



# 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 7 to Saturday 13 April

Sun 7 Morning tea after 9:30am Mass (OLHC)

Tue 9 1:00-2:15pm Prayer Engine (OLHC)

Fri 12 9:00am Mass Anointing/Healing  
(St John's, Northgate)

Sat 13 6am-4.30pm Adoration of Blessed  
Sacrament (OLHC)



## SECOND SUNDAY OF EASTER

7 APRIL 2024

Love of God can at times seem to be an abstract thing. What does it mean to love God? Is love a feeling or emotional response? Love has an emotional element, but this is not the true essence of love. We can take for an example married love. If married love is primarily a feeling, no one could promise to love another for the rest of their lives. Our feelings change and depend on circumstances. We do not have immediate control of our emotions.



The essence of love is not a feeling, but rather 'willing the good of another'. Pure love is to will the good of another without reference to one's own good. Thus, Jesus teaches "No one has greater love than this, to lay down one's life for one's friends". (Jn 15:13). We see Jesus exemplify this kind of love upon the cross. This is also the essence of married love. The vows are made without reference to one's own good. The promise made is to love the other, for better or for worse.

But how can we love God? What could we do that would promote God's wellbeing, even at our own expense? The answer is of course, nothing! God needs no good from us!

St John, in today's second reading, seeks to answer this question. St John tells us the essence of Loving God is found in 'loving God's Children', which is to say our fellow human beings, especially our fellow Christians. The one who loves someone, also loves what that other person loves. They hold as precious those things which are loved by the other, because they will the good of the beloved.

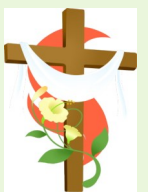
How do we love God? By loving God's children, especially those most in need. And that is something we can all strive to do.

**Blessings**

Fr Michael

## THANK YOU

*Sincere thanks to all who contributed so meaningfully to our Lenten preparation and Easter Liturgies in the Parish. The generosity of your time, effort, ministry and talents is greatly appreciated.*



## WELCOME AND THANKS

We warmly welcome Fr Tom Elich who is celebrating this weekend's Masses with us at OLHC, Hendra whilst Fr Michael is away on leave. We thank Fr Tom for his kind assistance to Mother of Mercy Parish.

We continue to be very grateful to Fr John Zhao for generously assisting our parish with Masses at our 3 churches.

## SECOND SUNDAY OF EASTER





## Parish Messages.....

- ◆ **PARISH OFFICE CLOSED 8-9 APRIL:** The Parish Office will be closed on Monday 8 and Tuesday 9 April due to staff holiday leave. The office will re-open on Wednesday 10 April. For any urgent matters please call 0403 743 874.
- ◆ **SATURDAY ADORATION RESUMES:** Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament on Saturdays will resume from this Saturday 6 April. The Blessed Sacrament will be exposed from 6am to 4.30pm for personal prayer.
- ◆ **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.



## DIVINE MERCY SUNDAY

SACRED HEART CHURCH,  
SANDGATE

118 Brighton Rd, Sandgate

**Sunday 7 April 2024**

**From 1.30pm  
Holy Mass at 4pm**

**Enquiries:  
Francine 0422582451**

- 1.30pm Confession
- 2pm Exposition and Holy Rosary
- 3pm Divine Mercy Chaplet
- 3.30pm Consecration - Blessing & Veneration of Image
- 4pm Holy 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.**



## 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 28 April**, so please come along to join us! The Birthday Book is at the Coffee Spot in the Parish Centre Courtyard—please add your name!



## Come and try Alpha

**SUNDAYS 11am-1pm  
From 19<sup>th</sup> 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](#)

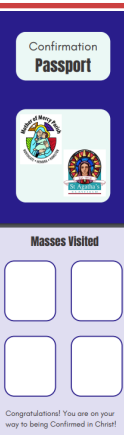
**Alpha is for anyone, anywhere, to freely explore their unique questions about life, faith and God.**

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

For more information please go to: [www.alpha.org.au/try](http://www.alpha.org.au/try)



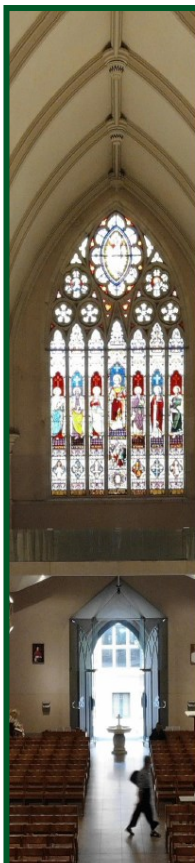
**Please pray for children and their families as they continue their preparation for the Sacrament of Confirmation.**



## 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)*



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 Trancoso - 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>

## NEWS FROM OUR PARISH SCHOOL

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.

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For more information, contact

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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

14 APRIL 2024

THIRD SUNDAY OF EASTER

First Reading: Acts 3:13-15, 17-19

Second Reading: 1 Jn 2:1-5

Gospel: Lk 24:35-48



## Commemoration of Saints April 2024

Mon 8 **THE ANNUNCIATION OF THE LORD (S)**

Thu 11 **St Stanislaus, bishop, martyr  
MEMORIAL**

Sat 13 **St Martin I, pope, martyr**

**PRAY FOR US.....**



## WE PRAY FOR....



**The Recently Deceased:** Nil

**Anniversaries:** Isabel D'Penha, Sidney D'Penha, Anthony Edgar Woodcock, Darryl John Gollan, Krista Dierdre Kerr, Mary Elliott Ross-Walis

**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



## Silence

IN THE CITY

### 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](http://johayes.com.au/silenceinthecity).

### 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:** Easter: resurrection and new life; to be begotten by God. A new life is achieved from a conquered tomb. Nothing more secure, nothing more lasting. "As the father sent me, so I am sending you..."



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>
7 April	TBA	Louise Nott and Lorelei Gozzard
14 April	Mary Nicholls and volunteer	Robyn Jaynes and Dona Rotolone

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