



# 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 23 March to Saturday 30 March

Sat 23 **Baptism of Zendaya Kaufusi**

Sun 24 **7.15—7.45am Reconciliation/Confession**  
(St Agatha's, Clayfield)

**Morning tea after 9:30am Mass (OLHC)**  
(NB: Celebration cake for March birthdays)

**Baptism of William Broe**

Tue 26 **Stations of the Cross 1:00pm (OLHC)**  
1:00-2:15pm Prayer Engine (OLHC)

**SEE HOLY WEEK LITURGIES →**

Sat 30 **No Adoration of Blessed Sacrament on Holy Saturday**



## PALM SUNDAY OF THE PASSION OF THE LORD 24 MARCH 2024



We come to the week that sits at the very heart of our faith, which we aptly called "Holy Week". Here we commemorate, through the most solemn celebrations of the year, the passion, death, and resurrection of Jesus Christ. Here, we bring our lives into sacramental contact with the 'Holy One of God' as He offers His life for the life of the world.



One aspect of the meaning of the word 'Holy' is that it signifies something as having been 'set apart'. The altar in the church is Holy - it is not used for anything other than the sacred acts of worship that take place on it. This sense of being set apart is likewise a core part of what makes Holy Week 'Holy'. It is the time set apart for the Church's most important acts of worship. I encourage you, therefore, not to live Holy Week as though it were any other week. Rather, try and mark it out as special. This includes, to the extent that it is possible, coming to the various liturgical celebrations throughout the week. Yes, it is true that some of the celebrations take a little longer than we are normally used to, but they are truly rich experiences of prayer and worship, and are well worth the effort.

While participating in the liturgical celebrations is the main way in which we celebrate Holy Week, not everyone is able to attend the longer celebrations. Here are some suggestions if this applies to you:

Easter Sunday Mass is not too long and great for families with younger children. Also, you can mark Holy Week by including some extra family prayer at home or perhaps by watching a movie with a religious theme. However you celebrate it, I hope you all have a truly holy week!

## Blessings,

Fr. Michael.

## 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 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 between Good Friday and the Easter Vigil so there will be no Adoration on Holy Saturday, 30 March.
- ◆ **VOLUNTEERS KEENLY SOUGHT:** Volunteers are keenly sought for **Eucharistic Ministry and Readers of the Word** for our Masses at OLHC, Hendra. We have a small and very dedicated group of parishioners who currently assist however we would like to share the ministry load as much as possible. Please contact the Parish Office if you can to contribute to this valuable ministry.
- ◆ **REPORTING MAINTENANCE AND OTHER ISSUES:** Parishioners are reminded to report any maintenance or damage repairs observed in parish facilities to the Parish Office **in the first instance** to ensure that repairs and other activity can be organized as soon as practicable. No action or communication with parish contractors should be undertaken without the express permission and authority of the Parish Office. We thank everyone for their care and commitment to the upkeep of our parish buildings and grounds.
- ◆ **RECONCILIATION / CONFESSION DURING LENT:** The following opportunities will be available for Reconciliation at MOM & St Agatha's Parishes in the lead up to Easter:  
 Sunday 24 March      7:15-7:45 am St Agatha's Church  
 Wednesday 27 March      6pm-7pm OLHC Church

**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.**

## 110th Anniversary of the Dedication of St Cecilia's, Hamilton

Palm Sunday marks this anniversary: the first section of the church was blessed on Palm Sunday, 1914 by Archbishop James Duhig, then Coadjutor Archbishop of Brisbane with Fr John Gowan as the first Parish Priest. Let us prayerfully remember this event.



*Palm Sunday*

**Palm Sunday! Be reminded of the reason for the Easter season! Amongst all the busyness that goes on reflect on Jesus & His resurrection.**



## 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.**



**Salubong – a traditional Filipino Easter Sunday Dawn Celebration on 31 March 2024 at St. Joseph and St. Anthony's church, 30 Eldorado St. Bracken Ridge. It starts at 4:30am with a procession around the church, then the re-enactment of the Resurrection and the meeting of the Risen Lord and His Mother, Mary believed to have happened at dawn of Easter Sunday; and culminates with a Holy Mass (in English) at 5:00am to be celebrated by Rev. Fr. Rodel Enriquez. There will be a choir of angels, apostles and other bible personages. Fellowship, Easter Egg Hunt and Games follow after the mass. Kindly bring a plate to share. For further info contact Jima on 0432374239.**



## Who are you praying for?

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

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



**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 preparation team)



## NEWS FROM OUR PARISH SCHOOL

Enjoy the final week 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



## NEXT WEEK'S READINGS

31 MARCH 2024

SUNDAY OF THE RESURRECTION

First Reading: Acts 10:34, 37-43

Second Reading: Col 3:1-4

Gospel: Jn 20:1-9



## Commemoration of Saints March 2024

Holy Men and Women....

PRAY FOR US....



## WE PRAY FOR....



**The Recently Deceased:** James O'Brien

**Anniversaries:** Gerard Janssen, Silvio and Eufemia D'Astuto, Raymond William Stockwell, Dr Francis Arthur McDonnell, Royal William Atkins, Robert Anthony McGee, Eileen Patricia (Jill) Anderson, Frank Anthony Vidgen, Aileen Mary Kavanagh

**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

## 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.

For further information, contact Len Airey on [0421 977 849](tel:0421977849) or by email to [lenpatairey@gmail.com](mailto:lenpatairey@gmail.com)



**Project Compassion**  
Sixth Sunday of Lent  
Palm Sunday 23 & 24 March



As Project Compassion 2024 comes to an end, we want to thank you for your incredibly generous support throughout Lent.

This year, we shared with you the story of three inspiring women from across the globe, who overcame challenges to complete their education, access water and find secure employment. With the support of compassionate people like you, they are now forging a path to a better future for their families and their communities.

### Please donate to Project Compassion.



There is still time to donate! 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](https://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.

## 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:** Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord. Blessed is she who gives her life in the name of the Lord. Blessed are they who live their united life in the name of the Lord.



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)



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>
24 March ( <i>Palm Sunday</i> )	Neville Canham and Kathleen McClafferty <i>(Passion)</i> Serena Varendorff and Roybn Jeynes	Barbara Nelson and Lorelei Gozzard
31 March ( <i>Easter Sunday</i> )	Paul McLean and Kathryn Bourke	Robyn Jeynes and Pat Shine

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