



# 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?

### Saturday 9 March to Saturday 16 March

Sat 9 4.15pm—4.45pm Reconciliation/Confession (OLHC)

Sun 10 Rite of Enrolment for Confirmation Mass  
Morning tea after 9:30am Mass (OLHC)  
Baptism of Romarni Joseph

Mon 11 Funeral of James Pollard (OLHC)

Tue 12 Stations of the Cross 1:00pm (OLHC)  
1:00-2:15pm Prayer Engine (OLHC)

Fri 15 9:00am Mass (St John's, Northgate)

Sat 16 6am-5pm Adoration of Blessed Sacrament (OLHC)

3.45—4.15pm Reconciliation/Confession (St Cecilia's, Hamilton)



## FOURTH SUNDAY OF LENT

10 MARCH 2024



Many people find themselves struggling, at least from time to time, with questions of their own worthiness. This can be sourced in any number of perceived failings. Perhaps they feel that they are not smart enough or successful enough. Many others struggle with issues related to body image. They feel that they are not beautiful enough or are the wrong height or shape or weight.

Sometimes people find themselves subjected to bullying or various forms of unjust external criticism, which can reinforce a sense of unworthiness. For others, even in the absence of an external critic, the 'internal critic' is never satisfied. We can be our own harshest critics.

In the era of social media all of this is greatly enhanced. We judge our lives against the seemingly perfect world of various celebrities and influencers, or against the polished version of life presented in these spaces by family and friends.

Even more concerning is the tendency to project a sense of our unworthiness into our relationship with God. Indeed, our image of God is fundamental to shaping our spirituality. The irony is that we often create 'god' in our own image! We feel unworthy and so we imagine God as a harsh judge or critic.

In this weekend's second reading, St Paul insists that each one of us has been created and redeemed in Christ. This is an act of grace; it is not based on what we do or how we look or any other personal qualities. "We are God's work of art", each fashioned deliberately and purposefully as unique expressions of God's own goodness, each a masterpiece of creation. In Christ, the Father has spoken, and his judgment is this: we are 'worth' more than we can ever understand.

## Blessings

Fr Michael

## Thank you—Fr Michael's Installation Mass

Sincere thanks to everyone who attended and contributed to the celebration of Fr Michael's Installation as Parish Priest of Mother of Mercy Parish last Sunday. We warmly thank Archbishop Mark for joining us. Particular thanks to those who organised the lovely celebration cake and refreshments shared after Mass.





## Parish Messages.....

### ◆ RECONCILIATION / CONFESSION DURING LENT:

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

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

**TELEVISION NEEDED:** A parishioner is in need of a television. If anyone is able to assist, please contact the Parish Office.



### ◆ 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!**

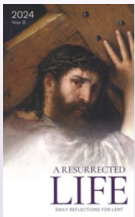
### ◆ Passion Play 2007 - The Greatest Story Ever Told:

To watch the Passion Play 2007, held at the Botanical Gardens Brisbane, please go to the following link:

<https://youtu.be/EbLU1flxR1s?si=DQTI0WJYDklq4VRv>

### 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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### EASTER 2024 – Holy Week Liturgies

**Reconciliation** – Wed 27 March 6-7pm OLHC Church, Hendra

#### **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

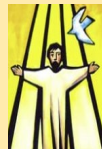
#### **Holy Saturday – 30 March**

**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



### Parish Birthdays

The next celebration is on **Sunday 31 March**, so please come along to join us in celebrating all our March birthdays! Morning tea after the 9.30am OLHC Mass.

## 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.**



Archbishop Mark Coleridge invites you to the annual

## CHRISM MASS

Thursday 21st March 2024 @ 7:00pm  
 Cathedral of St Stephen  
 249 Elizabeth Street,  
 Brisbane 4000

A CELEBRATION FOR THE ENTIRE ARCHDIOCESE  
 ALL WELCOME

CAR PARKING AVAILABLE FROM 6:00PM  
 A LIGHT SUPPER WILL BE SERVED FOLLOWING THE MASS

In the coming week, families will begin the first of their Confirmation preparation sessions.

Please keep them in your prayers as they begin their journey to be Confirmed in Christ.

And join us for the Rite of Enrolment Blessing at Mass at Our Lady Help of Christians, Hendra next weekend.

Saturday 9th March 5:00pm

Sunday 10th March 9:30am



## The Sacrament of CONFIRMATION

### MASS PASSPORTS SACRAMENT OF CONFIRMATION

As our sacramental families attend Mass, children will be requesting a stamp in their Mass Passports. Stamps are located in the church Sacristy. Please help with a welcoming heart!

God bless,  
 Alex and Sandy (Clayfield-MoM combined Sacramental program team)

Confirmation Passport



Masses Visited

<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
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Congratulations! You are on your way to being Confirmed in Christ!



## 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 Fourth Sunday of Lent



As the eldest child in a low-income farming family in rural Malawi, Memory faced many barriers to her education. But, with the support of Caritas Australia, she enrolled in a technical school and became the first female carpenter in her village.

Together, we can help vulnerable communities face their challenges today and build a better tomorrow **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>



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.



### NEXT WEEK'S READINGS

17 MARCH 2024

FIFTH SUNDAY OF LENT

First Reading: Jer 31:31-34

Second Reading: Heb 5:7-9

Gospel: Jn 12:20-30



### Commemoration of Saints March 2024

Holy men and women....

**PRAY FOR US....**



## WE PRAY FOR.... *Prayer Request*

**The Recently Deceased:** James (Jim) Pollard

**Anniversaries:** Colin George Jackson, William Joseph Redmond, Colleen O'Brien, Phillis Catherine Sullivan, Harold William Pudniks, Dr Ernest Humphry Cramond, Irvine Moncrief Felsman, Louis (Lou) Henry Hailey, Joan Eustelle Moroney, Gloria Jean Sfetina, Stanley Tochukwu Obi

**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 Brad 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:** Unless a seed dries out and dies, it cannot be planted in the earth to grow. Unless we first dry out and die to our selfish ways, we can never expect to be people who will 'lay down their lives for their friends.'

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)



Good morning, Parishioners, St Patrick here! I just want to say that it is a continuing joy for me that my memory is celebrated on 17 March every year! My favourite Irish Choir, the Queensland Irish choir, your very own Irish Choir, is performing its annual St Patrick's Concert, in my name and in my memory, at 2 PM on Sunday, 10th March 2024

at the Chermside - Kedron Community Church, Gympie Road, Chermside. I am reliably informed that the musical program will melt your hearts! And don't you be worrying about snakes!

### 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>
10 March	Trish Dunn and volunteer	Lorelei Gozzard and Pat Shine
17 March	Angela and Ambrose Devereux	Kate McLean and Robyn Jeynes

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