



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 8 to Saturday 14 October 2023

- Sun **CHILDREN'S LITURGY OF THE WORD** (OLHC)
Morning tea after Mass (Parish Centre Courtyard)
Baptism of Evie McKnight
- 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 (Anointing) Mass (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-SEVENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME (YEAR A) 8 OCTOBER 2023

8-10-23 - 27th Sun in Ord Time.

Hi all,



Just wanted to mention in the Mother of Mercy churches, we have got a specific **Book of Prayer for Breast Cancer, Pregnancy and Infantile Loss and Miscarriages**. Feel free to write your prayers, messages and thoughts regarding these issues. We are aware that these are sensitive issues particularly around pregnancy loss and miscarriage and may have caused trauma. Let's be aware of the anger, grief, envy, and guilt, that many mother's have experienced and continue to carry. Our hope is by acknowledging these experiences and feelings, it may be the beginning towards a journey of healing. Let's try to be aware and supportive of our parishioners during this month.

Here's a website from a lady who's experienced pregnancy loss:

<https://www.daniellerose.org/>

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The first week of our formation into the **Gospel of Mark at OLHC** has started well. We had parishioners from across the NE Deanery join us as well as those locally. **Remember every Wednesday at 9:30am and 7pm at OLHC Parish Centre through October.**

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Last chance to book on for the **WWME Weekend at Santa Teresa Spirituality Centre, Ormiston for the 13th – 15th Oct.** To book go to <https://www.wwme.org.au/dates> and scroll down to Queensland. I'll be presenting on the weekend.

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Finally the **Message Stick for the 150th Anniversary of St. Stephen's Cathedral** is arriving in our Parishes on the 17th and 18th October. I just wanted to say that the Message Stick has no connection to the Referendum. It was one way that the Cathedral thought they could celebrate their sesquicentenary year.

Have a blessed week

Fr Nev

Parish Messages.....

- ◆ **OLHC SCHOOL COLOUR EXPLOSION FUN RUN—SUN 15 OCT**
(See the notice below): Support our Parish Representative – David Minehan: David has generously offered to be a parish representative for the Fun Run. If anyone would like to sponsor David, please come to the Coffee Spot in the Parish Centre Courtyard after Mass this Sunday or contact the Parish Office.
- ◆ **SCHOOL FUN RUN—MOM PARISH COFFEE SHOP SUPPORT:**
Our Sunday morning Coffee Shop will be supporting the school's fundraiser on 15 October by selling \$3.00 barista coffees + cake.
- ◆ **BREAST CANCER, PREGNANCY AND INFANT LOSS REMEMBRANCE BOOK:** On 15th October, it is International Remembrance Day for Pregnancy and Infant Loss. We will pray on that day at Masses for all for whom this day is a remembrance. Each of the churches will have a Breast Cancer, Pregnancy and Infant Loss Remembrance Book available at the entrance doors for anyone who would like to write any entry or remembrance into it.
- ◆ **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.
- ◆ **ACU PUBLIC LECTURE: *Sideway's God: Beyond violence to life in the Spirit*: Wednesday, 11 October, 7-8.30pm, Gaudette Centre, ACU Brisbane Campus.** Lecturer: James Alison, leading Catholic Theologian and author. Please see flyers on the Notice Boards in the churches for further information.

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

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)

An Invitation to.....

A Volunteers' Get -Together (Thank You)

Friday, 20th October 2023

5.00-8.00pm

Parish Centre, Hendra



A gathering with drinks and refreshments for all our volunteers across all MOM churches and members of the Pastoral and Finance Councils to say thank you for all your generous assistance in the Parish.

Please let Monica in the Parish Office know of your attendance for catering purposes.

RSVP Wednesday 18 October

OLHC School Colour Explosion Fun Run—Sun 15 Oct

Get your colour on! OLHC is hosting a Colour Explosion School Fun Run fundraiser!

The Colour Explosion School Fun Run will be on

Sunday, 15 October from 11am to 1pm.

Not only are we hosting an awesome explosion event, but we are also going green! Children will have the choice to plant a tree or coral for every \$20 raised online.

Interested families can set up a cyber-safeonline fundraising profile at www.plantadifference.com.au.

This is an entirely online fundraiser; all cash donations must be converted to online donations. Please note you will need to be registered to participate.

A sausage sizzle and ice cream soft drink spiders will be on sale on the day also. The school warmly welcomes members of our Parish community to join us also.



RETREAT DAY SATURDAY 4th November 2023 (Sponsored by the Knights of the Southern Cross)

An annual retreat day is being held, open to all adults, on Saturday 7th October, 10.30am to 2.30pm 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

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 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!



NEWS FROM OUR PARISH SCHOOL

We look forward to 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>

HEALING THROUGH FORGIVENESS

"Be kind to one another, tender-hearted, forgiving one another as God, In Christ, forgave you." Eph. 4:32

When: Saturday, 11th November, 2023. 9.30am

**Where: Our Lady Help of Christians Church,
9 Bowman Street, Hendra.**

9.30 am – 10.00 am	Welcome and praise and worship
10.00 am – 10.30 am	Morning tea
10.30 am – 11.10am	Talk – Healing through forgiveness
11.10 am - 11.30am	Testimony to the healing power of God
11.30 am – 12.20 pm	Adoration, reflection and healing prayer
12.20 pm – 12.30 pm	Wrap up

PROGRAM

**Morning tea provided
No charge. All offerings are welcome.**

Presented by: The Mission Team of CCR Brisbane
A group of lay people whose mission is to "Foster a personal conversion and relationship with Jesus Christ through the release of the Holy Spirit."

NEXT WEEK'S READINGS

15 OCTOBER 2023

TWENTY-EIGHTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME (Year A)

First Reading: Is 25:6-10

Second Reading: Phil 4:12-14, 19-20

Gospel: Mt 22:1-14



Commemoration of Saints

Mon 9 St John Leonardi, *priest* and Sts Denis and companions, *martyrs*

Wed 11 St John XXIII, *pope*

Sat 7 St Callistus, *pope, martyr*

Saturday Mass of the Blessed Virgin Mary



PRAY FOR US.....

WE PRAY FOR....



The Recently Deceased: Fr Pat Tynan

Anniversaries: Gerard Francis Ziegenfusz, Gloria (Glo) Marshall, Marcel Conescu, Rosario Fazio, Raymond (Ray) Joseph Milnes, Colleen Marie Scott

The Sick: Maria Ward, Stan Janssen, Hodge 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

ITEMS WANTED—OLD/WORN/UNUSED STATUES:

If anyone has old/worn/unused statues, I am happy to collect them. During the floods in Lismore a lot of people lost statues. These will be given to the Carmelite Nuns, Goonellabah, Lismore who will restore/paint them. Contact Annette 0404 247 958.

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: An employer would fire any employee who never does the job properly. God's plan calls us to live our vocation daily in the best way we can.



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
8 October	Angela and Ambrose Devereux	Barbara Nelson and Dona Rotolone
15 October	Neville Canham and Kathleen McClafferty	Louise Nott and Lorelei Gozzard

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