



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 16 to Saturday 22 June

Sun 16 **Engaged Encounter (all day—Parish Centre)**

Morning tea after 9:30am (OLHC)

11am ALPHA program (OLHC Church)

Tue 18 1:00-2:15pm Prayer Engine (OLHC)

3.30pm First Holy Communion - Enrolment and Family Workshop (OLHC Church)

5.00pm First Holy Communion - Enrolment and Family Workshop (OLHC Church)

Thur 20 **Ministry of the Word training (Parish Centre)**

Fri 21 9am Mass (St John's, Northgate)

Sat 22 6am-4.30pm Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament (OLHC)

Baptism of Billie Heaton



ELEVENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME 16 JUNE 2024

The iconic words of St. Paul - "we walk by faith and not by sight" - seems to our modern, empirically driven, technology obsessed world, like they are the very antitheses of reason. These words, however, are not a rejection of science and reason, rather they call us to tap into a deeper rationale—indeed the Reason, Logos, Word - which is the principal that has given expression to all things. That reason is transcendent of our universe and so necessarily exists beyond our sight. It is that 'Logos' that we name as true God.



Brothers and Sisters, we live in a world of constant change: but we are called to adhere to that which is eternal. We live in a world of sensory overload and bombastic distractions: we are called to attend to the One who can be received by faith alone, who so often comes in the quiet stillness of prayer.

As we grapple with this world, and even as we make use of the things of this world, let us not be absorbed by them. Everything in this world is passing away and that which seems to us to be utterly apparent, solid and worthy of our attention, will turn to dust. Soon enough we will wake from this life, as from a dream, and then we will truly see. Let us fix the eyes of our faith on heavenly glory and, even as we walk amid changing things, let us strive for those things which are eternal. (Cf. 2 Cor 4:18) As we continue on our pilgrim's journey, may we truly "walk by faith and not by sight."

Blessings,

Fr, Michael.



NET Ministries - Live for more

Next Sunday 23 June, Gabby Brennan will be our guest speaker at Masses in the Parish.

Gabby is honoured to be a NET missionary of 2024, based in Maroochydore.

NET is a global organisation that ministers to hundreds of young people each year throughout Australia and New Zealand.

In order for Gabby to continue her great work for NET Ministries, she is seeking financial support. If you are in a position to help to support her mission, please scan the QR Code and add 24GabB into "Sponsorship for". **Thank you for your support.**



There are also copies of Gabby's NET Ministries information sheet and pledge cards at each of the churches if you'd like to take one home and consider supporting her mission.

Parish Messages.....

◆ **ENGAGED ENCOUNTER—15 AND 16 JUNE 2024:**

- ◆ The parish will again host Engaged Encounter this weekend in the Parish Centre. This is a marriage preparation weekend that facilitates honest and constructive dialogue for engaged couples. We sincerely thank Andrew and Angela Devereux for their dedicated ministry to this weekend. **Please keep these couples in your prayers as they journey to marriage.**



◆ **NOTE—DISTRIBUTION OF PRECIOUS BLOOD SUSPENDED:**

Health authorities are asking for extra precautions due to the new Covid strain, therefore the distribution of the Precious Blood will be suspended for the time being.

REMINDER

Training update sessions for Readers of the Word and Eucharistic Ministers

Fr Michael will be holding training sessions to update all volunteers in the parish who minister in the areas of Readers of the Word and Eucharistic ministry. Sessions will be held **in the Parish Centre:**

- Readers of the Word **6.00-7.30pm Thursday 20 June 2024**
- Eucharistic Ministers **6.00-7.30pm Thursday 11 July 2024**

Fr Michael will look forward to seeing all ministry volunteers at these sessions.



ALPHA continues this Sunday 16/6 **Session 7: How Does God Guide us?**

Alpha sessions start at **11am**

CHANGE OF VENUE: OLHC Church

Newcomers most welcome!

Episode 7 "How does God guide us?" This week we will share a cuppa, watch a video and discuss in small groups before the team does some more training ahead of our upcoming Holy Spirit Day. We hope that you will invite yourself &/or others to join us.

[alpha_walkthrough_video 84 sec Life Faith Meaning Food vid disc.mp4](#)

Extra special thanks to Cutella and Celia for the volunteering to make the delicious chorizo bake, and noodles and vegies dishes which we all enjoyed as part of our shared lunch last Sunday and to Joyce for the special baked goods the week before, as well as the MoM cafe helpers who generously serve us all each week.

ST VINCENT DE PAUL—ITEMS WANTED:

SVDP Hendra Conference is in need of good working **mobile phones and laptops** for needy clients. Donations would be gratefully appreciated. Please contact Mike on 0419 027 430.



Enrol now!

The Sacrament of
EUCCHARIST
(Also known as 'First Holy Communion')

Open to Children Year 4 and up who have received
Baptism and Confirmation

Enrolments Close Monday 17th June

Please visit our website to access the Enrolment Form and to register for preparation sessions



Parish Activities

Parish 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

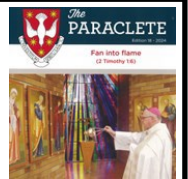
Have you entered your birthday in our Parish Birthday Book?

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



The Paraclete

Copies of latest edition of the *The Paraclete*, the annual magazine of the Holy Spirit Seminary, are available at the entrance of the Church. Please take a copy.



2024 Holiday Program

For Primary Aged Children

Join us in the second week of the school holidays for 3 days of fun, faith and friends.

Hosted by the ECK Team with
Chermside West Parish

July 3rd - 5th



**MORE INFO
HERE**

www.encountercatholickids.com.au/2024-holiday-program

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**POWER!
UP!**

Stop the anti-faith Anti-Discrimination Bill

The Queensland Government have released a draft Anti-Discrimination Bill, that would be the most restrictive regime in Australia for religious freedoms. It would significantly restrict the ability of churches, schools and other faith organisations to choose who we employ, as well as introducing other harsh restrictions. **Please see attached the letter to the Premier from the signatory faith organisations of Queensland.**

The most important thing you can do is to write to your local MP and tell them you are concerned about the bill.

Politicians won't know that we care about this unless we tell them.

A website has been launched by the combined heads of faith to make it easy for you to learn more about the Bill and write to your MP. Place this link into your browser to access the website:

<https://contactyourmp.org.au/qld>

Please take 5 minutes to write to your MP today.

WRITING GUIDES CAN BE FOUND AT THE CHURCH DOORS.

NEWS FROM OUR PARISH SCHOOL

Building Update: At this stage, both the Prep playground and the refurbishment of the existing admin block to classrooms, will commence on Monday 24th June during the school holidays. More information regarding site access, etc. will be released as more information is provided to us from the builders.



Athletics Carnival and Training: We look forward to our school athletics carnival due to be held on Tuesday 18th June.

Warm regards, **Adam Bennie** Principal

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

INVITATION TO A HEALING MASS

Are you in need of healing prayer for you or your family? An invitation is extended to the people of the Archdiocese to attend a healing Mass at **S. Mary Magdalene's Church, 51 Cecil Road, Bardon, Friday, 5th July, 2024 at 7.30pm.** Fr. Tomi Alexander Vattukulathil of Jubilee Parish, will be the celebrant. The Sacrament of Healing will be administered during Mass together with a personal prayer. Prayer ministry will also be offered after Mass for anyone who would like further prayer. Supper will be provided. For more information, contact Len Airey on 0421 977 849 or by email to lenpatairey@gmail.com

Pilgrimage to Marian Valley (Feast of Our Lady of Perpetual Help)

Pilgrimage to Marian Valley on **Saturday, 29 June 2024** celebrating the Feast of Our Lady of Perpetual Help. Bus transport is available for \$30pp return (payment upon booking). **Pick-up time/venues:** 6:30am Holy Spirit church, Bray Park; 7:00am Sacred Heart church, Sandgate; 7:15am Bus Stop along Handford Rd opposite St. Flannans church, Zillmere; 7:30am Bus Stop along Appleby Rd. opposite Queen of Apostles church, Stafford. **For booking and further info, Jima 0432374239**

GO AND INVITE EVERYONE
to the banquet



His Eminence
Cardinal Giorgio Marengo IMC

Catholic Mission invites you to a dialogue on Mission in Action as we hear Cardinal Giorgio Marengo share how we can help support the work of the church in Mongolia.

Cardinal Marengo, who first went to Mongolia in 2003, is a strong believer in interfaith dialogue. It is through the grace of God he continues his ministry in Ulaanbaatar, Mongolia.

Donations are welcome and will support the work of the church in Mongolia.

Monday 24th June 2024

Time:
6:00 pm to 7:30 pm

Venue:
Hanly Room - St Francis Rush Centre
196 Charlotte St, Brisbane

Register via Trybooking
www.trybooking.com/cQTQF
or QR Code



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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

23 JUNE 2024

TWELFTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

First Reading: Job 38:1, 8-11

Second Reading: 2 Cor 5:14-17

Gospel: Mk 4:35-41



Commemoration of Saints

June 2024

Wed 19 St Romuald, *abbot*

Fri 21 St Aloysius Gonzaga, *religious*
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Sat 22 Sts John Fisher, *bishop* and Thomas
More, *martyrs* **MEMORIAL**

PRAY FOR US.....



WE PRAY FOR....



The Recently Deceased: Nil

Anniversaries: Irene Maria Pringle, Daphne Felsman, Monica Meryll McCormack, Vivienne Margaret O'Sullivan, Gail Elizabeth O'Connor, Domenico Pagano

The Sick: Ailbhe Cunningham, Kath Janssen, Wayne O'Toole, Kath Shaw, Brad Ryan, Stan Janssen, Lorraine Neville, Matthew Hand, Maria Ward, 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, 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

SCAM ALERT!

PLEASE NOTE - SCAM ALERT

Scams via email are still prolific and we would caution all parishioners to not respond to any email from anyone claiming to be a representative of our parish asking for money, gift cards or verification of financial details. Our Clergy would never seek to contact you in this way or require that you provide them with cash or store cards to get them out of a bind.

Please delete any such requests, as well as requests to return emails to clergy.

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: Jesus said the Kingdom of God is like a mustard seed that grows into a great tree. Our faith must be like that. From small beginnings, we can grow a great Culture of Vocations in which young men feel encouraged to offer themselves as priests.



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
16 June	Mary Nicholls and Rosemary Woods	Pat Shine and Kate McLean
23 June	Serena Varendorff and Bill Nott	Louise Nott and Robyn Jaynes

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