



# 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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**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 29 October to Saturday 4 Nov 2023**

**Sun** Morning tea after Mass (Parish Centre Courtyard) **October Birthday Cake!!**

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

**Thur** **ALL SOULS' DAY MASSES** (See Notice→)

**Fri** 9:00am Mass (St John's, Northgate)

**Sat** 6am-5pm Adoration of Blessed Sacrament (OLHC)

7.30am Men's Bible Study Group (Parish Centre)

6.00pm Men's BBQ and Bishop Tim (Parish Centre)

*Have a great week ahead*



## THIRTIETH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME (YEAR A) 29 OCTOBER 2023

### Commentary on the Gospel for the 30th Sunday in Ordinary Time Yr A



In today's gospel reading, we have the profound teaching moment in which Jesus gives us the two greatest commandments. Jesus explained earlier in Matthew's Gospel, 'Do not think that I have come to abolish the law or the prophets. I have come not to abolish but to fulfill' (5:17). With Jesus, therefore, the Old Testament laws were not dismissed but brought to fulfillment. Here Jesus shows us the purpose and ultimate meaning of all those laws: love. In essence, Jesus is saying that if we love, we will keep the law. But what is love? The word 'love' is tossed around so much these days that it has lost much of its intended meaning. In our society, love is too often merely equated with emotion, sentiment, or being nice. But there is much more to love than that. The Christian understanding of love involves giving selflessly to another. Love is relational. If you love someone, it doesn't merely mean you have certain feelings for that person, but that you are willing to sacrifice for their benefit. Love, in fact, is a choice. It is a choice to give freely of yourself for the good of another. With this in mind, let's consider Jesus' words again. Jesus calls us to love God with our 'heart,' 'soul,' and 'mind.' In other words, he wants us to love Him with everything we are. God wants all of us. He invites us to love Him because that is what we have been created for. In fact, a loving relationship with God is what is best for us. And if we truly love God with all that we are, then we will obey His commandments. But part of loving God is also loving others. For we can't love God without also loving those He has created. In fact, often our way of loving God comes through loving our neighbour. Our neighbour, we must remember, also includes our enemies. We are called to work for the good of even those who hate us. In this way, we truly live out the Christian life.

### Taking it Home:

The Christian life can be summarized as 'love God and love others.' It sounds simple enough, but is, in fact, challenging to live out. Our faith life is a journey of learning how to better love God and love others each day. Reflect on the ways you love God and others well in your life. Then, reflect on where you need to love God and love others better. Take action accordingly.

*St Joseph's Catholic Church, Marion, IA*

## All Souls' Day Masses

The Feast of All Souls' is celebrated every year on 2 November. It is a day to pray for the souls of all the faithful departed, especially deceased family members. Mass will be celebrated at **St Agatha's, at 9am on Thursday 2 November**. You are invited to attend Mass and to bring a photo of a loved one to be placed in front of the Altar.



A Mass for All Souls' Day will also be celebrated at **St Cecilia's, Hamilton at 5.30pm on Thursday 2 November**.

## Visit to the Parish of the 150th Anniversary of the Cathedral of St Stephen Message

**Stick:** The Message Stick, an ancient and culturally significant instrument of welcome and acceptance, has been travelling around the Archdiocese of Brisbane. It visited our Parish on 17 and 18 October, present at the Opening and blessing of our school's New Administration Centre and various other gatherings of parishioners during those days.





## Parish Messages.....

- ◆ **WELCOME AND THANKS:** We warmly welcome Fr Pan Jordan who is celebrating this weekend's Masses with us at OLHC, Hendra. We thank him for his kind assistance to Mother of Mercy Parish.
- ◆ **CATHOLIC MISSION APPEAL—DONATIONS WELCOME:** Thank you to all who have already generously supported the Mission appeal held last weekend. There are still envelopes available in the churches to support this important mission. Please take one and consider a donation to this good cause.

## POSITION VACANT—SACRAMENTAL COORDINATOR

Mother of Mercy Parish is looking for a new Sacramental Coordinator. We are seeking an enthusiastic, faithful and committed person to coordinate the sacramental program. This is a casual position (15 hours a week) with flexible hours. The position will be a 12-month contract with the possibility of extension at the end of the contract. Please find more information by clicking on this link - <https://brisbanecatholic.org.au/careers/?ja-job=801592>. Email Teresa at [pmc.hendra@bne.catholic.net.au](mailto:pmc.hendra@bne.catholic.net.au) for more information.

## Parish October Birthdays celebration

This Sunday—29 October after the 9.30am  
Mass in the Parish Centre  
Courtyard...all welcome!



## \*\* MEN'S PIZZA NIGHT \*\*

**WHEN: NEXT 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**

## CONGRATULATIONS—50<sup>TH</sup> WEDDING ANNIVERSARY

The Parish community warmly congratulates **Victor and Beverly D'Souza** who celebrate 50 years of marriage this Saturday 28 October with Mass at Our Lady Help of Christians Church, Hendra. We ask God's abundant blessings on them and their family.

**Congratulations Victor and Beverly!**



## 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.**



## KATIE GAFFNEY—FULL INITIATION INTO THE CATHOLIC FAITH:

Katie was supported by our RCIA team and the parish community and received the sacraments last weekend. **Congratulations Katie!!**



## Half Day Retreat for Married Couples

**"Salt of the Earth, Light of the World" Reignite your Marriage!**

Mother of Mercy Parish welcomes Fr Gregory Woodward LC to preach on the important theme of Marriage and Family. Fr Gregory is originally from Brisbane and currently serves in Cancún, Mexico. He is a priest of the religious congregation of the Legionaries of Christ and was ordained on January 1st 2000 in Rome.

- Sat 11th November 2023 1pm – 430pm (optional 5pm vigil Mass)
- Mother of Mercy Parish Centre, 9 Bowman St, Hendra (Brisbane)
- Preached by Fr Gregory Woodward LC
- "Christian Marriage and Family: Salt of the Earth and Light of the World"
- \$25 per couple includes afternoon tea and babysitting.
- RSVP to Andy & Angela Devereux by 4th November 2023
- 0411 381 473 or 0435 426 388

## SACRED HEART CHURCH, SANDGATE—CHANGE SUNDAY MASS TIME

Sunday evening Mass time at Sacred Heart Church, Sandgate has recently changed to 5.30pm. Parishioners looking for a later weekend Mass option on Sunday evening are very welcome.



We would like to thank you again for your generosity, whether it be a one-off gift or through your commitment as a Mission Partner, through the recent Catholic Mission Appeal.

Your generosity and prayers are supporting life-changing mission programs like the Maria Auxiliadora Clinic in Venilale, Timor-Leste, where they are addressing critical health issues such as tuberculosis, malnutrition and maternal mortality.

To learn more about the impact of your support, visit [catholicmission.org.au/our-work](http://catholicmission.org.au/our-work), where you can also sign-up for our regular newsletter.

If you missed your opportunity to learn about this vital mission program, or want to give a gift in support, please go to [catholicmission.org.au/timor](http://catholicmission.org.au/timor) today.



Freecall: 1800 257 296  
[catholicmission.org.au/timor](http://catholicmission.org.au/timor)

## 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 4th November, 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.

## NEWS FROM OUR PARISH SCHOOL

As we near the end of Week 4, we look forward to World Teacher's Day this Friday 27th October. As a Principal I am extremely proud of the teachers we have at OLHC and deeply value their unwavering commitment to their important work as the teachers of your children.



### Building Opening

Last Tuesday we welcomed BCEO staff, local and state representatives, staff, P&F, and School Board representatives to the official opening of our new office facilities in Lynch Hall. It was wonderful to celebrate this event, in particular welcoming back staff who had worked towards this vision during their time here including Mrs Margaret Tomov, our previous Principal.

### 2024 Staffing

Staffing for 2024 is in progress and it is with mixed emotions that we farewell members of our teaching staff. **Michelle Gavin** has accepted a position at St Oliver Plunkett Cannon Hill and in exchange, we will welcome **Courtney Hill** to OLHC. As previously announced to prep Green parents, **Monica Pascoe** is excitedly expecting the birth of her first child in the new year and **Kym Prentice** has made the decision to seek teaching roles closer to home.

We look forward to welcoming back **Natalie Acton** and **Carlie Dole** and we are currently confirming further teaching appointments. When that is completed, we will be able to announce teacher/class placements for 2024 with student class allocations coming soon after.

### 2024 classes

As we move into 2024 I am excited that approximately 30% of our year 4 students are staying here at OLHC for Years 5 and 6. This is fantastic news for us after farewelling 90% in 2022 and 100% in 2023. Next year there will be a Year 4/5 class and we anticipate returning to a 5/6 class in 2025.

### Grandparent's Day

It was wonderful to welcome so many grandparents to OLHC on Wednesday morning for Grandparent's Day. We are fortunate to have many grandparents involved in the daily and weekly routines for families in our school. Thank you to those who were able to attend and many thanks to Mrs Waters for leading our liturgy this morning. Thanks also to Parish volunteers for serving tea, coffee and morning tea to our guests.

### P&F

Well done to all involved in the Colour Run earlier this term. Not only was it an incredibly fun morning, but to see over \$6000 raised is a super effort for our little school. Well done OLHC! A huge thank you to the P&F and other volunteers for preparations and contributions on the day.

### School Board

At the end of the year, we will farewell some members of our school board who are stepping down after serving our community in a variety of roles and moving on with their youngest children finishing at OLHC. Thank you to **Erin McMillan**, **Jules Gibbons**, **Jane Marmotta**, and **Vinnie O'Rourke** for your pastoral advice since my arrival.

Warm regards, **Adam Bennie** Principal

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

## HEALING THROUGH FORGIVENESS

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

**When: Saturday, 11<sup>th</sup> November, 2023. 9.30am**

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

**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

5 NOVEMBER 2023

THIRTY-FIRST SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME (Year A)

First Reading: Mal 1:14 - 2:2, 8-10

Second Reading: 1 Thess 2:7-9, 13

Gospel: Mt 23:1-12



### Commemoration of Saints November 2023

Wed 1 ALL SAINTS SOLEMNITY

Thur 2 ALL SOULS' DAY—The Commemoration of All the Faithful Departed

Fri 3 St Martin de Porres, *religious*

Sat 4 St Charles Borromeo, *bishop*  
MEMORIAL

PRAY FOR US.....



WE PRAY FOR....



**The Recently Deceased:** Nil

**Anniversaries:** Patricia Barbara Latimer, Ann Maree Potts

**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:** We must stop just putting band-aids on the wounds of society. We must tell the world that we are God's people. God loves us, and we were created to serve God and others in God.



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)



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
29 October	George, Clara & Sylvie Shillington	Barbara Nelson and Louise Nott
5 November	Mary Nichols and Roselyn Rayappan	Lorelei Gozzard and Kate McLean

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