



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 16 March to Saturday 23 March

Sat 16 3.45—4.15pm Reconciliation/Confession
(St Cecilia's, Hamilton)

Sun 17 Morning tea after 9:30am Mass (OLHC)

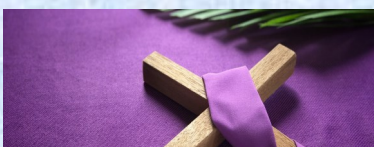
Tue 19 Stations of the Cross 1:00pm (OLHC)

1:00-2:15pm Prayer Engine (OLHC)

Fri 22 9:00am Mass (St John's, Northgate)

Sat 23 6am-4.30pm Adoration of Blessed
Sacrament (OLHC)

Baptism of Zendaya Kaufusi



FIFTH SUNDAY OF LENT

17 MARCH 2024

As we come towards the end of the season on Lent and stand on the threshold of Holy Week (which begins with next Sunday's celebration of Palm Sunday), the cross of Christ takes centre stage in our spiritual imagination. The cross, and instrument of cruel suffering has become, through the sacrifice of Christ, a symbol and instrument of salvation.



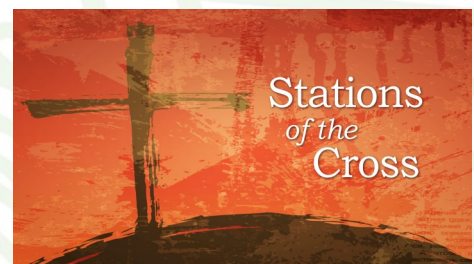
During the season of Lent, it is common for members of the faithful to practice a devotion known as the Stations of the Cross. This has become a major part of how we mark Good Friday. The devotion has us 'walk' the path of the cross with Christ and then pause at the various 'stations' to meditate upon his sufferings, but also upon how his sufferings intersect with our own struggles and sufferings.

In the Letter to the Hebrews, the writer presents the life of Christ, especially his suffering, as a road to perfection. In struggling with life's challenges, Jesus shows perfect love and obedience to the Father. That he endures these struggles does not mean that the Father does not care for him. On the contrary, he is the 'beloved' the incarnate Son of the Father. He walks the 'stations', suffering them, contemplating them, drawing insight and offering all things to the Father in 'prayer and entreaty', confident in the Father's love and goodness. He walks these stations for us and with us!

Dear brothers and sisters, life is a kind of 'Stations of the Cross'. It is a sacred pilgrimage, but we must pause to draw insight from it. We too, must offer 'prayer and entreaty', following the example of Christ, who walked the way before us. Our destination is the heavenly Jerusalem and a sharing in the Resurrection of Christ, but first, each of us must share with him the journey to the cross.

Blessings,

Fr. Michael.



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



Parish Messages.....

- ◆ **EASTER EGGS WANTED:** The Parish would be very grateful for the donation of packets of small easter eggs for our Easter Egg Hunt after the 9.30am Mass on Easter Sunday. Deliver at Masses or to Parish Office.
- ◆ **NO ADORATION ON HOLY SATURDAY:** The Blessed Sacrament will not be exposed on Good Friday and the Easter Vigil so there will be no Adoration on Holy Saturday, 30 March.

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



- ◆ **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 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
- ◆ **LENTEN DISCUSSION SESSIONS:**
Sessions are continuing to 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/EbLU1fxR1s?si=DQTI0WJYDklg4VRv>

GOOD FRIDAY COLLECTION FOR THE HOLY LAND: Please give generously to the Pope's worldwide Good Friday Collection to support those who are custodians of the Holy Lands. Your donation is a direct way to make a difference in the lives of those caught up in war, violence and instability in the Custody of the Holy Land. It helps to maintain ancient churches and shrines and to support the diminishing presence of Christians in the Middle East. **The collection will be taken up at the Good Friday ceremony at OLHC or can be put on the collection plate at Easter Masses. Envelopes will be available on the pews and at the church door. Thank you for your generosity.**

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

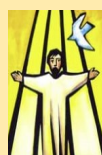
Holy Saturday – 30 March

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—4.30pm at OLHC Hendra for personal prayer. **For any enquiries, contact Julie Anne 0418 193 235 or Pat 0411 597 781.**



STATIONS OF THE CROSS during Lent

OLHC Church, Hendra

1:00pm Tuesday

St Agatha's Church, Clayfield

8:30am Thursday



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Our next Alpha will run on
Sundays 11am - 1pm
from
19/5/24
at
the MoM Parish centre

Who are you praying for?

- friends who are asking questions
- fellow parishioners
- yourself?

The Sacrament of CONFIRMATION

Please pray for children and their families as they continue their preparation for the Sacrament of Confirmation.

Confirmation Passport



Masses Visited

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Congratulations! You are on your way to being Confirmed in Christ!

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)



NEWS FROM OUR PARISH SCHOOL

NAPLAN

We are incredibly proud of our Year 3 and Year 5 students who commenced their NAPLAN testing this week, completing the Writing test. Further tests will be conducted next week (Mon-Wed) in Reading, Conventions of Language, and Numeracy. We know they will continue to put in their best effort, and we look forward to seeing the results later in the year.



Swimming Carnival

Well done to all involved in our Swimming Carnival for 2024. The children were amazing in their participation, sportsmanship, and behaviour. A huge thank you to Mrs Jenkinson- Rock and Mrs Bartlett who organised a very efficient carnival. Congratulations to Penola (Red) on your back-to-back victory. We will see if they can join the ranks of the Chicago Bulls, Brisbane Lions, and Penrith Panthers to make it three in a row next year!

Staffing Updates

As we near the end of Term 1, we look forward to farewelling Mrs Natalie Acon for the birth of her second child. Next term, we will welcome Ms Rachael Morrison as the new teacher for Early Years Green until the end of the school year. Welcome Rachael!

P&F News

The P&F AGM was held last night with the Executive committee standing down and a new Executive committee being elected. Many thanks to Olivia Hatch (President), Therese Helly (Vice-President), Freya Matanovic (Secretary), and Kate Kruk (Treasurer) for their work over the past years. I am excited and looking forward to building on their work with the new Executive committee in 2024.

Enjoy the final two weeks of Term One. Keep an eye out for our final community communication of the term during Week 10.

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

Warm regards, **Adam Bennie** Principal

We must teach more by example than by word. St Mary MacKillop

CCR Bardon Healing Mass – 5th April 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, 5th April 2024 at 7.30pm**. Fr. William Aupito Luliano will be the celebrant.

The Sacrament of Healing will be administered during Mass together with a personal prayer by Fr. Will. Additional personal prayer will also be offered after Mass. Sponsored by CCR Bardon. For further information, contact Len Airey on [0421 977 849](tel:0421977849) or by email to lenpatairey@gmail.com



Project Compassion Fifth Sunday of Lent 16 & 17 March



The work of Caritas Australia is only possible with generous supporters and the dedication, passion and tenacity of our local partners who implement the programs. They are the heroes on the ground working tirelessly behind-the-scenes every day to create a better future for their communities. **Please donate to Project Compassion.**



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



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

24 MARCH 2024

PALM SUNDAY OF THE PASSION OF THE LORD

First Reading: Is 50:4-7

Second Reading: Phil 2:6-11

Gospel: Mk 14:1 – 15:47



Commemoration of Saints March 2024

Mon 18 St Patrick, *bishop* SOLEMNITY

Tues 19 St Joseph, Spouse of the Blessed Virgin Mary
SOLEMNITY

Sat 23 St Turibius de Mogrovejo, *bishop*

PRAY FOR US.....



WE PRAY FOR....



The Recently Deceased: Olive "Joy" Long, James (Jim) Pollard

Anniversaries: Fr Gerard Peter Dore, Betty Teresa Woulfe, Yvonne Irene Brittan, John Gilfoyle Abrahams, Paul Franklin Neylan, Gerard Janssen

The Sick: Margot Forgan-Smith, Brad Ryan, 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, 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

THURSDAY
9 May
2024
11.00AM - 1.30PM

OPEN DAY

REGISTER NOW
jta.link/SJC

St James College, Brisbane
201 Boundary Street, Spring Hill Q 4000
3230 8600
stjamescollege.qld.edu.au

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 vocationbrisbane.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
17 March	Angela and Ambrose Devereux	Kate McLean and Robyn Jeynes
24 March (<i>Palm Sunday</i>)	Neville Canham and Kathleen McClafferty (<i>Passion</i>) Serena Varendorff and Roybn Jeynes	Barbara Nelson and Lorelei Gozzard

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