



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



TWENTY-EIGHTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME (YEAR A) 15 OCTOBER 2023

Hi all,

I'm sure we are all exhausted from the Referendum. We also pray for the Israeli and Palestinian war at present. We pray for all those who have been affected, killed, kidnapped and injured in this conflict. We pray that leaders will sue for peace.

We welcome the long awaited Synod on synodality that has commenced and will last until 29th October. It is happening in Rome but thanks to modern technology, we can participate in the Church as Communio Ecclesiarum by our prayers, following the synod sessions and sharing the synod updates with others. It is beautiful to see that the universal church can still gather as a communion, trust the promptings of the Holy Spirit and willing to walk together. Follow and share this link www.vaticannews.va/en/pope/news/2023-10/pope-tosynod-may-christ-lead-the-way.html for synod information.



Photos from the St Agatha's M/tea for Breast Cancer last week at the School APAC.

Thank you to Jane Arkinstall for producing a beautiful picture of St Agatha's

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Finally a call-out to all volunteers at MOM for the Volunteers Get-Together (Thank You) event from 5-8pm on Fri, 20th Oct at OLHC Parish Centre. Pls call the Parish Office to RSVP. See ad in the newsletter.

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All the best with the OLHC School Fund-raiser Colour Run this Sunday.

I'll see you all next week.

Blessing Fr Nev

What's happening in the Parish this week?

Sunday 15 to Saturday 21 October 2023

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| Sun | Morning tea after Mass (Parish Centre Courtyard)
OLHC School Colour Explosion Fun Run (OLHC School and Parish Precinct) |
| Tue | MESSAGE STICK ARRIVES IN THE PARISH
1:00-2:30pm Parish Prayer Engine (OLHC) |
| Wed | 9.30am Gospel of St Mark Study Group
OR repeated session at 7.00pm (Parish Centre) |
| Fri | 9:00am Mass (St John's, Northgate)
5:-00-8.00pm MOM Parish Volunteers Get-Together (Thank You) - (Parish Centre) |
| Sat | 6am-5pm Adoration of Blessed Sacrament (OLHC)
7.30am Men's Bible Study Group (Parish Centre) |

Have a great week ahead.

A Volunteers' Get –Together (Thank You)

Friday, 20th October 2023 5.00-8.00pm

Parish Centre, Hendra

All volunteers are warmly invited to drinks and refreshments to thank you for all your generous assistance in the Parish. RSVP Parish Office by 18 October

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.
- ◆ **CATHOLIC MISSION APPEAL—WORLD MISSION SUNDAY— NEXT WEEKEND 21 AND 22 OCTOBER:** For 2023, Catholic Mission invites us to support the Salesian Sisters and the Church in Venilale, Timor-Leste. The Salesian Sisters run a life-saving clinic in Venilale, but with an increase in the demand for treatment, need assistance to restock with essential health care resources. Envelopes are available in the churches to support this important mission.
- ◆ **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 Pregnancy and Infant Loss Remembrance Book available at the entrance doors for anyone who would like to write any entry or remembrance into it.
- ◆ **BREAST CANCER PRAYER SHEET:** During Breast Cancer Awareness in the month of October, if you would like to have prayers said for yourself or someone you know who has experienced Breast Cancer, please place the name(s) on the prayers sheets in the Church Foyers.
- ◆ **EUCCHARISTIC MINISTERS AND HOSPITALITY MINISTERS— VOLUNTEERS WANTED—SUN 9.30AM MASS, OLHC:** 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.

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.



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.



ST JOHN BOSCO'S RELIC—VISIT TO BRISBANE

The Salesians of St John Bosco are celebrating 100 years since they arrived in Australia to work in the spirit of St Don Bosco.

The Relic is touring Australia to give people the opportunity to pray to St John Bosco in a special way with the relic. Brisbane is its last stop!



Brisbane Program 2023

FRIDAY 13TH - St Stephens Cathedral - **8am to 6pm**

SATURDAY 14TH - Stella Maris, Maroochydore - **9am to 6.30pm**

SUNDAY 15TH - Mary Immaculate, Annerley - **6.30am to 7pm**

MONDAY 16TH - Mary Immaculate, Annerley - **8.30am to 8.30pm**

TUESDAY 17TH - Holy Spirit, Bray Park - **11am to 9pm**

WEDNESDAY 18TH - Little Flower, Kedron - **8am to 7pm**

THURSDAY 19TH - Guardian Angles, Wynnum - **4pm to 7pm**

FRIDAY 20TH - Our Lady of Victories, Bowen Hills - **4pm to 9pm**

SATURDAY 21ST - Our Lady of Victories, Bowen Hills - **6.30am to 10am and 1pm to 3pm**

SUNDAY 22ND - Marian Valley Shrine, Canungra - **9am to 6pm**

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'. 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

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

Welcome back! While term 4 is a busy one, it is also a time to celebrate and reflect on the special memories and learning progress that have been made throughout the year. Some highlights for this term are:



Sunday 15 October Colour Explosion Fun Run 11am-1pm
 Wednesday 25 October Grandparent's Day Assembly 8.30am
 Friday 3 November World Teacher's Day celebrations
 Friday 1 December Last Day of School Mass

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 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

Entry fee: \$6.00 per person

Please click on the link below or scan QR Code.

Please note: Tickets are limited and close on Thursday 19th October



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

DATE CLAIMER: MEN'S PIZZA NIGHT

WHEN: SATURDAY 4TH NOVEMBER 2023

DINNER FROM 6PM

GUEST SPEAKER FROM 7PM

BISHOP TIM NORTON!

WHERE: XAVIER HALL, OLHC PRIMARY SCHOOL
 23 BOWMAN ST, HENDRA

COST: \$10 CASH TO COVER PIZZA AND DRINK
 [BYO ALCOHOL]

RSVP: WEDNESDAY 1ST NOVEMBER
 SMS JOEL PERKINS 0438 241 524
 BILL NOTT 0418 183 400

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.

PROGRAM

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

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

22 OCTOBER 2023

TWENTY-NINTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME (Year A)

First Reading: Is 45:1, 4-6

Second Reading: 1 Thess 1:1-5

Gospel: Mt 22:15-21



Commemoration of Saints

Mon 16 St Hedwig, *religious* and St Margaret Mary Alacoque, *virgin*

Tues 17 St Ignatius of Antioch, *bishop, martyr* MEMORIAL

Wed 18 St Luke, *evangelist* FEAST

Thur 19 St Paul of the Cross, *priest* and Sts Isaac Jogues, John de Brébeuf, and companions, *martyrs*

Sat 21 Saturday Mass of the Blessed Virgin Mary

PRAY FOR US.....



WE PRAY FOR....



The Recently Deceased: Nil

Anniversaries: Rocco Morfea, David Redgrave Lord, Betty Oglivie, Vanessa Colleen Bumstead

The Sick: Maria Ward, 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

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: Once we have been captured by the beauty of God's promised reward, we want to go out into our world and invite others into the heavenly banquet. Who will tell the Good News? Now is a good time to begin.



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
15 October	Neville Canham and Kathleen McClafferty	Louise Nott and Lorelei Gozzard
22 October	Paul McLean and Kathryn Bourke	Kate McLean and Pat Shine

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