



# 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 VISION

*Mother of Mercy Parish is a welcoming, caring and inclusive community which values and promotes faith development and participation for all and affirms the place God has in our lives.*

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**Hours:** Mon, Tues, Wed, Thurs, Fri 9:00am-12noon

**Website:** www.motherofmercyparish.org.au

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◆ **Compliance Officer:** Mrs Kath Shaw

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**Weekend Masses:** See listing of Masses on Page 2

**Weekday Mass:** Friday 9:00am St John's, Northgate

**Reconciliation/Confession:** By appointment



## THE HOLY FAMILY OF JESUS, MARY AND JOSEPH (F) 1 JANUARY 2023

31-12-23 – The Holy Family of Jesus, Mary and Joseph

**Hi all,** Merry Christmas and may the holy days be treating you all well!



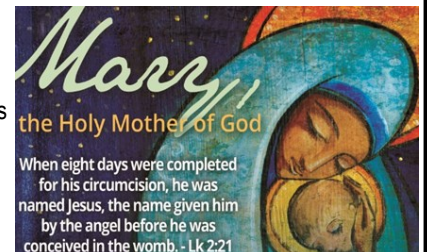
Christmas crept up on us very quickly so I wanted to show you other events we had prior to Christmas including Advent Adventures, Daniel Athanasellis and Melinda Scott's reception into the faith and the last Men's Event of the year.

**Remember these last two weekends I'll be specially exorcising blessed salt after Mass Place your salt and water in containers on the tables at the front of the church.**

Many Catholics attend Mass on New Year's Eve or New Year's Day out of tradition or habit, but not everyone knows why. In reality, the practice is more than a tradition and has nothing to do with the start of the secular New Year.

Every Jan. 1, the Catholic Church celebrates the Solemnity of Mary, Mother of God, a major feast day and a holy day of obligation, which generally means practicing Catholics are required to go to Mass that day or to the vigil Mass the night before. The Church's new year, liturgically speaking, begins with the first Sunday of Advent, so this isn't a celebration of the new year, but of Mary's unique role as the mother of our Lord.

**Blessings and peace in your families for 2024. Fr Nev**



### What's happening in the Parish this week?

#### Sunday 1 to Saturday 7 January

Sun **Baptism of Grace Giang-Russell during 9.30am OLHC Mass**

Morning tea after 9.30am Mass (OLHC)

Tues **Prayer Engine is on recess until 7 Feb 2023**

Wed **Funeral of Nevenka Brailo (St Cecilia's)**

Thur **Funeral for Michael Thomas Kelly (OLHC)**

Fri 9.00am Mass (St Johns, Northgate)

*Have a great week ahead*

*Father Nev, together with Monica and Helen, wishes all of you a safe, happy and blessed New Year.*



The Parish office will be closed from Friday 22 December 2023 to Tuesday 2 January 2024.

## Parish Messages.....

- ◆ **Thank you most sincerely** to everyone who contributed to make our Christmas Masses so meaningful and special. Blessings to all !!
- ◆ The Parish office will be closed from **Friday 22 December 2023** to **Tuesday 2 January 2024**.
- ◆ **PLEASE NOTE:** The Parish Prayer Engine will be having a break over Christmas/New Year and will resume on **Tuesday 30 Jan 2024**.

### Farewell Fr Nev—Sunday 7 January 2024

All parishioners are most warmly invited to morning tea after the **9.30am Mass next Sunday 7 January 2024** to say farewell and thanks to Fr Nev. Please bring a plate to share for our morning tea.



*Beginning a new year with a good guide on our side, the star of Jesus, which shows us safe roads and fills our hearts with His grace. Anonymous*



## NEXT WEEK'S READINGS

7 JANUARY 2024

### THE EPIPHANY OF THE LORD

**First Reading:** Isaiah 60:1-6

**Second Reading:** Ephesians 3:2-3, 5-6

**Gospel:** Matthew 2:1-12



## Commemoration of Saints

- Mon 1 Jan Solemnity OF MARY, THE HOLY MOTHER OF GOD
- Tues 2 Jan Saints Basil the Great and Gregory Nazianzen, *bishops, doctors* **MEMORIAL**
- Wed 3 Jan The Most Holy Name of Jesus
- Sat 6 Jan Epiphany Vigil



**PRAY FOR US.....**

## WE PRAY FOR



**The Recently Deceased:** Michael Thomas Kelly  
Nevenka Brailo

**Anniversaries:** Nathaniel Thomas Scanlan-North, Colin Arthur Dobbie, Alfia Tornabene, Michael James Kelso

**The Sick:** Matthew Hand, 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, 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




**17th January**  
9 am - 5 pm  
Mother of Mercy Parish  
Centre, Hendra

For primary school aged children.  
A day filled with fun, games,  
activities and engaging  
messages and prayer.



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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.

**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.

<http://parishgiving.brisbanecatholic.org.au>



Another way to donate easily is via the **PARISH GIVING APP**

**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

Date—9.30am Mass OLHC	Reader	Eucharistic Minister
31 December	Neville Canham and Kathleen McClafferty	Louise Nott and Barbara Nelson