



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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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 11 to Saturday 16 February 2024

Sun **Baptisms of Monique Devereux and Kennedy Rose Austin**

Morning tea after 9.30am Mass (OLHC)

Wed **ASH WEDNESDAY** (see page 3 for Mass times)

Fr Richard Leonard talk following 5.00pm Mass at OLHC

Thur **Funeral of Joan Finucane (OLHC)**

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

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



Have a great week ahead



SIXTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

YEAR B

11 FEBRUARY 2024

"Whatever you eat, whatever you drink, whatever you do at all, do it for the glory of God". These words, from St Paul's letter to the church in Corinth, are the key to an authentically catholic spirituality. The word catholic means 'universal' - in the sense of all inclusive.



There is a temptation, always present, to confine prayer and religious practice to certain narrow and well-defined places in our lives. We go to church on Sundays and say some prayers during day. That is well and good, these formal moments of prayer are necessary. Our faith, however, is not narrow and confined but permeates every aspect of our lives.

In many ways, this passage reminds me of the writings of St. Therese of Lisieux and her so called 'little way'. St Therese recognised that she didn't have within herself the possibility of doing great acts of love and devotion for God. She could not be like the cedars in the forest (great men and women of heroic faith). Nevertheless, she could offer her love and devotion to God in and through all the little things she did each day. She offered all the little things of her life for God's glory. It was this path of 'little virtues', each one lovingly offered to God, which defined her spirituality. She could not be a great tree in God's garden, but she could be a little flower.

Life consists of many little task, undertaken each day: working, cleaning, preparing children for school and so on. These can become a burden to us. Yet by raising our hearts to God and offering each of these tasks for His glory, they can become an integral part of our catholic spirituality. We still feel the burden of the tasks, but these can be joyful burdens, each one an act of love and an offering of praise to God.

**Blessings,
Fr. Michael.**

Date claimer: Installation Mass for Fr Michael

Archbishop Mark Coleridge will attend our Parish to preside at the Installation Mass for Fr Michael as our Parish Priest to be held at 9.30am on Sunday 3 March at OLHC, Hendra. A most warm invitation is extended to all parishioners to join us for this special celebration. Morning tea refreshments will be shared afterwards in the Parish Centre Courtyard.



World Day of Prayer 2024—Palestine

This year's World Day of Prayer is Palestine, with materials prepared by Palestinian Christian Women in 2022.

Service will be held at 10.00 am on Friday 1st of March at the Clayfield Uniting Church, 170 Bonney Avenue Clayfield.

Refreshments afterwards at Uniting Church Hall, contributions appreciated. Parking is available on Bonney Avenue in carpark behind church off View Street.

Please contact Mary Nicholls if you would like to help with participating and supporting this amazing ecumenical movement.

In 2025 the Catholic Churches are hosts of World Day of Prayer - the Cook Islands.

Our earnest prayers are always needed for all our brothers and sisters around the world and particularly now for the safety and harmony of those in Palestine.



Parish Messages.....

- ◆ **LENTEN DISCUSSION SESSIONS:** Lenten discussion sessions will commence in the parish shortlyplease see the notice on the following page. All are very welcome!
- ◆ ****REMINDER**:** **FR RICHARD LEONARD MASS AND TALK:**
Date: **Ash Wednesday 14 Feb 2024**
Time: **Mass at 5pm then 6pm talk (Topic: Why Bother Praying?)**
Place: **OLHC Church, Hendra**

HELP NEEDED: SUNDAY COFFEE SPOT VOLUNTEERS:

Your help is needed at our Sunday Coffee Spot at Hendra! We are a small band of happy volunteers and we would love you to come and join on Sunday mornings after the 9.30am OLHC Mass. We set up, serve tea/coffee and goodies, then clean up. You could volunteer to help us with just a part of the morning's work, or for the whole time. Barista training can be provided to anyone keen for that role. Any help you can give us would be very welcome!

Interested? Sign up sheets are at the Church door—or just come and see us at the coffee spot before or after the 9.30am Mass on Sunday.



- ◆ **MUSIC BEFORE MASS:** Jim, our wonderful organist, will be at Mass half an hour early for those keen to rehearse.
This weekend (10/11 Feb) 5.00pm OLHC Mass
Next weekend (17/18 Feb) 9.30am OLHC Mass



DAILY REFLECTION BOOKS FOR LENT 2024 "A Resurrected Life"

These Lenten reflection booklets are produced by Evangelisation Brisbane and are available at the back of the Church. Please take a copy home today.

A \$5.00 donation would be welcomed and a donation box is provided nearby.

- ◆ **Passion Play 2007 - The Greatest Story Ever Told:** To watch the Passion Play 2007, held at the Botanical Gardens Brisbane, please go to the following link: <https://youtu.be/EbLU1fixR1s?si=DQTi0WJYDklq4VRv>

Lenten Women's Retreat - Thank you

Special thanks to Lisa McKerr from Evangelisation Brisbane who held a prayerful and reflective Lenten Women's Spirituality morning retreat last Tuesday 6th Feb. Thanks too to all those who participated and made it such a special gathering.



CCR Bardon Healing Mass – Friday, 1 March, 2024

Anyone needing healing prayer or a spiritual boost in their lives, is invited to attend the first Friday monthly Healing Mass at St. Mary Magdalene's Church, 51 Cecil Road, Bardon, Friday, 1st March, 2024 at 7.30pm. Fr. Neville Yun will be the celebrant. Contact Len Airey on 0421 977 849 lenpatairey@gmail.com

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!

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.



The Sacrament of CONFIRMATION

We now welcome children Year 3 & up!



1. Parent Forum and Enrolment Session

Multiple sessions to be held at Hendra and Clayfield
Monday March 4th and Tuesday March 5th
Print and submit your enrolment form. Parents Only.

Enrolment form and registration at
clayfieldparish.org.au/confirmation or
motherofmercyparish.org.au/confirmation.html or

Scan QR codes above

Enrolments close March 4th 2024

2. Rite of Enrolment Masses

For child and parent/s. Please attend one.
Sunday 10th March 8:00am or 5:30pm (St Agatha's, Clayfield)
Saturday 9th March 5:00pm or Sunday 10th March 9:30am (Our Lady Help of Christians, Hendra)
No registration required.

3. Book Review and Rehearsal

Parent/s +individual child to attend.
Sessions to be held at Hendra and Clayfield
Monday 13th and Tuesday 14th May
Registration required.

Confirmations

Friday 24th May (Our Lady Help of Christians, Hendra)
Tuesday 28th May (St Agatha's, Clayfield)
Registration required

Questions? Email Alexandria Atkins, Parish Families Administrative Assistant: sacramental.clayfield@bnc.catholic.net.au

NEWS FROM OUR PARISH SCHOOL

It was wonderful to welcome our parents to the 2024 Parent Information Evening on Monday.

Thank you to Fr Michael for leading our school Mass for the first time on Wednesday morning.



The 2025 enrolment process is open. Please visit our school website (<https://www.olhchendra.qld.edu.au/enrolments>) to submit an application, or call the school office (32683070) for more information.

Warm regards, **Adam Bennie** Principal

Observe in Faith, Reflect with Courage, Improve through Action



Project Compassion Sunday 10 & 11 February



Please take home a Project Compassion box or a set of donation envelopes to support Caritas Australia this Lenten season and help support vulnerable people around the world, now and **for all future generations**. With your support, Caritas Australia has been able to support vulnerable communities around the world to tackle poverty, food security, education, water and sanitation and disaster risk reduction to build a better future for all.

Together, we can help vulnerable communities face their challenges today and build a better tomorrow **for all future generations**.



You can donate through Project Compassion donation boxes and envelopes available from your parish, by visiting caritas.org.au/project-compassion or by calling 1800 024 413.

St James College, Brisbane—Enrolment Information Evening

6.00pm Monday 12 February 2024

201 Bounday Street, Spring Hill

Contact: 3230 8600

MENS Breakfast and Seminar: Saturday 2/3/24, 7am – 2pm

WHAT? Deacon Dr Peter Pellicaan will lead a half-day Seminar. We will be joining Men from 2 other parishes. Two elements will be covered: **What does it mean to follow Jesus as a husband, father, uncle and son?** and **what does it mean to follow the example of Jesus in the workplace, church and the community?** There will be plenty of time for discussion and personal reflection.

WHEN? SATURDAY 2nd of MARCH 2024. 7am – 2pm.

RSVP On or before SAT 17/2/24 (HURRY! numbers are limited to venue capacity) For catering purposes, please RSVP Bill on 0418183400 or Joel on 0438241524.

WHERE? St Peter Chanel School (library room), 41 Chaprowe Rd, The Gap.

Cost? \$25 cash (on the day) or bank transfer (beforehand). Bank transfer is strongly preferred as it assists with catering

Lenten Discussion Sessions

All are warmly invited to join our Lenten Discussion Sessions in the Parish. Sessions will be held:

- * **Sundays** during Lent from 11-11.45am from 18 February in the Parish Centre at Hendra.
- * **Thursdays** during Lent from 4.00-5.30pm at AVEO Clayfield, 469 Sandgate Rd, Albion.

Ash Wednesday Masses —14 February 2024

6.30am St John's, Northgate

9.00am St Agatha's, Clayfield

5.00pm OLHC, Hendra
(Fr Richard Leonard, Mass and talk)

6.00pm St Agatha's, Clayfield



NEXT WEEK'S READINGS

18 FEBRUARY 2024

FIRST SUNDAY OF LENT

First Reading: Gen 9:8-15

Second Reading: 1 Pet 3:18-22

Gospel: Mk 1:12-15



Commemoration of Saints February 2024

Wed 14 ASH WEDNESDAY

Sat 10 The Seven Founders of the Order of Servites

PRAY FOR US.....



WE PRAY FOR... *Prayer Request*

The Recently Deceased: Joan Finucane, Eileen Mary Hall

Anniversaries: Isabel Dpenha, Sidney Dpenha, Angela Maree Smith-Barry, Hazel Agnes Messinbird, Betty Friedman, Barbara Mary Cottee, Shane Norbert Nightingale, Maria Helen Salmon, Rita Frances Surawski, Rita Bride Stower, Nancy Zavaglia

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, Megan Stuart

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: "Jesus was moved with pity when He saw a leper". Are you moved with love or pity when you see the outcast of today's society? Who will come forward to minister Christ today?



To talk to someone about your vocation, please make contact with Vocation Brisbane: 1300 133 544
vocation@bne.catholic.net.au vocationbrisbane.com



St Ursula's College, Yeppoon—Alumni Afternoon Tea

Alumni Afternoon Tea: past students, parents, staff members and Presentation Sisters are invited to attend an Afternoon Tea celebrating St Ursula's College, Yeppoon.

Sunday 10 March 2024, 2.30pm-5.00pm

Ballygriffin Room, St Rita's College, Clayfield

Complimentary glass of bubbly or wine on arrival; delicious catered afternoon tea; raffles and entertainment. Tickets \$50 per person and available online at <https://events.humanitix.com/st-ursula-s-college-alumni-afternoon-tea>. For more information email Rebecca Birchley (nee Gleeson) at r.birchley@hotmail.com

Items for inclusion in this Newsletter

Please email : 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)

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

Date	Reader OLHC 9:30am	Eucharistic Minister OLHC 9:30am
11 February	Mary Nicholls and volunteer	Lorelei Gozzard and Kate McLean
18 February	Serena Varendorff and Bill Nott	Louise Nott and Barbara Nelson

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