

# 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?

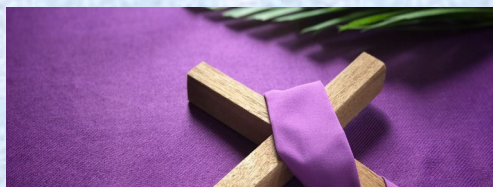
### Sunday 3 March to Saturday 9 March

Sun Morning tea after 9:30am Mass (OLHC)

Tue Stations of the Cross 1:00pm  
1:00-2:15pm Prayer Engine (OLHC)

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

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



## THIRD SUNDAY OF LENT

3 MARCH 2024

Sin, repentance, mercy, and reconciliation are all significant themes during the season of Lent. We are called to renew our striving for a deep and genuine holiness of life. God calls each one of us to holiness because he loves us and wills our good.



During Lent we take up the disciplines which the church recommends to us. These are given to aid us in our quest for holiness. The three main disciplines of Lent are prayer, fasting and almsgiving (charitable giving). These disciplines allow us to bring our minds and wills more fully into union with the will of the Father, and to align our lives more closely with the life of Christ. Discipline is required, but it is not enough. We cannot attain holiness through strength of will alone.

Holiness is always the work of grace. God alone can work the deep healing that is needed in our hearts, minds, and souls; though not without our cooperation. The sacraments, especially the sacraments of Eucharist and Reconciliation (Confession) are truly necessary conduits of God's grace. They are powerful remedies for all that ails our souls.

Dear brothers and sisters, in the lead up to Easter, please avail yourselves of the sacrament of Reconciliation. God offers his mercy to us in this rich sacrament and pours out his grace upon those who approach him with humility. I know that many have fallen away from the practice of regular Confession and may feel awkward or embarrassed to return. Don't be, all that you will find there is love and mercy.

The following opportunities will be available for Reconciliation at MOM & St Agatha's Parishes in the lead up to Easter.

Saturday 9th March	4:15-4:45 pm OLHC Church
Saturday 16th March	3:45-4:15pm St Cecilia's Church
Sunday 24th March	7:15-7:45 am St Agatha's Church
Wednesday 27 March	6pm-7pm OLHC Church.

Blessings,  
Fr Michael

## Installation Mass for Fr Michael— this Sunday

We warmly welcome Archbishop Mark Coleridge who will preside at the Installation Mass for Fr Michael as our Parish Priest at **9:30am Mass this Sunday 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.

## 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!

### ♦ **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=DQTi0WJYDklq4VRv>

### **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.

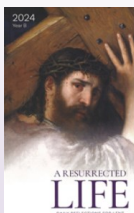
You could volunteer to help us with just a part of the morning's work, or for the whole time. Barista training can be provided to anyone keen for that role. Any help you can give us would be very welcome!

**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.



### **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.**

### **STATIONS OF THE CROSS during Lent**

**OLHC Church, Hendra**  
1:00pm Tuesday

**St Agatha's Church, Clayfield**  
8:30am Thursday



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### *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 meet at 9:30am on the first Tuesday 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 1:00-2:15pm.** 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 Wednesday 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, 6am—5pm at OLHC Hendra for personal prayer. **For any enquiries, contact Julie Anne 0418 193 235 or Pat 0411 597 781.**



## **LAST CHANCE to enrol for CONFIRMATION 2024**

*Enrolments close 4 March 2024*

### **1. Parent Forum and Enrolment Session**

Multiple sessions to be held at Hendra and Clayfield, Monday 4 March and Tuesday 5 March. Print and submit your enrolment form. **Scan QR codes above.** Parents Only.

[clayfieldparish.org.au/confirmation](http://clayfieldparish.org.au/confirmation) or [motherofmercyparish.org.au/confirmation.html](http://motherofmercyparish.org.au/confirmation.html) or

### **2. Rite of Enrolment Masses**

For child and parent/s. Please attend one.

Sunday 10 March 8:00am or 5:30pm (St Agatha's, Clayfield)

Saturday 9 March 5:00pm or Sunday 10 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 13 and Tuesday 14 May. Registration required.

### **Confirmations**

Friday 24 May (Our Lady Help of Christians, Hendra)

Tuesday 28 May (St Agatha's, Clayfield). Registration required

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Questions? Email: [sacramental.clayfield@bne.catholic.net.au](mailto:sacramental.clayfield@bne.catholic.net.au)

Please keep the candidates and their families in your prayers as they begin their journey to be Confirmed in Christ. Join us for the Rite of Enrolment Blessing at Mass next weekend, Saturday 5pm and Sunday 9:30am OLHC Church





## NEWS FROM OUR PARISH SCHOOL

New Enrolments—If you have a child, 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.



We would love for families to join us on Sunday 17 March at 9:30am for Family Mass. There will be a special Children's Liturgy and great coffee and hospitality afterwards.

Wishing you all the best for the Lenten season as we journey to Easter.

Warm regards, **Adam Bennie** Principal

*Observe in Faith, Reflect with Courage, Improve through Action*



### Project Compassion Third Sunday of Lent



Leaia lives with her five children, husband, brother and sister in law on the island of Upolu in Samoa. With the support of Caritas a water tank was installed at their home giving them a supply of clean drinking water which has improved their living conditions and health. You can help Caritas to assist people in the world facing difficult challenges and hoping to create a better world **for all their future generations**

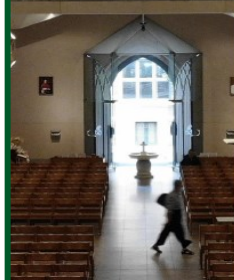
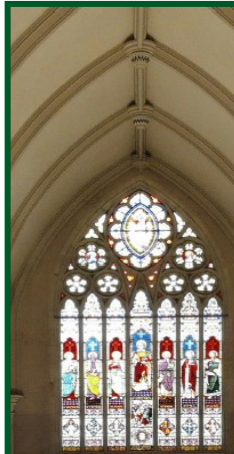
#### Please donate to Project Compassion.

Project Compassion donation boxes and envelopes zfd available from your parish church, or call 1800024413 or [caritas.org.au/project-compassion](http://caritas.org.au/project-compassion)



Our next **Alpha** will commence on Pentecost Sunday 18 May 2024 from 11am-1pm after the cuppa. Please pray about who you might invite - especially anyone searching for answers about the meaning of life.

**Alpha is for anyone, anywhere, to freely explore their unique questions about life, faith and God.**



To celebrate the 150th Anniversary of the Cathedral of St Stephen

The Queensland Symphony Orchestra conducted by Umberto Clerici

will perform concerts in the Cathedral

Friday 10 May 2024 - 7:30pm  
Saturday 11 May 2024 - 1:30pm  
Saturday 11 May 2024 - 7:30pm

Psalm 24 - The Earth is the Lord's  
Lili Boulanger (1893-1918)

Mass in C minor ('Great') K427  
Wolfgang Amadeus Mozart (1756-1791)

Sara MacIver - soprano  
Sofia Troncoso - soprano  
Andrew Goodwin - tenor  
David Greco - baritone  
St Stephen's Schola  
Brisbane Chamber Choir

Tickets are available from the QSO website  
<https://qso.com.au/events/2024/special-events/special-event-mozart-mass>

## NEXT WEEK'S READINGS

10 MARCH 2024

FOURTH SUNDAY OF LENT

First Reading: 2 Chronicles 36:14-16, 19-23

Second Reading: Ephesians 2:4-10

Gospel: John 3:14-21



### Commemoration of Saints **PRAY FOR US....** March 2024

Mon 4 March St Casimir

Thu 7 March Sts Perpetua and Felicity

Fri 8 March St John of God

Sat 9 March St Frances of Rome



## WE PRAY FOR....



**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 and Mark Ryan

### 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 cleaned out the temple of money changers. He was angry; He was zealous; He was authoritative. He was doing what He had to do, even though it involved risk, danger, insult and wonder. Such is a vocation.

To talk to someone about your vocation, please make contact with Vocation Brisbane: 1300 133 544  
[vocation@bne.catholic.net.au](mailto:vocation@bne.catholic.net.au) [vocationbrisbane.com](http://vocationbrisbane.com)



## EASTER 2024 – Holy Week Liturgies

**Reconciliation** – Wednesday 27 March 6-7pm OLHC Church

**Holy Thursday - 28 March**

Mass of the Lord's Supper 7:00pm OLHC Church, Hendra

**Good Friday – 29 March**

Stations of the Cross 10:00am St John's Church, Northgate

The Lord's Passion 3:00pm OLHC Church, Hendra

**Holy Saturday – 30 March**

Easter Vigil Mass 7:00pm – OLHC Church, Hendra

**Easter Sunday – 31 March**

Easter Sunday Mass 7:30am St John's Church, Northgate

Easter Sunday Mass 9:30am OLHC Church, Hendra



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 : [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**

Date	Reader <b>OLHC 9:30am</b>	Eucharistic Minister <b>OLHC 9:30am</b>
3 March	Robyn Jeynes and Roselyn Rayappan	Barbara Nelson and Louise Nott
10 March	Trish Dunn and volunteer	Lorelei Gozzard and Pat Shine

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