

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?

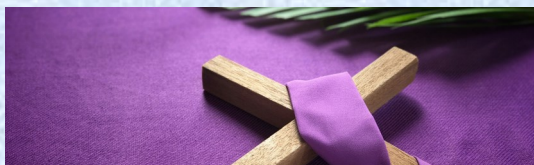
Sunday 18 to Saturday 24 February 2024

Sun Morning tea after 9.30am Mass (OLHC)

Tues 1.00-2.30pm Prayer Engine (OLHC)

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

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



FIRST SUNDAY OF LENT 18 FEBRUARY 2024

At the heart of the human person is an insatiable appetite. In one sense this is a positive, as it points to who we are fundamentally. We desire the infinite because we are made for eternal life. Often, however, we seek solace and consolation in the material things of the world, and in the relationships we form with those whom we cherish. This is necessary; but these things, good as they are, cannot fill the infinite void within our souls.



Herein lies the danger. We pursue more and more of the good things of this world and yet are not satisfied. If our remedy is to pursue even more, we find ourselves struggling with an addictive impulse. We are made for more, but that more is God.

During this season of Lent we undertake a time of penance. We respond to our spiritual appetite by fasting and prayer. Not that we might hunger less, but rather, that we might gain insight as to who alone can satisfy.

A memorable passage from St Augustine, in his "Confessions", sums up this reality with his unparalleled elegance:

Late have I loved you, beauty so old and so new: late have I loved you. And see, you were within and I was in the external world and sought you there, and in my unlovely state I plunged into those lovely created things which you made. You were with me, and I was not with you....You called and cried out loud and shattered my deafness. You were radiant and resplendent, you put to flight my blindness. You were fragrant, and I drew in my breath and now pant after you. I tasted you, and I feel but hunger and thirst for you. You touched me, and I am set on fire to attain the peace which is yours."

**Blessings,
Fr. Michael.**

Installation Mass for Fr Michael—Sunday 3 March 2024

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

"I beg you....bear with one another in love"



Time: 10.00 am

Date: Friday 1st of March 2024

Where: 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.

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:** 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.
- All are very welcome!**
- ♦ **MUSIC BEFORE MASS:** Jim, our wonderful organist, will be at Mass half an hour early for those keen to rehearse.
This weekend (17/18 Feb) 9.30am OLHC Mass
Next weekend (24/25 Feb) 5.00pm OLHC Mass

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.

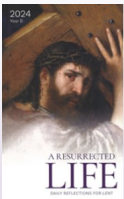


- ♦ **Passion Play 2007 - The Greatest Story Ever Told:** To watch the Passion Play 2007, held at the Botanical Gardens Brisbane, please go to the following link: <https://youtu.be/EbLU1flxR1s?si=DQTi0WJYDkq4VRv>

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.



BAPTISM: We warmly congratulate the Devereux family, whose daughter **Monique** received the Sacrament of Baptism at Mother of Mercy Parish last weekend. We ask God's blessings for Monique, her parents, Angela and Andrew, brothers and sister, Godparents, family and friends.



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 on **Sunday 25 February**, so please come along to join us! The Birthday Book is at the Coffee Spot in the Parish Centre Courtyard—please add your name!



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

If you have a Kindy aged child in 2024, born between 1st July 2019 to 30th June 2020, please go to our Online Enrolment Form on our school website and complete an enrolment ASAP. Enrolments are open until the end of Term 1 and Prep interviews will be conducted early in Term 2.



Wishing everyone all the best for the Lenten season as we await the celebration of Easter.

Warm regards, Adam Bennie Principal

Observe in Faith, Reflect with Courage, Improve through Action



Project Compassion First Sunday of Lent 17 & 18 February



This year, Project Compassion brings you the stories of three resilient women: Ronita from the Philippines, Leaia from Samoa and Memory from Malawi. While from three different corners of the world and facing vastly different challenges, they are all united by one dream: to create a better world **for all future generations**

Please donate to Project Compassion.



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.

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 2014. 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

PREPARATIONS FOR LENT—BUS TRIP TO MARION VALLEY

Sandgate Brighton Catholic Parish are planning a bus trip to Marian Valley on **Saturday, March 16**. The cost will be \$35.00 per seat (includes morning tea). The bus will leave Sacred Heart Church at 7am. The program for the day will be Holy Mass, morning tea, Stations of the Cross, Lunch in grounds (BYO), departing at 1pm. Anyone interested in participating, please book via the Parish Office on 3869 1377 or email sandgatebrighton@bne.catholic.net.au as soon as possible so transport can be secured.



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.

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



NEXT WEEK'S READINGS

25 FEBRUARY 2024

SECOND SUNDAY OF LENT

First Reading: Gen 22:1-2, 9-13, 15-18

Second Reading: Rom 8:31-34

Gospel: Mk 9:2-10



Commemoration of Saints February 2024

Wed 21 St Peter Damian, *bishop, doctor*

Thur 22 The Chair of Saint Peter, *apostle* FEAST

Fri 23 St Polycarp, *bishop, martyr*
MEMORIAL

PRAY FOR US.....



WE PRAY FOR... *Prayer Request*

The Recently Deceased: Joan Finucane

Anniversaries: Mabel Ellen Fogarty, Francis Thomas Heeney, Mary Mabel Hutchinson, John Franco Arba

The Sick: Lorraine Neville, 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, 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: Lent: the springtime of the soul. It is a time to make a new covenant with God and develop new signs of our relationship with our Creator. Go into your desert and discover your calling.



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
18 February	Serena Varendorff and Bill Nott	Louise Nott and Barbara Nelson
25 February	Andrew and Ambrose Devereux	Kate McLean and Pat Shine

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