



# 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 19 to Saturday 25 November 2023

**Sun** Morning tea after 9.30am Mass (Parish Centre Courtyard)

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

**Fri** 9:00am Mass (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-THIRD SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME (YEAR A) 19 NOVEMBER 2023



### Themes for the 33rd Sunday in Ordinary Time Year A

The readings for the 33rd Sunday in Ordinary Time Year A are a call to do the work of the Kingdom of God with the gifts we have been given. The first reading sings the praises of the worthy wife who uses her talents to labor for good. The psalm tells us that those who follow the Lord are blessed. The second reading reminds us that we are children of light and goodness. And in the gospel Jesus tells the parable of the talents and praises the servants who used their resources wisely.

- **Stewardship:** The passage emphasizes the importance of wisely managing resources or gifts given by God.
- **Accountability:** Each servant in the parable is held accountable for how they use their talents, highlighting the theme of personal responsibility.
- **Risk and Growth:** The servants who invest their talents are taking a risk, suggesting that spiritual growth often involves stepping out of one's comfort zone.
- **Work Ethic:** The servants who double their talents work hard, suggesting the value of effort and diligence in spiritual life.
- **Divine Judgment:** The passage suggests that there will be a time of reckoning where each individual will be judged based on their actions.
- **Inequality:** The talents are distributed unevenly at the start, which may prompt considerations about the spiritual implications of inequality.

In summary, these texts prompt us to maintain a proactive approach to spiritual growth. They caution against getting too comfortable and underscore the importance of continual self-assessment and action. @ 2023 Young Catholics. All rights reserved. [young-catholics.com](http://young-catholics.com)

## Introducing Valentine Ohaneje—Seminarian at Holy Spirit Seminary

### Welcome to Mother of Mercy Parish and St Agatha's Parish

Valentine Ohaneje, a 1<sup>st</sup> year seminarian, will be having a placement with us from the 19<sup>th</sup> November to the 25<sup>th</sup> December this year. Val will be staying at OLHC Presbytery with Fr Nev. Val very much looks forward to his time in our Parishes and provided the following information about his journey to the Seminary thus far....

*Originally, I hail from the Southeast of Nigeria—a predominantly Christian region, mainly Catholic. My boyhood was punctuated with Church activities, from serving at Mass to enrolling into the Minor Seminary. The zeal and desire to become a Catholic priest sustained me till my second year of Theology. At this point, I experienced a turbulence-like vocation crisis that led me to opt out of the Seminary formation. Therefore, I left Nigeria to further my education at the University of the Sunshine Coast. Feeling a sense of emptiness, I desired to return to the seminary—another discernment phase. So, trusting in divine providence, I did the Canali program and joined the Archdiocese early this year.*



A very warm welcome to our Parish communities, Val !!

## 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 Neil Muir who is celebrating this weekend's Masses with us at OLHC, Hendra. We thank him for his kind assistance to Mother of Mercy Parish.
- ◆ **ADVENT & CHRISTMAS REFLECTION BOOKS AVAILABLE:** The Parish has purchased copies of the booklet "*The Sign—Advent and Christmas Daily Reflections 2023*". These are produced by the Catholic Diocese of Wollongong and provide beautiful and thoughtful reflections in this Advent and Christmas season. The booklets are available at the church doors. A \$5.00 donation would be welcomed and donation boxes are placed nearby.

### 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.



# ADVENT ADVENTURES

Primary- Aged Holiday Program  
Tuesday 19th December, 2023

\$12 PER CHILD  
TICKETS LIMITED

**Time:** Dropoff from 8:30am, 9:00am start - pickup at 4:00pm  
**Place:** Mother of Mercy Parish Centre, Hendra.  
Sausage sizzle lunch provided.

Online ticket purchase essential.  
Scan code or go to:

<https://app.tickets.org.au/StAgathasParish/AdventAdventuresatHendra2023>



## DATE CLAIMER: Men's Event – Chicken and Salad Dinner

**Time:** Saturday 9<sup>th</sup> of Dec 2023 starting 6pm.  
**Venue:** MOM Parish Centre, Bowman St, Hendra.  
**Speaker:** **Fr Nev Yun**. We will gather to celebrate Fr Nev's 10 yrs as a Priest and to hear his story.  
**Contacts:** Joel Perkins 0438 241 524 - Bill Nott 0418 183 400



## COMMUNITY EVENT

### JUMBLE SALE AND MORNING TEA

Thursday 23 November 2023

9.00am to 1.00pm

St John's Hall, 688 Nudgee Rd, Northgate

Contact: Robyn 0413 662 609



## Journey of Devotion

Barcelona—Lourdes—Loyola—Fatima—Lisbon  
4—14 March 2024

Led by Fr Joseph Kanatt, Parish Priest, Sandgate Brighton Parish

For further information, please see the brochures containing the itinerary placed at the doors of the churches or contact:

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## 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.



## The Catholic leader—Subscription Only

As you may already know, the Catholic Leader will no longer be sending out bulk deliveries to parishes, and will stop production of their digital online editions from the end of the year. Their new subscription-only model means they will be able to print their newspaper with less excess and streamline delivery so readers will receive the newspaper straight to their door. The Catholic Leader is always full of local and global Church news, and well worth reading. **If you would like to receive them, we have subscription envelopes at the back of the church or you can call their office on 07 3324 3555 or go online on [catholicleader.com.au/subscribe](http://catholicleader.com.au/subscribe).** (Every new subscription will go into a draw for a chance to win from a range of weekly prizes like movie tickets, books and restaurant vouchers.)

## ENCOUNTER YOUTH NIGHT – FRI DAY 24 NOVEMBER

Join us and other youth groups for an Encounter Night at Kedron parish hosted by Encounter Youth. The night includes dinner, games, dance party, input and praise. Open to all high school students.

**Details: Fri 24 Nov, 5.00-8.00pm, Little Flower Church Kedron.**

Tickets are \$10 and includes dinner. Registration required at <https://bncatholic.ucareapp.com/events/602/booknow> or scan the QR code. Contact Amy Dewanto for more details, [dewantoa@bne.catholic.net.au](mailto:dewantoa@bne.catholic.net.au) 07 3324 3440



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## INVITATION TO WITNESSES OF FAITH TOUR THIS NOVEMBER

ACN (Aid to the Church in Need) will be touring around Australia & NZ with International Guests for our 2023 Witnesses of Faith Tour. The guests include: His Beatitude, Patriarch Joseph Absi of the Melkite Greek Catholic Church - Patriarch of Antioch, Alexandria, Jerusalem, and all the East Mr Xavier Stephen Bisits, ACN Head of Projects, Lebanon, Syria and Egypt Sr Majella Dogonyaro OP, Dominican Sister, Northern Nigeria. The event will be held in **Brisbane on Friday 24<sup>th</sup> of November, 6.30pm - 8.30pm at the Australian Catholic University, Banyo Campus.** Find out more and or register your interest at [www.aidtochurch.org/2023-tour](http://www.aidtochurch.org/2023-tour)

## Service of Solidarity with Gaza and the Holy Land

In a time of deep sorrow and anguish for us all, we look for hope and healing. Let us come together in love, prayer and support. Let us acknowledge the reality that impacts us all as we share messages of hope. The Australian Catholic Bishops have said: *'Peace can come only from justice. We call people of faith to pray with us for a lasting peace and the triumph of human dignity.'* **Please join us: Monday 27 November 4:30 to 5:00 pm AEDT** Everyone is welcome. Please register in advance for this webinar: [https://caritas.zoom.us/webinar/register/WN\\_DWj-zzzhRoGN8QOifg61Zg](https://caritas.zoom.us/webinar/register/WN_DWj-zzzhRoGN8QOifg61Zg) After registering, you will receive a confirmation email containing information about joining the webinar.

## 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.



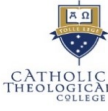
Highlight dates still to come for this term:

**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 28<sup>th</sup> 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 [trybooking.com/CMYVM](https://trybooking.com/CMYVM)

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## NEXT WEEK’S READINGS

26 NOVEMBER 2023

OUR LORD JESUS CHRIST, KING OF THE UNIVERSE (S)

First Reading: Ezek 34:11-12, 15-17

Second Reading: 1 Cor 15:20-26, 28

Gospel: Mt 25:31-46



### Commemoration of Saints November 2023

Tues 21 Presentation of The Blessed Virgin Mary **MEMORIAL**

Wed 22 St Cecilia, virgin, martyr **MEMORIAL**

Thu 23 St Clement I, pope, martyr  
St Columban, abbot

Fri 24 Saints Andrew Dung Lac and companions, martyrs **MEMORIAL**

Sat 25 St Catherine of Alexandria, virgin, martyr

Saturday Mass of the Blessed Virgin Mary



## WE PRAY FOR....



**The Recently Deceased:** Nil

**Anniversaries:** Joyce Ethel Rodgers, Christene Helen Stapleton, Venera Greco, 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:** Don’t just bury your talents. Dream your best dream about your life and then live it to the full. God calls you to live in happiness.



To talk to someone about your vocation, please make contact with Vocation Brisbane: 1300 133 544

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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.

## ADVENT VESPERS

First Solemn Vespers for Advent with readings and music

*Come Lord Do Not Delay: Isaiah 40:4*

Sung by: Cathedral Schola

Director of Music: Christopher Trikils

2ND DECEMBER 2023 | 5:00PM  
FREE ADMISSION | ALL WELCOME

### 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!





**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
19 November	Andrew and Ambrose Devereux	Kate McLean and Pat Shine
26 November	Robyn Jeynes	Barbara Nelson and Louise Nott

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