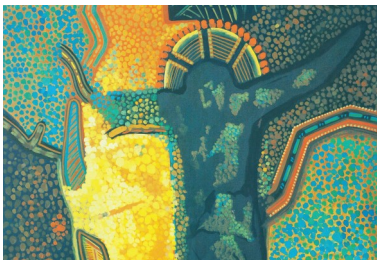
FURTHER MESSAGE FROM ARCHBISHOP MARK REGARDING THE PASTORAL STATEMENT ON THE REFERENDUM

Archbishop Mark absolutely acknowledges that every Catholic should and will come to their own conclusions about their response to social issues such as this one. His statements on matters such as this are made in order to encourage the Catholic community to reflect on the Church's views on specific issues, *not to mandate their response*. The Archbishop fully respects that you will form your own conscience and make your own decision regarding the referendum on The Voice to Parliament.

He urges you to read the information available for both sides of the debate so that you can make your own informed decision on how you might vote in the referendum. You can find resources for both the Yes campaign and the No campaign here:

<https://www.aec.gov.au/referendums/pamphlet.htm>

Additionally you can read what the Australian bishops have said about the Voice to Parliament in a statement in May (<https://bit.ly/BishopsVoice>). The bishops do not encourage people to vote one way or the other, but to inform themselves — including through conversations with First Nations people.



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 **Sunday 29 October**, 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

The **final session** for this series will be from **10.45am - 1pm** at the Mother of Mercy Parish Centre, 9 Bowman St, Hendra **THIS Sunday 1/10**. We will conclude the series by viewing and discussing episodes titled "How can I resist evil?" and "Why and how should I tell others?"

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)

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 Father 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!



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

St Agatha - Patron Saint of Breast Cancer October 2023 Breast Cancer Awareness Month

Sunday 8th October

THINK PINK Morning Tea

after the 8.00am Mass (APAC)

Guest speaker: Dr David Schlect (Oncologist)

Registration for the 8th October event is now open, please click on the following link. PLEASE NOTE: TICKETS ARE LIMITED

<https://app.tickets.org.au/StAgathasParish/ThinkPinkMorningTea>

Sunday 15th October

8.00am Mass will be dedicated to those who have experienced pregnancy loss, miscarriages or the loss of a child.

Sunday 22nd October

St Agatha's Community Celebration "THINK PINK"

at St Agatha's School Presentation Centre
Sausage sizzle | Coffee, tea and drinks

"Best Dressed" Prizes | Games and Face Painting

Registration for the 22nd October event is now open, please click on the following link. PLEASE NOTE: TICKETS ARE LIMITED

<https://app.tickets.org.au/StAgathasParish/ThinkPinkCelebration22Oct>

**ENROLLING NOW
for YEAR 5 in 2024**

INFORMATION SESSION

TUESDAY 10 OCTOBER 6.00PM

A primary school approach with high school opportunities.

More resources. More support. More options.

**REGISTER at
JTA.link/SJCY5**



*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

8 OCTOBER 2023

TWENTY-SEVENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME (Year A)

First Reading: Is 5:1-7

Second Reading: Phil 4:6-9

Gospel: Mt 21:33-43



Commemoration of Saints

Mon 2 The Holy Guardian Angels **MEMORIAL**

Wed 4 St Francis of Assisi **MEMORIAL**

Thur 5 St Faustina Kowalska, *virgin*

Fri 6 St Bruno, *priest*

Sat 7 Our Lady of the Rosary **MEMORIAL**



PRAY FOR US....

WE PRAY FOR....



The Recently Deceased: Nil

Anniversaries: Elwyn Mary Clifford, Catherine "Kit" Murray, Douglas (Doug) Sydney Cowell, Dorothy May Williams, Dorothy Heather Antony, John Tracy Ryall, Julie Ann Stewart, Marie Therese Postle

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, Angela Krista, Delphine Schulz

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

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 cannot act overly proud just because we have responded to God's call. Responding is our duty and source of happiness; serving God with perseverance and happiness fulfils 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
1 October	Trish Dunn and Roselyn Rayappan	Pat Shine and Lorelei Gozzard
8 October	Angela and Ambrose Devereux	Barbara Nelson and Dona Rotolone

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