



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 July

- Sun 7 Morning tea after 9:30am Mass (OLHC)
11.00am Memorial Mass for past students of
Downlands College, Toowoomba
Baptism of Nixon Eadie
- Mon 8 3.30pm First Eucharist Info/Prep - Session 1
(OLHC Church)
6.00pm First Eucharist Info/Prep - Session 1
(OLHC Church)
- Tue 9 9.30am Spirituality Discussion Group (Parish
Centre)
1:00-2:15pm Prayer Engine (OLHC)
- Wed 10 8.45am Mass (OLHC) *Commencement*
- Thu 11 6.00pm Update training for Eucharistic
Ministers (OLHC Church)
- Fri 12 9am Mass (Anointing) (St John's, Northgate)
- Sat 13 6am-4.30pm Adoration (OLHC)
5.00pm First Eucharist RITE OF ENROLMENT
MASS (OLHC Church)



FOURTEENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME 7 JULY 2024



Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Sunday
Keep the Fire Burning: Strong in Faith



In our world, with all its change and flux, questions of meaning and identity are paramount. How do we ground ourselves in something solid, so we are not swayed by every new trend? In the constant contest for truth and a prevailing social narrative, where do we find stability and direction?



Each of us holds on to the past to some extent. Traditions, memories, and relationships offer familiarity and groundedness. However, clinging too tightly can make us rigid and unable to adapt to necessary changes. This often leads us to merely survive rather than thrive.

On the other hand, some focus primarily on progress. Can we build a better world for future generations? But progress towards what? Without understanding where we've come from and formulating a common vision, we cannot agree on what 'progress' means, leading to chaos.

Neither tradition nor progress alone is sufficient. We must find identity and meaning in the complex interplay of both. This is especially true for our two parishes. We cannot afford to be unchanging, nor can we undervalue the stability which our connection with the church provides.

Let us pray for the Holy Spirit's guidance as we embrace change. May we hold on to what is truly important, founding our identity on the Rock of Christ, who sends His church on mission!

On a practical note, we will soon be implementing a small but significant change. We will move to a combined newsletter. This approach will reduce the inefficiencies of producing two nearly identical newsletters each week and minimise the potential for miscommunication. Most importantly, it will enhance our identity as a 'community of communities,' striving to implement Christ's mission. When the change is implemented, I would welcome any feedback on improving our newsletter.

**Blessings,
Fr Michael**

COMMENCEMENT—WEDNESDAY MORNING MASS AT OLHC, HENDRA

All parishioners are warmly invited and welcome to attend the 8:45am Wednesday morning Mass at Our Lady Help of Christians, Hendra which commences this week 10 July. The Wednesday morning weekday Mass at OLHC will continue from this date onwards.

WELCOME AND THANKS: FR FRANK O'DEA AND FR NEIL MUIR:

We most warmly welcome Fr Frank O'Dea and Fr Neil Muir who are celebrating Masses in the parish with us this weekend. We thank them for their kind and generous assistance to Mother of Mercy Parish.



Parish Messages.....

- ◆ **Parish Spirituality Discussion Group:** The next meeting of the group will be at **9:30am THIS Tuesday 9th July** in the Parish Centre to discuss the gospel reading for the next Sunday and share morning tea. All welcome!
- ◆ **REMINDER: Training update sessions for Eucharistic Ministers:** A reminder that the training session to update all volunteers in the parish who minister in Eucharistic ministry will be held: **6.00-7.30pm THIS Thursday 11 July 2024**
- ◆ **THANK YOU—PETER'S PENCE COLLECTION:** Thank you to everyone who donated to the Peter's Pence retiring collection. A total of **\$713.00** was raised.

Thank You

MUSIC PRACTICE BEFORE MASS—An opportunity and an invitation! Our parish is fortunate to have an organist to accompany our singing at our Masses at OLHC each weekend. Given this good fortune there is an open invitation to anyone who is able to arrive early, to practise the songs for the day or begin to learn new repertoire before Mass.

If you are interested (and we hope you are), simply make yourself known to Jim, our wonderful organist, and he will do the rest. He is always there half an hour early and its very happy to provide this assistance to us. Jim currently plays at both the 5.00pm Saturday and 9.30am Sunday Masses.



There will be a break from Alpha during the school holidays and we will resume on Sunday 21/7 at the Parish Centre.



****URGENT SUPPORT NEEDED****

St Vincent de Paul Winter Appeal

In these challenging times, the Our Lady Help of Christians St Vincent de Paul Conference extends a helping hand to many in our community. Every month, our small team of volunteers supports around 35 local families and individuals, distributing about \$5000 in food vouchers, along with furniture and other essentials.

As winter sets in, our appeal for donations is crucial. **Envelopes are available at the back of the church.** If you can contribute, please take one and help us support our neighbours in need. Alternatively internet banking is available - SVDP OLHC HENDRA BSB 064786 Account 100027149. *Thank you for your generosity and support.*

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.



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

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

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



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.**



ALL GOD'S CHILDREN:

THE WHY AND HOW OF ECUMENICAL AND INTERFAITH DIALOGUE

SATURDAY 13 JULY
9:30AM – 12PM

HANLY ROOM,
FRANCIS RUSH CENTRE,
196 CHARLOTTE ST, BRISBANE

SCAN QR CODE FOR
MORE INFORMATION
AND REGISTRATION



OPTIONS AVAILABLE



HOSTED BY
ARCHDIOCESE
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MULTICULTURAL MASS

"God walks with His People" Pope Francis



25 AUG 2024

2pm, Queen of
Vietnamese Martyrs
Catholic Church,
54 Flint St, Inala

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OF BRISBANE

CELEBRATED BY
ARCHBISHOP MARK COLERIDGE

NEWS FROM OUR PARISH SCHOOL

Wishing everyone a safe and happy school holiday period.

I will be working in a secondment position at Brisbane Catholic Education during semester two. We welcome Mrs Amanda Steer as acting principal until the end of 2024.



School resumes on Monday 8th July.

Warm regards, Adam Bennie Principal

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

IN THE FOOTSTEPS OF
MARY MACKILLOP

PILGRIMAGE
15th – 26th
October 2024

JOIN US on the official Pilgrimage created & led by the Sisters of Saint Joseph of the Sacred Heart for the last 28 years. An all inclusive 12 day organised pilgrimage to sacred sites in VIC, SA & NSW.

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TWILIGHT OPEN EVENING
Friday, 26 July 2024
4.00pm-7.00pm



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IGNITE CONFERENCE 2023: RISE UP!

19–22 Sept 2024, St Laurence's College, South Brisbane

"In the name of Jesus Christ of Nazareth, RISE UP and WALK."



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 JULY 2024

FIFTEENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

First Reading: Amos 7:12-15

Second Reading: Eph 1:3-14

Gospel: Mk 6:7-13



Commemoration of Saints July 2024

Tues 9 Sts Augustine Zhao Rong and companions, martyrs

Thur 11 St Benedict, abbot MEMORIAL

Sat 13 St Henry

Saturday Mass of the Blessed Virgin Mary



PRAY FOR US.....

WE PRAY FOR....



The Recently Deceased: Betty Clarke

Anniversaries: Brian Phillip Peters, Joyce Elizabeth Haynes, Maria Ann Roach, Terrance Mervyn Ferricks, Samuel Sandy Jackson, Robyn Lynette Andrews, Elsie Ann Geiger, Teresa Mastrodomenico, Terrence John Lay, Joan Frances French

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, 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: Like the people of Nazareth, we may face challenges and resistance on our faith journeys. With unwavering faith, we can overcome obstacles and persevere.



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

Wednesday 8.45am OLHC, Hendra (**commencing on 10 July 2024**)

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
7 July	Trish Dunn and Rosemary Woods	Pat Shine and Kate McLean
14 July	Angela Devereux and Cutella Dias	Louise Nott and Lorelei Gozzard

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