



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 5 to Saturday 11 November 2023

Sun Morning tea after Mass (Parish Centre Courtyard)

Baptism of Elio White

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

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

Sat **No usual Adoration of Blessed Sacrament**

7.30am Men's Bible Study Group (PC)

9.00am-12.30pm **Healing through Forgiveness + Adoration at 11.30am** (OLHC +Parish Centre)

1.00-4.00pm **Retreat for Married Couples with Fr Gregory Woodward LC** (Parish Centre)

Have a great week ahead



THIRTY-FIRST SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME (YEAR A) 5 NOVEMBER 2023



Thoughts for the 31st Sunday in Ordinary Time Year A Authentic Faith and Sincere Relationships

The passage from 1 Thessalonians 2:7b-9, 13, which is the second reading for the 31st Sunday in Ordinary Time Year A, underscores the profound impact of sincere and caring relationships in spreading the message of faith.

In simple words, it highlights how the apostles, like a mother caring for her children, shared not only the Gospel but also their lives with the Thessalonians. They didn't seek material gain or praise but showed genuine love and concern, becoming a model for others.

The verse also emphasizes that when they received the word, the Thessalonians recognized it as God's message, not just human words. This underscores the transformative power of authentic, heartfelt communication.

In our lives, it's a reminder to share our faith with sincerity, like a mother's love, and to be receptive to God's message, allowing it to deeply affect us. It's about genuine connections and the recognition of divine truth in simple, everyday interactions.

Jesus' Call for Faithful Leadership

Jesus, in his time, was a devout Jew who didn't shy away from addressing concerns with religious leaders, much like Malachi did. He emphasized the importance of faithfulness among these leaders, as their actions could influence others. Leaders must set a positive example and maintain a strong connection with God's love.....

Living Out Our Faith

Living out our faith requires more than just words or rituals. It's about the way we connect with others and lead by example.

In 1 Thessalonians 2:7b-9, we see the apostles' dedication to sharing their faith through loving relationships, akin to a mother's care for her children. This serves as a model for us in how we can convey the message of faith—through genuine, heartfelt connections.

Similarly, Jesus emphasized the importance of faithful leadership and sincerity in religious matters. He urged leaders to avoid hypocrisy and to remain true to their beliefs, setting a genuine example for others.

In essence, the readings for the 31st Sunday in Ordinary Time Year A remind us that faith isn't just a private matter; it's about how we treat others and the authenticity we bring to our relationships. True faith shines through in our actions, care for one another, and our commitment to living by the values we profess.

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NOVEMBER MASSES — BOOK OF REMEMBRANCE

Parishioners are invited to write the names of their dearly departed family and friends in the **Books of Remembrance** found near the altar at each of the churches during the month of November. The names listed will be prayed for at each of the Masses during the month of November.



Parish Messages.....

- ◆ **WELCOME AND THANKS:** We most warmly welcome Fr Tom Elich who is celebrating November weekend Masses with us at OLHC, Hendra. We thank him for his kind and generous assistance to Mother of Mercy Parish.
- ◆ **Birthday greetings to Fr James** who celebrated his birthday last weekend on Saturday 28 October. Many thanks to the parish community for his happy celebration after Mass. Fr James was surprised and delighted by your kindness.



** MEN'S PIZZA NIGHT **

WHEN: THIS 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**

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 for more information.

Baptism of Tom Burrows: On 21 October, during the 4.30pm Mass at St Cecilia's, Hamilton Tom Burrows was baptised by Fr James O'Donoghue. Warm congratulations and God's blessings to the Burrows family.



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 26 November**, 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.



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.**

Morning tea provided

No charge. All offerings are welcome.

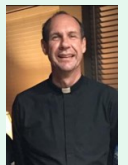
Presented by: The Mission Team of CCR Brisbane
A group of lay people whose mission is to “Foster a personal conversion and relationship with Jesus Christ through the release of the Holy Spirit.”

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 – 4.30pm** (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

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

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.



Highlight dates still to come for this term:

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



CAPPELLA CHORALE PRESENTS

CHRISTMAS CELEBRATION

Join Cappella Chorale for an enchanting evening of choral music to celebrate the festive season.

Date: Wednesday 6th December 2023

Time: 7.00pm - 8.15pm (followed by light refreshments)

Venue: St Flannan's Catholic Church
(194 Handford Rd, Zillmere)

General Admission. Gold coin donation at door.

All funds raised will be donated to St Flannan's Catholic Church.

NEXT WEEK'S READINGS

12 NOVEMBER 2023

THIRTY-SECOND SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME (Year A)

First Reading: Wis 6:12-16

Second Reading: 1 Thess 4:13-18

Gospel: Mt 25:1-13



Commemoration of Saints November 2023

Thur 9 The Dedication of the Lateran Basilica

FEAST

Fri 10 Saint Leo the Great, pope, doctor

MEMORIAL

Sat 11 Saint Martin of Tours, bishop

MEMORIAL



PRAY FOR US....

WE PRAY FOR....



The Recently Deceased: Nil

Anniversaries: Isabel Dpenha, Sidney Dpenha, Joyce Neilson, Laurel Maud Hall, John "Jack" Cannan, Norah Ellen Smith, Desmond James McGee, John Luka Radovic

The Sick: Judy Shaw, 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: "Credibility" becomes a household word, not because there is so much of it, but because there is such a lack of it. The Church also needs people who not only practice what they preach but can also preach what they practice.



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
5 November	Mary Nichols and Roselyn Rayappan	Lorelei Gozzard and Kate McLean
12 November	Serena Varendorff and Bill Nott	Louise Nott and Barbara Nelson

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