



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

Parish Pastoral Council: Neville Canham

Parish Finance Council: Max Walters

Safeguarding Children and Vulnerable Adults:

◆ **Compliance Officer:** Mrs Kath Shaw

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PARISH SCHOOL: Our Lady Help of Christians

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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 EPIPHANY OF THE LORD

7 JANUARY 2024

7-1-23 – *The Epiphany of the Lord*

Hi all,

It's my final weekend at the Parishes.

Just like to take this opportunity to acknowledge my time here. It's been quite the journey from starting at Mother of Mercy Parish (Hendra, Hamilton and Northgate) during COVID in April 2020. We started recorded masses and thanks to those people who were game enough to mask up and give me a hand. I was making a lot of phone calls and not seeing a whole lot of people. I remember first seeing OLHC classes on Teams before we finally moved to Zoom and face to face meetings. Just as we were adjusting to the new normal at the back end of 2021 we were thrown another challenge: being given St Agatha's to manage at the start of 2022.

Whether this was a blessing or a curse, it turned out to be a challenging time for all our leaders. Thank you to all those members of the PPC, CMC, PFC, the Strategic Team and Deacon Peter who suffered with myself through a difficult process. We can all acknowledge that this process could have been more collaborative and perhaps better resourced from the Archdiocese. A big thank you to our secretaries Monica and Rosemary who kept a steady supply of priests filling 8 masses a weekend through 2022. A big shout out to all the other staff who have done their ministries well: Helen, Teresa, Erin, Sandy; volunteers Peter Bowden, Mary F and every team we have running in the parishes. Thank you for your support, care and zeal! Thank you to the three schools and OSHC especially Adam, Kym, Anne-Marie, Jake, Erica, Dale and Maree, Taylor and Kathryn. Thank you to all the wonderful teachers, staff and children!

As I said previously in my announcement of reappointment, bar the change management process, I have enjoyed my time at all the communities. I apologise if I did say or did anything publicly or privately that upset or challenged people. At the end of the day, we are all humans trying our best to work through things including myself. Thank you to every person I have met, ministered to and been ministered by. I wish everyone the best for 2024 and may the Holy Spirit lead the parishes and parishioners to where they need to go under the care of Fr Michael.

Thank you for all your well wishes, cards, hugs and gifts. These are much appreciated and will be cherished.

Our paths will cross again, hopefully sooner than later.

Blessings and peace to you always.

Fr Nev



What's happening in the Parish this week?

Sunday 7 to Saturday 13 January

Sun **FAREWELL FR NEV** Morning tea after 9.30am Mass (OLHC)

Mon **Fr Michael Grace commences as Parish Priest of MOM Parish and Administrator of St Agatha's Parish**

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

Wed **Funeral of Tess Claffey (St Cecilia's)**

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

Fri 9.00am Mass (St Johns, Northgate)

Have a great week ahead



Farewell and God Bless Fr Nev

Thank you for being our shepherd !!

You will be missed!!

Blessings for your ministry at Springfield!!



Parish Messages.....

- ◆ **Farewell for Fr Nev this Sunday 7 January 2024:**
All parishioners are most warmly invited to morning tea after the **9.30am Mass this Sunday 7 January 2024** to say farewell and thanks to Fr Nev. Please bring a plate to share for our morning tea.
- ◆ **PLEASE NOTE:** The Parish Prayer Engine will be having a break over Christmas/New Year and will resume on **Tuesday 30 Jan 2024.**



Wishing that you be blessed with gifts of love, peace and happiness on Epiphany and always!



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 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.



NEXT WEEK'S READINGS

14 JANUARY 2024

SECOND SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

First Reading: 1 Sam 3:3-10, 19

Second Reading: 1 Cor 6:13-15, 17-20

Gospel: Jn 1:35-42

Commemoration of Saints January 2024

Mon 8 Jan THE BAPTISM OF THE LORD (FEAST)

Sat 13 Jan St Hilary, bishop, doctor

Saturday Mass of the Blessed Virgin Mary

PRAY FOR US.....



WE PRAY FOR



The Recently Deceased: Tess Claffey, David Logan, Michael Thomas Kelly, Nevenka Brailo

Anniversaries: Francis John Andrews, Garry Francis Ahern, Valerie Eva Reilly, Norman Hiley Hall

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, 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

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.

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
7 January 2024	Trish Dunn and volunteer	Lorelei Gozzard and Pat Shine