



# 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 26 Nov to Saturday 2 Dec 2023**

- Sun** **Celebration Mass for Fr Nev's 10th Anniversary of Ordination and morning tea and cake after Mass (Parish Centre Courtyard)**
- Tue** 9.30am Spirituality Discussion Group (Christmas break up) (Parish Centre)  
1:00-2:30pm Parish Prayer Engine (OLHC)
- Wed** 29 November—Fr Nev's 10th Anniversary of priestly Ordination
- Fri** 9:00am Mass (St John's, Northgate)  
10.45am End of Year Mass—OLHC School
- Sat** 6am-5pm Adoration of Blessed Sacrament (OLHC)  
7.30am Men's Bible Study Group (PC)  
**Baptism of Oscar, Ethan and Sienna D'Alessio**  
**Baptism of Jessie Coyle**



## OUR LORD JESUS CHRIST, KING OF THE UNIVERSE (S) 26 NOVEMBER 2023

*A very warm welcome back from leave Fr Nev!!  
Every blessing and congratulations as you celebrate the 10th Anniversary  
of your priestly Ordination this Wednesday 29 November.*



### Reflection - The Feast of Christ the King Sr. Maria Ukamaka Clare Okeke

On this last Sunday of the liturgical year, we celebrate the solemnity of Christ the King. In a world filled with various forms and types of leadership and authority, we look to Jesus as our true king, the one who reigns with love, compassion, and selflessness.

The gospel passage from Matthew 25 presents a powerful image of Christ as the ultimate king and judge. He separates the sheep from the goats, not based on their wealth, status, or achievements, but on their acts of love and mercy. The king we honor is one who identifies himself with the hungry, thirsty, stranger, naked, sick, and imprisoned. He calls us to recognize his presence in the least of our brothers and sisters.

Ezekiel's prophecy paints a picture of God as the good shepherd, caring for God's flock. This passage reminds us that our king is not distant or indifferent but deeply involved in our lives. God seeks out the lost, binds up the injured, and strengthens the weak. Our shepherd-king knows each one of us by name and desires that none of us should be lost.

So, to you  
Christians  
I repeat  
His name,  
to everyone,  
I proclaim  
Him,  
Jesus Christ  
is  
the beginning  
and the end,  
the Alpha  
and the Omega.  
He is the king  
of the new world.  
He is the  
secret  
of history.  
He is the  
key  
to our destiny.



St Pope Paul VI  
(1897-1978)

As we reflect on these readings, we are challenged to examine our lives. Do we recognize Christ as our king and allow him to reign in our hearts? Do we follow his example of humble service and selflessness in our leadership roles, whether in our families, communities, or workplaces?

In a world that often values power, wealth, and success, Christ's kingship stands in stark contrast. He reigns not by force but by love. He leads not with arrogance but with humility. He serves not for personal gain but for the well-being of others. This is the kind of leadership that our world desperately needs.

As we honor Christ the King, let us surrender our lives to His loving rule. Let us allow Him to be the King of our hearts, guiding us in acts of kindness, compassion, and love. Let us be a community that serves the least among us, recognizing the presence of our King in their faces.

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### FAREWELL AND THANK YOU—TERESA GITTINS AND ERIN MCMILLAN

*This week the Parish farewells two wonderful staff members who have given so generously and beautifully in their roles as Sacramental Co-Ordinator (Teresa) and Parish Secretary (Erin). We thank them most sincerely for the way they have contributed to the life of our parish and wish them and their families every blessing for the future. Thank you Teresa and Erin!!*



## Parish Messages.....

### ◆ CELEBRATION MASS AND MORNING TEA FOR FR NEV:

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.



### ◆ SVDP Christmas Appeal Weekend – 2-3 December 2023:

The Hendra St Vincent De Paul Branch is commencing its Christmas Appeal. At present with the escalating costs of living and rising interest rates and rents, there is an increased demand for emergency relief. Please give generously to the **Vinnies Christmas Appeal being held weekend of 2-3 December at all of our churches**, so that the Branch can continue to provide critical support to those who request assistance. **Appeal envelopes can be found on the pews.**

### ◆ Giving Tree 2023—Hendra Branch St Vincent De Paul:

Parishioners are invited to donate to our Christmas Giving Tree. The tree will be in the church from the weekend of 2-3 December. Grocery items to support hampers being prepared by St Vincent de Paul can be placed under the tree in the Churches and your generosity is very much appreciated.



**Items needed:** tinned vegetables and fruit, tinned ham, plum pudding, long life custard, jellies, nuts, sweets—all the usual Christmas fare that you would have at your own home. Other items would be those that you might need to put together a meal for yourself over the holidays as well as items for washing, cleaning, soaps, shampoos. **Please NO TOYS**—the parents will attend to the Santa wish for their children but this may leave them very low!  
**Thank you for your support!**

### ◆ 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.

### ◆ BOOKS OF REMEMBRANCE: LAST WEEKEND!

The names listed in these books will be prayed for at each of the Masses during the month of November.

### 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



# ADVENT ADVENTURES

**Primary- Aged Holiday Program  
Tuesday 19th December, 2023**

**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>



## 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.**



### ◆ Adult Faith @ Hendra

Next week, we will conclude our monthly Gospel Reflection gatherings. We meet the first Tuesday of every month from Lent to Advent and look at the readings for the next Sunday.

We share, pray together and learn so much more about our faith. Some have been coming since we began in Lent 2012—and just skipped COVID lockdown!

You are welcome to join us in 2024 and attendance at each month is not compulsory—we all have busy lives but learn so much from each other.

**Thank you all—Kate McLean**



### 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



### Aid to the church in need (ACN) Christmas Catalogues and prayer cards

Aid to the church in need (ACN) Christmas Catalogues and prayer cards are available at the doors to the church. In the light of the unfolding situation in Israel and Palestine, ACN has produced 1.5 million prayer cards for distribution in Australia and NZ. The single most effective response we Christians have is prayer. The Catholic Shop Christmas Catalogues are also available. Please take one.

### 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 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

3 DECEMBER 2023

FIRST SUNDAY OF ADVENT

First Reading: Is 63:16-17; 64:1,3-8

Second Reading: 1 Cor 1:3-9

Gospel: Mk 13:33-37



## Commemoration of Saints November / December 2023

Thu 30 St Andrew, apostle FEAST

Sat 2 Saturday Mass of the Blessed Virgin Mary

PRAY FOR US.....



## WE PRAY FOR....



**The Recently Deceased:** Nil

**Anniversaries:** Lawrence Conanan, Carmel Bernice Holt, Monica Ormiston Nugent, 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:** The Church year ends today. We can proclaim Christ as King because we sense our vocation as being members of Christ’s Royal Family, called to serve God and one another.



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.

## 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 Trikili

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
26 November	Robyn Jeynes and volunteer	Barbara Nelson and Louise Nott
3 December	Trish Dunn and Kathleen McClafferty	Lorelei Gozzard and Pat Shine

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