



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 30 March to Saturday 6 April

Sat 30 7.00pm Easter Vigil Mass (OLHC)

Sun 31 Morning tea after 9:30am Mass (OLHC)
(NB: *Easter Egg Hunt for the children*)

April

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

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

Easter Blessings



SUNDAY OF THE RESURRECTION

31 MARCH 2024

Dear brothers and sisters, allow me to wish you a happy and holy Easter! May the joy of the Risen Christ be with you in this glorious season. On this Easter Sunday, renewed with fresh zeal, Christians everywhere cry out their triumphal verse: Christ is risen, alleluia! He is Risen indeed, alleluia!



It is true that we live in troubled times. I especially think of the ongoing violence and the suffering we are currently witnessing in the Holy Land. Additionally, the various troubles in our own lives sometimes threaten to rob us of our peace and joy. Easter, however, reminds us that Christ has struck death a mortal blow and crushed the power of evil. Therefore, while struggles remain, we are invited to remember the love of Christ, which is so vividly on display for us during the ceremonies of Holy Week and Easter. If we put our trust in the Lord's victory, then we can find peace and joy even as we continue to live in a world marred by brokenness.

Let us truly rejoice! We have a firm foundation for our hope! Yet, we must always remember that the death and resurrection of Christ invites us to more than momentary rejoicing or an abstract sense of hope. Christ died that we may truly live as sons and daughters of our loving Father. Accordingly, it follows that we are called to conversion, to a new way of living. If we have experienced the love of the Lord during this season, then let us not be hesitant in responding to it. God, who loves us so much more than we can understand, is calling each one of us to experience the new life of Easter!

May God's blessing remain with you in this Holy Season.

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



Father Michael, together with Fr John, Monica and Helen, wish you and your families all the blessings of Easter. Spread the warmth and joy in your hearts to all those you meet.

HAPPY EASTER

Parish Messages.....

- ◆ **RECONCILIATION / CONFESSION DURING HOLY WEEK:**
The following opportunity is still available for Reconciliation at MOM Parish in the lead up to Easter:
Wednesday 27 March 6pm-7pm OLHC Church
- ◆ **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.

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.**

- ◆ **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.

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.



A mini Silent Retreat

Hosted by Jo Hayes OSB - TV Journalist + Evangelist
Saturday 20 April - 10.00am to 2.00pm
 Villa Maria Centre, 123 Warren St, Fortitude Valley
 \$25—BOOKINGS ESSENTIAL
 The website link for bookings is johayes.com.au/silenceinthecity.



Come and try Alpha

SUNDAYS 11am-1pm
From 19th May 2024

The new Australian version of the Alpha film and discussion series will run on Sundays from 11am from 19/5/24 at the MoM parish centre, 9 Bowman St, Hendra. We will share hospitality, watch a video or 2 and discuss in small groups & we hope that you will join us.

[alpha walkthrough video 84 sec Life Faith Meaning Food vid disc.mp4](#)

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

RSVPs aren't essential but can be made via MoM parish office: Email: hendra@bne.catholic.net.au or Phone: 3268 3040

For more information please go to: www.alpha.org.au/try



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 preparation team)




He is not here;
for He is risen,
as He said.
Matthew 28:6a

Easter Sunday
BLESSINGS

NEWS FROM OUR PARISH SCHOOL

We have recently had some great success with our swimming team winning three out of the six divisions at Zone 6 swimming.



Our Prep enrolments are in process with interviews to commence after the school holidays.

Wishing you all a safe and Happy Easter. We are very much looking forward to the break and already excited about Term Two.

Warm regards, **Adam Bennie** Principal

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

MEN'S DINNER—SATURDAY 27 APRIL 2024

Maths, Marathons & Ministry (and software companies)

When: Saturday 27 April 2024

Dinner from 6.00pm

Michael Forbes from 7.00pm

Cost: \$15 to cover Chicken and Salad
(BYO—limited alcohol provided)

Where: OLHC Parish Centre (9 Bowman St, Hendra)

RSVP: Monday 22 April 2024

SMS Joel 0438 241 524 or Bill 0418 183 400

Dr Michael Forbes is a mathematician and entrepreneur. He has been a partner in many startup companies, mainly in mathematical software. From 2009 to 2014 Michael was part of the management team at NET Ministries. Through his NET connections, he travelled to Uganda and has become involved in many new businesses there. Michael is also a senior lecturer at the University of Queensland. He and his wife Lisa have three children and 6+ grandchildren, and love going on (very) long walks. Michael is also a keen runner, having run many marathons, including one in 2023 after open heart surgery in 2021 to replace a leaky aortic valve. Michael is a long standing core team member of MenALIVE.

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.

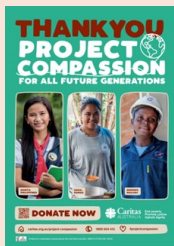
For further information, contact Len Airey on [0421 977 849](tel:0421977849) or by email to lenpatairey@gmail.com



Project Compassion Easter Sunday 31 March

Happy Easter from all at Caritas Australia!
Thank you for your continued support through Project Compassion. Together, we can help vulnerable communities face their challenges today and build a better tomorrow, **for all future generations**.

Thank you for supporting Caritas Australia's Project Compassion 2024 Lenten appeal.



You can donate through Project Compassion donation boxes and 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

7 APRIL 2024

SECOND SUNDAY OF EASTER

First Reading: Acts 4:32-35

Second Reading: 1 Jn 5:1-6

Gospel: Jn 20:19-31



Commemoration of Saints 31 March– 6 April 2024

Holy Men and Women....

PRAY FOR US....



WE PRAY FOR....



The Recently Deceased: Nil

Anniversaries: Edgar George Adams, Idalina Da Silva Abreu, Eileen Patricia (Jill) Anderson, Iris Valma Brasch, Aileen Mary Kavanagh, Francis and Richard Martin, Mary Curtin, Kathleen Curtin

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

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: Christ has become our Paschal Sacrifice. Your ultimate purpose, to live and to breathe, is the eternal Jesus. Go forth to announce to the world – Christ, our hope, has risen, Alleluia!



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 |
|--------------------------|--------------------------------|---|
| 31 March (Easter Sunday) | Paul McLean and Kathryn Bourke | Robyn Jeynes and Pat Shine |
| 7 April | TBA | Louise Nott and Lorelei Gozzard |

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