



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 21 to Saturday 27 April

- Sun 21 Morning tea after 9:30am Mass (OLHC)
- Tue 23 1:00-2:15pm Prayer Engine (OLHC)
- Thur 25 6.00am ANZAC Day Commemoration Mass at St John's, Northgate—see →
- Fri 26 9:00am Mass (St John's, Northgate)
- Sat 27 6am-4.30pm Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament (OLHC)
6.00pm Parish Men's Event—Dr Michael Forbes guest speaker (Parish Centre)



World Day of Prayer for Vocations

21 APRIL GOOD SHEPHERD SUNDAY



FOURTH SUNDAY OF EASTER

21 APRIL 2024



Most evenings I, like many others, sit down before the television and watch the ABC news. It is important to keep abreast of current happenings and issues in our society. Yet, in many ways, the news is an open window into the troubled and turbulent times in which we live. We see the reality of war in several places around the world and the potential for escalation. Beyond this we see troubles in our own society, be they political, cultural, or social. Most of these issues have no apparent solutions. In watching the news, one needs to be careful that a sense of despondency and anxiety doesn't settle in. Or, at the other extreme, overwhelmed by the events we vicariously witness, we can experience compassion fatigue and so find ourselves indifferent. Is there a path between these extremes? I think the virtue of Hope offers us an essential starting point.

In this weekend's second reading, St John offers us words of comfort and hope, which are as relevant now as when they were first written. He begins with a theological point, namely the extravagance of God's love for His children. This should give us confidence to face the troubles of the world and consolation when those troubles impact us. He then points us to Hope. Yes, it at times seems that evil threatens to undo all that is good. It feels as though those who desire peace in the world and harmony in society have an uphill battle (and they do) - but in the midst of that struggle, God's plan is unfolding. It is not yet fully revealed.

How do we respond to the war in Ukraine or the Holy Land? Or, closer to home, the stabbings in Sydney, both at the shopping centre and in the Church? Neither with despondency nor indifference, but with prayer, compassion and with hope. We are children of God, and God's plan is for ultimate good. Now power on earth can thwart it.

Blessings

Fr Michael

ANZAC DAY 2024



Mother of Mercy Parish's **Anzac Day Commemorative Service** will be held at St John's, Northgate (688 Nudgee Rd, Northgate) on Thursday 25 April.

6.00 am Wreath laying and dedication

6.15am Commemorative Mass

Followed by breakfast in the adjacent hall.

All military, family friends and parishioners most welcome .

St John's is the only Dedicated Navy War Memorial Church in Australia, home to the Honour Board HMAS Moreton, commemorating the 174 lives lost in WWII.

If you would like to volunteer for this event please leave your details on the sign on sheets in the churches or phone the office.



Parish Messages.....

Thanks —ANZAC Day Donations: Mother of Mercy Parish is most appreciative of the generous support of **Cr Julia Dixon**, Councillor for Hamilton Ward and local **Coles and Woolworths** stores in providing donations towards our ANZAC Day ceremonies at St John's Church, Northgate.



- ◆ **PARISH BIRTHDAYS NEXT SUNDAY 28 APRIL:** Next Sunday we will celebrate all our April birthdays with morning tea after the 9.30am OLHC Mass. Please join us!!
- ◆ **PROJECT COMPASSION:** Please return your Project Compassion donations to the Parish Office (or the collection plates at Masses) as soon as possible. Receipts will be issued shortly.
- ◆ **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 contribute to this valuable ministry.
- ◆ **NOTE RE EMAIL BOUNCE BACKS:** For the information of parishioners, email send-outs of the newsletter continued to receive bounce back/rejection of email messages. This week it was from **optusnet.com.au** users. It may be that the security/privacy settings have been upgraded for your email provider. You may wish to check your junk mail inbox or contact your provider for clarification.
- ◆ **Holy Spirit Seminary 2024 Prayer Calendar for Seminarians and Priests:** These calendars can be found at the back of the Church. Please take one home and consider praying daily for each seminarian. Your prayers will make a difference in their lives as they walk the path to the priesthood.



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!



Would you like to contribute to the Alpha team?

If you feel called to join our team, please diarise the team training on **Sunday 28th April** from 11.00am.



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.

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

MEN'S DINNER—SATURDAY 27 APRIL 2024

Maths, Marathons & Ministry (and software companies)

- When: 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.

Join Catholic Mission online to honour Mother Mary during the month of May through praying the Rosary.

Pray **THE WORLD MISSION ROSARY**
One Family in Faith | One Family in Mission

World Mission
May Rosary Prayers

Mon - Fri
Time: 2pm Brisbane / Melbourne time
12pm Perth time
Join Zoom Meeting:
<https://tinyurl.com/cmprayer>
Meeting ID:
893 8798 2280
Password:
876574

The Sacrament of
CONFIRMATION

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

NEWS FROM OUR PARISH SCHOOL

We are very much looking forward to, and already excited about, Term Two.

Warm regards, **Adam Bennie** Principal

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



NEXT WEEK'S READINGS

28 APRIL 2024

FIFTH SUNDAY OF EASTER

First Reading: Acts 9:26-31

Second Reading: 1 Jn 3:18-24

Gospel: Jn 15:1-8



Commemoration of Saints April 2024

Tues 23 St Adalbert, *bishop, martyr* and St George, *martyr*

Wed 24 St Fidelis of Sigmaringen, *priest, martyr*

Thur 25 ANZAC DAY

Fri 26 St Mark, *evangelist* FEAST

Sat 27 St Louis Grignon de Montfort, *priest*

PRAY FOR US.....



Module 3 – Being Sacramental, which doesn't require any prerequisites, will commence on Monday 15 April 2024. Sessions will be held on Monday evenings (15 April, 22 April, 29 April, 13 May, 20 May, 27 May, 3 June, 17 June, 24 June) from 7:00pm – 9:00pm at Xavier Hall, Holy Spirit Seminary and will be livestreamed to regional hubs*.

To download the module 3 prospectus or to learn more about the Archdiocesan Centre for Catholic Formation, visit catholicformation.au.

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Celebration of 80th Birthday of Lyn Smith—St John's, Northgate
Sunday 14 April 2024—thanks to everyone involved!



WE PRAY FOR....



The Recently Deceased: Margot Forgan-Smith

Anniversaries: Maria Rotolone, Kevin Henry Best, Ross Brayley, William Buckingham, Violet May Shekleton, Cecelia Joyce McDormack, Patrick James McKewin, Theodore William George, Robert James William Kelly

The Sick: Delphine Schulz, 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

THE CATHEDRAL OF
ST STEPHEN

150 Years



Date claimer

FRIDAY MAY 17

Return of the Message Stick and
Commemoration of 150th Anniversary
12.30pm Mass

Ecumenical Prayer of Thanksgiving 6pm

SATURDAY MAY 18

Archbishop Mark Coleridge
Golden Anniversary of Priestly Ordination
11.30am Mass

Pentecost Vigil Mass

"Come Holy Spirit and Renew the Face of the Earth"
6pm Mass

SUNDAY MAY 19

Pentecost Sunday Celebrating 150 Years 10.30am Mass

EMERGENCY EVACUATION PLAN

We ask all parishioners to please make themselves familiar with the Emergency Evacuation Plans that are located at the Church doors. In the unlikely event of the need for an emergency evacuation of the Church, please immediately and calmly proceed to the nearest exit and gather at the meeting point as outlined in the plan.



Mission: Transform Lives - theirs...and yours

Wanting to share your skills with communities in the Pacific, Asia or Africa to help develop self-reliance and sustainable solutions to poverty?

Come to Palms' [Discovery information session](#) at Garden City Library 27 April. Meet our director Soraya and former Palms participants to find out more about [Assignments Abroad](#).

Venue: Garden City Library Meeting Room

Address: Level R4 Garden City Shopping Centre
Cnr Logan & Kessels Rd, Upper Mt Gravatt

Date: Saturday 27th April 2024 **Time:** 2:00pm to 3:00pm

Contact: 02 9560 5333 palms@palms.org.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.



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.



VOCATION VIEW: This is the World Day of Prayer for Vocations. The world needs worthy leaders, Good Shepherds of the 21st Century, caring unselfishly for the needs of God's people. Please pray for Vocations.



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
21 April	Serena Varendorff and Bill Nott	Lorelei Gozzard and Kate McLean
28 April	Andrew Devereux	Louise Nott and Barbara Nelson

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