

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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Parish Pastoral Council: Neville Canham Parish Finance Council: Max Walters

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- <u>Compliance Officer</u>: Mrs Kath Shaw
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<u>Weekend Masses</u>: See listing of Masses on Page 2 <u>Weekday Mass</u>: Friday 9:00am St John's, Northgate <u>Reconciliation/Confession</u>: By appointment

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

TuesPrayer Engine is on recess until 7 Feb 2023WedFuneral of Tess Claffey (St Cecilia's)ThurFuneral of Nevenka Brailo (St Cecilia's)

Have a great week ahead

Fri 9.00am Mass (St Johns, Northgate)



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.

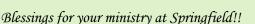
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Farewell and God Bless Fr Nev

Thank you for being our shepherd !!

You will be missed!!







Date—9.30am Mass OLHC	Reader	Eucharistic Minister
7 January 2024	Trish Dunn and volunteer	Lorelei Gozzard and Pat Shine