



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 3 to Saturday 9 Dec 2023

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

Baptism of Kamira and Avi Furnivall

Tue Funeral of Ken Williams (OLHC)

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

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

7.30am Men's Bible Study Group (PC)

Baptism of Montgomery and Harrison Rogers

Baptism of Thomas Purcell



FIRST SUNDAY OF ADVENT 3 DECEMBER 2023

3-12-23 – 1st Sun of Advent

Hi everyone,

This week check out in the newsletter the Advent/ Christmas Mass Times specifically for Mother of Mercy Parish (Hendra, Hamilton and Northgate Churches only).



Here's some pics from this week.

Blessings Fr Nev

Parish Messages.....

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



Please give generously to the **Vinnies Christmas Appeal** being held **THIS weekend 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 this weekend. 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. **Thank you for your support!**



◆ PRAYER ENGINE CHRISTMAS RECESS:

The Prayer Engine will be on recess for the holidays from Tues 5 December 2023, resuming Tuesday 30 January 2024.

◆ WORLD DAY OF PRAYER 2024:

Preparations are underway for the World Day of Prayer, held in March 2024. The country being prayed for this year is Palestine. If anyone is interested in assisting our current Parish Representative in this role, please contact the Parish Office.

◆ 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.

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

Time: Saturday 9th 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.

\$12 PER CHILD
TICKETS LIMITED

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! **The Prayer Engine will be on recess for the holidays from Tues 5 December 2023 resuming Tues 30 January 2024.**

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.



4th Sunday of Advent and Christmas Masses 2023

4th Sunday of Advent—Saturday 23 December

St Cecilia's, Hamilton 4.30pm - Vigil Mass
Our Lady Help of Christians 5.00pm - Vigil Mass



4th Sunday of Advent—Sunday 24 December

St John's, Northgate 7.30am Mass
Our Lady Help of Christians 9.30am Mass

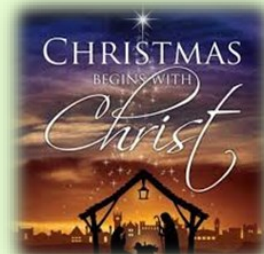
Christmas Vigil Masses—Sunday 24 December

St Cecilia's, Hamilton
4.00pm - Carols and Christmas Vigil Mass
Our Lady Help of Christians
4.00pm - Carols and Christmas Vigil Mass



Christmas Day Masses—Monday 25 December

St John's, Northgate 7.30am Christmas Day Mass
Our Lady Help of Christians 9.30am Christmas Day Mass



NEWS FROM OUR PARISH SCHOOL

As the year comes to an end, we celebrated many exciting community events. This week we acknowledge our volunteers and departing staff members.



This week we also enjoyed the famous OLHC Christmas lunch. Thank you to Mrs Di Cristo and her team of helpers in the tuck shop for facilitating this day. It is a wonderful occasion for all students and staff at the school and we very much look forward to this each year.

We also had our Christmas concert on Thursday morning, and on Friday we welcomed many families to our end of year Mass in the church. Many thanks to Mrs Waters for all her preparations in organising this very special event to close out the 2023 school year.

Every blessing for a wonderful holiday break. May it be filled with fun, festivities and moments that will be treasured in years to come.

Warm regards, **Adam Bennie** Principal

Observe in Faith, Reflect with Courage, Improve through Action

Simbang Gabi 2023, a Filipino tradition of 9 day pre-Christmas celebration in joyful waiting and preparation for Jesus' birth in our hearts, will be on **15 to 23 December 2023 at St. Joseph and St. Anthony's church, 30 Eldorado St. Bracken Ridge.**

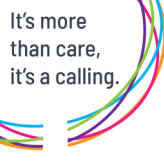
(Sunday to Friday 6:45pm-Rosary; 7:00pm-Carols; 7:30pm-Holy Mass and Saturday 7:15pm-Rosary; 7:30pm-Carols; 8:00pm-Holy Mass).

Further info: Jima 0432374239



Centacare Pastoral Ministries - Volunteer EOI

Expressions of interest are welcomed for those willing to provide pastoral and spiritual care for people living with mental health challenges @ Centacare's Mental Health Hub in Fortitude Valley. If you would like to put your hand up for this ministry work (providing morning tea, companionship, prayer and mass support) alongside an existing team of pastoral carers and have Wednesday morning availability (each week), please contact Judy Norris (Director – Pastoral Ministries) on Ph 3324 3193 for more information.



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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.



Cathedral of St Stephen Advent Concert Series

Dominic Perissinotto (organ) | Sunday 3rd December | 5:00pm

Christopher Trikalis (organ) | Sunday 10th December | 5:00pm

Susan Collins (violin) | Sunday 17th December | 5:00pm



MUSIC AND POETRY
TO CELEBRATE THE ADVENT SEASON

Tickets through www.trybooking.com/CNAC22



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 31 December**, 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

10 DECEMBER 2023

SECOND SUNDAY OF ADVENT

First Reading: Is 40:1-5, 9-11

Second Reading: 2 Pet 3:8-14

Gospel: Mk 1:1-8

Commemoration of Saints December 2023

Mon 4 St John Damascene, *priest, doctor*

Wed 6 St Nicholas, *bishop*

Thu 7 St Ambrose, *bishop, doctor* **MEMORIAL**

Fri 8 THE IMMACULATE CONCEPTION OF THE BLESSED VIRGIN MARY (S)

Sat 9 St Juan Diego Cuauhtlatotzin, *hermit*

PRAY FOR US.....



WE PRAY FOR....



The Recently Deceased: Marie Ann Wall, Ken Williams
Josephine McDonald

Anniversaries: Margaret Mary Ryan, Margaret Elizabeth Plumley, Thelma Constance Manwaring, Helen May Riley, Audrey Catherine Ryan, Antoinette Ira Moss, Daphne Patricia Quirk, Carmel Bernice Holt, Angela Therese Sturges

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, 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: It's Advent, almost Christmas! A Season of dreams comes true. Be on guard. The Lord may call you to follow Him.



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
3 December	Trish Dunn and Kathleen McClafferty	Lorelei Gozzard and Pat Shine
10 December	Angela and Ambrose Devereaux	Kate McLean and Robyn Jeynes

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