

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

**Parish Pastoral Council:** Neville Canham

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◆ **Compliance Officer:** Mrs Kath Shaw

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**PARISH SCHOOL:** Our Lady Help of Christians

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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 21 to Saturday 27 January 2024

Sun Morning tea after 9.30am Mass (OLHC)

Thur 9.00am Mass (St Agatha's, Clayfield)

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

10.00am Australia Day Mass (St Agatha's)

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



*Have a great week ahead*



## THIRD SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

YEAR B

21 JANUARY 2024

St Paul, in this weekend's second reading, teaches us that "the world as we know it is passing away"! This might strike us as drastically unhappy news, and it certainly is intended to be sobering, yet understood more fully, it should enliven our hope and be the foundation for a peacefulness of soul. Yes, the world in which we live, and all things within it (ourselves included), are subject to the decay of time. Nevertheless, they give way so that the Kingdom of God might arrive. Then we will experience the fulfilment of God's promise of a new heaven and new earth (C.f. Rev 21), where creation will no longer be tyrannised by the passing of time.



St Paul is teaching us that we should have a healthy detachment from the things of this world. It is all too human to want things to stay the same, but they never do. Furthermore, if we cling too tightly to the things of this world the result will necessarily be anxiety and sadness. Instead, we should focus our attention, not on the things that pass away, as one of the prayers from the missal puts it, but on those that ever endure.

If we set our heart on God's promises, then we will have peaceful hearts. That God's Kingdom will come is certain. Once obtained, the blessings which flow from that promise endure for ever. With this in mind we can face the uncertainties of this world with a calm assurance. "All shall be well, and all shall be well, and all manner of things shall be well" -Jesus to Julian of Norwich; When the Kingdom arrives, all shall be well for those who have placed their hope in God.

Have a blessed week,

Fr. Michael.



*We welcome back all of our Parish School staff, students and their families and wish them every blessing for the new school year.*





## Parish Messages.....

- ♦ **JANUARY BIRTHDAYS—MORNING TEA:** Next Sunday **28 January**, after the 9.30am Mass at OLHC, Hendra, we'll celebrate all parishioners who've had a birthday in January with birthday cake and coffee. Please join us!



### An opportunity and an invitation!

Our parish is fortunate to have an organist to accompany our singing at one Mass at OLHC each weekend. Given this good fortune there is an open invitation to anyone who is able to arrive early, to practise the songs for the day or begin to learn new repertoire before Mass. If you are interested (and we hope you are), simply make yourself known to Jim, our wonderful organist, and he will do the rest. He is always there half an hour early and its very happy to provide this assistance to us.

We will let you know the Mass at which Jim will be playing each week in the Newsletter.

**This weekend, we will have live organ music at the 9.30am OLHC Mass.**

## Special Lenten Women's Retreat

With Lisa McKerr from Evangelisation Brisbane

Tuesday 6th Feb from 9.00—11.30am

Parish Centre Meeting Room, Hendra

The session will have a Lenten Preparation theme. Lisa's sessions are prayerful, reflective and a great start for our Lenten Season.



**RSVP** Kate McLean 0422 575 546 or please contact the Parish Office on 3268 3040.

## 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.

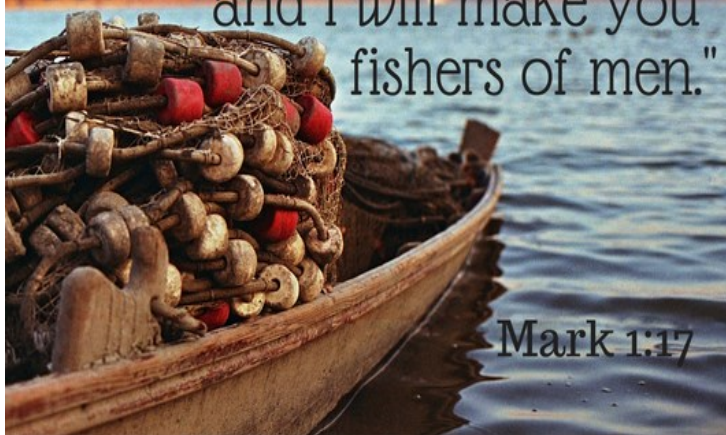
**SATURDAY ADORATION:** The Blessed Sacrament is exposed every Saturday, including holiday times, from 6am—5pm at OLHC Hendra for personal prayer. Entry to the Church is via the Bowman St side door. Please sign in and out. **For enquiries, please contact Julie Anne on 0418 193 235 or Pat on 0411 597 781.**



**ALPHA** Have you been involved with Alpha? Are you curious to know more about Alpha?

We're planning for our next Alpha to begin in **May 2024**. Please consider inviting yourself and/or someone else. All are welcome. For more information please go to: [www.alpha.org.au/try](http://www.alpha.org.au/try)

"Come, follow me,"  
Jesus said,  
"and I will make you  
fishers of men."



Mark 1:17

## HEALING OF THE FAMILY MASS

Where: St John's Church, 688 Nudgee Rd, Northgate

When: 11am on Saturday 3 Feb 2024

Mass celebrant: Fr Ihemelandu Uzuegbu

Enquiries: Rose or Audrey

(0435 558 390 or [secretary@ccrbrisbane.org.au](mailto:secretary@ccrbrisbane.org.au))

Prayer Support Teams available after Mass.

Followed by BYO Lunch.

## POSITIONS VACANT IN THE ARCHDIOCESE

### Sacramental Program Co-ordinator—St Therese & St Anthony Parish, Kedron

The Sacramental Program Coordinator assists the parish priest in the organisation and delivery of the parish sacramental program and other liturgical ministries. The Coordinator will prepare and deliver information sessions, learning resources and liturgy materials for the sacraments of Confirmation, First Communion and Reconciliation. This is a casual position (approximately 10 hours a week) with flexible hours.

For information and to apply for the position, please follow the link below: <https://brisbanecatholic.org.au/careers/?ja-job=828745>

For more information about the position or a copy of the position description please email Mrs Sandra Di Francesco (Parish Manager) at [kedron@bne.catholic.net.au](mailto:kedron@bne.catholic.net.au).

### Administrator - Holy Spirit Seminary

The role of the Administrator is to provide effective and efficient administrative and secretarial support primarily to the Rector and subsequently all others working at the Seminary. This is a full-time role working 38 hours per week, Monday to Friday. The position will be remunerated under the Clerks – Private Sector Award 2020.

For information and to apply for the position, please follow the link below: <https://brisbanecatholic.org.au/careers/?ja-job=832702>

## 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 28 January**, so please come along to join us!

The Birthday Book is at the Coffee Spot in the Parish Centre Courtyard—please add your name!



## NEWS FROM OUR PARISH SCHOOL

School resumes on **Tuesday 23 January 2024**.

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*



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AUSTRALIAN CATHOLIC UNIVERSITY  
**Xavier School of Mission**  
**One word, emerging voices: Is mission the key to a synodal Church?**  
Sunday 9 – Friday 14 June 2024  
seminary.catholic.net.au

**“Go and make disciples of all nations” Matthew 28:19**

The Xavier School of Mission will ask: How do we listen to all the voices in the body of Christ? How do we have respectful conversations with people with diverse opinions? How do we understand our own ‘call to mission’ and that of other people and groups? How can looking outward help us to face the challenges we face within our groups and communities?

This formation experience will include prayer and reflection, lectures and small group experiences, daily Eucharist, and opportunities for one-to-one mentoring.

**DATES** Sunday 9 – Friday 14 June 2024

**LOCATION** Holy Spirit Seminary Queensland

### KEY SPEAKERS

Bishop Shane Mackinlay Dr Sandie Cornish  
Ms Kelly Paget Mr Huw Warmenhoven  
Ms Justine Hughes Associate Professor Maeve Louise Heaney VDMF

**CONTACT** E: xaviercentre@acu.edu.au W: seminary.catholic.net.au  
Facebook: @XavierSchoolOfMission

### Information Day for prospective guides and welcomers at the Cathedral of St. Stephen

The guides and welcomers' group at The Cathedral of St. Stephen warmly invite anyone interested to attend an Information Day on becoming a tour guide and/or a welcomer at the Cathedral.

**Thursday 1<sup>st</sup> February from 9.30 am to 1.00 pm.**

**The Hanly room, Francis Rush Centre, Cathedral of St. Stephen, Elizabeth St.**

Refreshments will be provided. We'd love to welcome you. Please register your interest with Carmel Devery at the Cathedral Office on 07 3324 3006 or by email cathedral@bne.catholic.net.au.



### EMERGENCY EVACUATION PLAN

We ask all parishioners to please make themselves familiar with the Emergency Evacuation Plans that are located at the Church doors. In the unlikely event of the need for an emergency evacuation of the Church, please immediately and calmly proceed to the nearest exit and gather at the meeting point as outlined in the plan.



### NEXT WEEK'S READINGS

**28 JANUARY 2024**

**FOURTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME (YEAR B)**

**First Reading:** Deut 18:15-20

**Second Reading:** 1 Cor 7:32-35

**Gospel:** Mk 1:21-28

### Commemoration of Saints January 2024

**Mon 22** St Vincent, *deacon, martyr*

**Wed 24** St Francis de Sales, *bishop, doctor* **MEMORIAL**

**Thu 25** The Conversion of St Paul, *apostle* **FEAST**

**Fri 26** Australia Day

**Sat 27** St Angela Merici, *virgin*

Sts Timothy and Titus (*Australia*)

Saturday Mass of the Blessed Virgin Mary



### WE PRAY FOR....



**The Recently Deceased:** David Logan

**Anniversaries:** Pauline Ryan Rafter, Rupert Maxwell Joseph Martinz, Narelle Ann Smith, Colomba Porcaro, Patricia Veronica Anderson

**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

### 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:** Even a great person like Jonah turned away, at first, from what God called him to do. It is never too late to hear the Lord say, 'Come, follow me.'



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](mailto: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](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)

*Further Masses continue at present as follows:*

- 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
21 January	Neville Canham and kathleen McClafferty	Louise Nott and Lorelei Gozzard
28 January	Paul McLean and Kathryn Bourke	Kate McLean and Pat Shine

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