



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 12 to Saturday 18 November 2023

Sun 9.30am **CHILDREN'S LITURGY OF THE WORD**

Morning tea after Mass (Parish Centre Courtyard)

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

Fri 9:00am **LOW/CS** (St John's, Northgate)

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

7.30am Men's Bible Study Group (PC)



Have a great week ahead



THIRTY-SECOND SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME (YEAR A) 12 NOVEMBER 2023

Thoughts for the 32nd Sunday in Ordinary Time Year A

The Wisdom of Being Prepared

The common theme from the readings for the 32nd Sunday in Ordinary Time Year A is the importance of wisdom and preparedness in our spiritual lives.

In the first reading, wisdom is described as something that doesn't fade and is found by those who seek it. Being wise in our choices and actions allows us to live a life more aligned with God's will. Wisdom is not just knowledge, but the ability to apply it in a way that brings peace and freedom from worry.

The second reading focuses on the hope we should have regarding the afterlife. It says not to grieve without hope for the departed, for they too will rise again. This is where wisdom comes into play again; a wise person doesn't just focus on the present but prepares for the future, including the afterlife.

In the Gospel, Jesus tells the parable of the ten virgins to emphasize the need to be prepared and vigilant. The wise virgins brought extra oil, symbolizing their readiness to meet God. Like them, we must also prepare for the time when we will meet God, either at the end of our lives or at the Second Coming.

To sum it up, these readings urge us to seek wisdom and be prepared in our spiritual journey. Being wise and prepared helps us live a life in tune with God's plan and assures us a place in the heavenly feast.

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Lest We Forget 11th November



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.

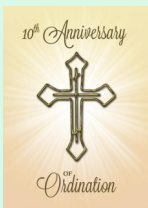


Parish Messages.....

- ◆ **CHILDRENS LITURGY OF THE WORD THIS SUNDAY, 9.30AM at OLHC, Hendra—experience the Sunday Gospel in a fun way!!**
- ◆ **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.

Celebration of Fr Nev's 10th Anniversary of Ordination Sunday 26 November 2023

All are warmly invited to celebrate Fr Nev's 10th anniversary of Ordination with **Mass at 9.30am and a celebration cake in the Parish Courtyard after Mass.** Anyone who would like to stay for lunch with Fr Nev, please place your contact details on the sign up sheets at the church doors for catering purposes.



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.

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."

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

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.**



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God is there, not up in orbit, but right next to you, because God's way is closeness, compassion and tenderness... God is with each one of those in prison, with any person who goes through difficulty.

POPE FRANCIS

**PRISON SUNDAY 2023
NOVEMBER 12**

catholic.au/s/article/Prison-Sunday



The Australian Catholic Bishop's Conference is proposing to instigate the observance of Prison Sunday into the church calendar from 2024.

St Agatha's Catholic Parish
Oriol Road, CLAYFIELD



HOW TO
**HEAR FROM
GOD**

presented by Jo Hayes OSB

TV JOURNALIST +
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**Sunday, 12 November
Following 5.30pm mass**

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 17 November Year 4 celebration

Friday 1 December Last Day of School Mass

Warm regards, **Adam Bennie** Principal

Observe in Faith, Reflect with Courage, Improve through Action



2023 Knox Public Lecture

Tuesday 28th November at 7.30pm
Live videostream via Zoom

"Truth and Peace: Timeless Twins"

Presented by Dr Susan Connelly RSJ

Dr Susan Connelly, a Sister of St Joseph, is an educator and activist who advises the Australian Bishops Commission for Social Justice. She has worked with the East Timorese people for almost 30 years in cultural support and justice advocacy.

Susan is the author of *East Timor, René Girard and Neocolonial Violence: Scapegoating as Australian Policy* (Bloomsbury, 2022) and her current concerns include the Australian espionage against Timor-Leste in 2004, the prosecutions of "Witness K" and Bernard Collaery, and the oppression of the people of West Papua.

Susan will reflect on the critical challenges to truth telling in public life, in the light of Catholic social teaching on justice and peace.

Join us for this important conversation as we mark the 60th anniversary of Pope John XXIII's landmark encyclical on international peace, *Pacem in terris*.



To book scan the QR code or go to
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Communing with the God who Comes to Us

This quiet weekend is an opportunity to reflect upon the God who constantly chooses to come to us in loving relationship.

Hosted and Facilitated by: Grace Harwood of Dragonfly Ministries

When: Friday 15 Dec 2023 at 6pm – Sunday 17 Dec 2023 at 3pm **OR**

Friday 12 January 2024 at 6pm – Sunday 14 January 2024 at 3pm

Where: Santa Teresa Spirituality Centre, Wellington Street, Ormiston

Cost: \$400 (\$380 for concessions) includes all accommodation, meals (an additional fee for complex special diets), resources, spiritual direction and facilitation.

To register or enquire: grace@dragonflyministries.net.au or **0409 524 283**

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!



NEXT WEEK'S READINGS

19 NOVEMBER 2023

THIRTY-THIRD SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME (Year A)

First Reading: Prov 31:10-13, 19-20, 30-31

Second Reading: 1 Thess 5:1-6

Gospel: Mt 25:14-30



Commemoration of Saints November 2023

Wed 15 St Albert the Great, *bishop, doctor*

Thu 16 St Gertrude, *virgin*

St Margaret of Scotland

Fri 17 St Elizabeth of Hungary, *religious*

MEMORIAL

Sat 18 Dedication of the Basilicas of Saint Peter and Paul

Saturday Mass of the Blessed Virgin Mary

PRAY FOR US....



WE PRAY FOR....



The Recently Deceased: Judith Shaw

Anniversaries: Thomas Joseph Robertson, Michele Pierro, Joan Ashton, Sesirita Bishop, Julie Ann Ryan, Cyril Francisco Conanan, Isabel Dpenha, Sidney Dpenha

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.

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 usually put a great amount of preparation into big events like weddings, anniversaries, and parties of all kinds. We should prepare much more for the final banquet in the Kingdom of Heaven!



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
12 November	Serena Varendorff and Bill Nott	Louise Nott and Barbara Nelson
19 November	Andrew and Ambrose Devereux	Kate McLean and Pat Shine

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