



# Our Lady Help of Christians Parish

St. John's Church  
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Our Lady Help of Christians Church  
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**SOLEMNITY OF MARY, THE HOLY MOTHER OF GOD  
 THE OCTAVE DAY OF THE NATIVITY OF THE LORD**

**1ST JANUARY 2017**

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**Weekend Masses:**

**Our Lady Help of Christians**

Cnr Manson Rd and Bowman St, Hendra  
 Saturday - 5.30pm, Sunday - 9.30am & 6.00pm  
**St John's**, 688 Nudgee Rd, Northgate  
 Sunday - 8.00am

**St Cecilia's**, Cnr College & Hants Sts, Hamilton  
 Saturday 5.30pm, Sunday 8.30am (from 17-1-16)

**Weekday Mass Times**

Mon 2 Jan	No Masses
Tues 3 Jan	6.30am OLHC Mass *Rosary before Mass
Wed 4 Jan	<b>6.30am</b> OLHC Mass
Thur 5 Jan	6.30am OLHC Mass *Rosary before Mass
Fri 6 Jan	9.00am St John's Mass / Adoration 6.00pm OLHC Adoration
Sat 7 Jan	7.00am OLHC Mass *Rosary before Mass

Confession: OLHC: SAT - 5.00pm before 5.30pm Mass  
 St Cecilia's - Before 5.30pm Saturday Mass

*Father Paul together with Sr Monica, Bernadette and  
 Monica wish all of you a happy and blessed New Year.*



**Reflection by Fr Michael Tate**

It is fitting that on New Year's Day we celebrate the calendar-shattering event in human history: the extraordinary role that a young woman in Galilee played in God's plan for the human race.

In the Western Church, the young woman is titled 'Mother of God'. This signifies a relationship, a loving, nurturing relationship. We know that it encompassed a mother's horror of seeing her son tortured and done to death on the Cross.

Yes, she was a mother, but Mother of God.

How can this be portrayed for our minds to grasp? In the Book of Genesis, the creative act which began all reckoning of the passage of time and seasons was signalled by the Divine Wind hovering over the formless void.

When that Holy Gust hovered over Mary, and she responded: 'Be it done unto me according to thy Word', the human existence of Our Lord Jesus Christ began, the fulcrum of history from which our calendar begins.

We could pause for a moment to pray that at the end of all history, at the end of all calendars, we may share in Divine life with Mary of Galilee, Mother of God.

**MASS TIMES FOR NEW YEAR'S EVE AND NEW YEAR'S DAY:** As Father Paul is away overseas visiting his family in India during this time, Fr James O'Donoghue and Fr Joe McGeehan will be assisting with Masses in the Parish. We warmly welcome and thank them.

**Saturday 31st December 2016**

7.00am OLHC Weekday Mass  
 5.30pm New Year's Eve Mass—OLHC

**Sunday 1 January 2017**

8.00am New Year's Day Mass—St John's  
 9.30am New Year's Day Mass—OLHC  
 6.00pm New Year's Day Mass—OLHC

**PARISH OFFICE CLOSURE OVER CHRISTMAS/NEW YEAR PERIOD:** The Parish Office will be closed from Friday 23 December 2016 until Tuesday 3rd January 2017. During the month of January, the office will be open on Mondays and Wednesdays but closed for the remainder of the week. **If you wish to contact the Parish office urgently, please call Fr James O'Donoghue, our Assisting Priest, on contact 0417 718 119.**

**WEDNESDAY WEEKDAY MASS DURING SCHOOL HOLIDAYS:**

A reminder that Wednesday morning Masses have moved to 6.30am during the school holidays. 9.00am Wednesday Masses will recommence on Wednesday 25 January 2017.



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**WE PRAY FOR**

**The Recently Deceased:** Deacon Frank Love, James Fitzgerald, Angela Sturges, Una Anderson, Geoffrey Devine



**Anniversaries:** Pat McKenna, Monsignor Cornelius Roberts (former PP, Hendra), Fr Ronald Illidge

**The Sick**

Margaret O'Brien, Ramina Khan, Lucia Rigoglioso, Lola Townsend, Stella Burton, Ryan Clayden-Zabik, Desmond Ryan, Rob Bruce, Clive Cass, Margaret Paterson, Josip Bicanic, Marie Connor, Christina Peters, Hilary Collins, Matthew Gray, Raymond King, Naomi Garden, Paul Ferguson, Kerri Smith, Patti Davies, Wayne Evans, Dale Martin, Max Lyons, Patricia Anderson, Patrick Broe, Vivienne O'Sullivan, Sean Sturges, Simon Powell, Audrey Ryan, Fr James Browne, Dell McHugh, Pat Curran, Rakesh Akhil, Fr Peter Conroy, The Residents of Merriwee (Bluecare at Hamilton), Isabelle Leddick (7 yr old), Charles Darmanin, Mary Gilmer, Maurice Conquest, Fr John Dobson, Colleen Scott, Dominic Beirne, Theresa Cecily Claffey (Tess), Trevor Gozzard, John Ryan (brother of Val Walsh), Bradley Bruce

**Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament:**

Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament will be held on **Friday 6 January 2017** after the 9.00am at St John's, Northgate. Adoration will also take place at OLHC at 6.00pm on 6 January 2017 in the church at Hendra. All welcome.



**Anointing and Healing Mass:** An Anointing and Healing Mass will be held on **Friday 13 January 2017 at 9.00am** at St John's, Northgate. All welcome.

**TRUTH, JUSTICE AND HEALING COUNCIL**

More information may be obtained by accessing their web site:  
<http://www.tjhcouncil.org.au/>

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**THIS WEEK'S READINGS:**

**First Reading:** Nm 6:22-27

**Responsorial Psalm**

May God bless us in his mercy.

**Second Reading:** Gal 4:4-7

**Gospel Acclamation**

Alleluia, alleluia!

In the past God spoke to our ancestors through the prophets; now he speaks to us through his Son..

Alleluia!

**Gospel:** Lk 2:16-21



**NEXT WEEK'S READINGS**

**8TH JANUARY 2017**

**THE EPIPHANY OF THE LORD**

**First Reading:** Is 60:1-6

**Second Reading:** Eph 3:2-3. 5-6

**Gospel:** Mt 2:1-12

**PARISHIONERS OF ST CECILIA'S, HAMILTON**

**New Year's Masses:** 5.30pm Saturday 31 December 2016  
8.30am Sunday 1 January 2017

**Closure of the building site and toilet block:** Parishioners are asked to use the toilets in the Church Sacristy for the time being. The new childcare centre is due to open in January 2017.

**CONFESSION TIMES:** 5.15 - 5.25pm before 5.30pm Saturday Mass.

**ROSTERS WEEKEND 7-8 JANUARY 2017**

Ministry	OLHC Sat 5.30	OLHC Sun 9.30am	OLHC Sun 6.00pm	St John's Sunday 8.00am
<b>Special Ministers</b>	A2 Nam Tran, David Hughes	B2 Mary Nicholls, Barbara Nelson, Michael Shine, Clark Keating	C2 Ann and Peter Wall	1 Greg and Cathy McLean, Paula Whalley
<b>Readers</b>	A2 Sr Peta Anne Molloy, Susan Hughes	B2 Serena Varendorff, Trish Dunn	C2 Peter Myers, Rohini D'Souza	5 Liz McKenna, Carmel Coonan
<b>Sacristy</b>	Denise Cannon			<b>Piety Stall 2nd Sunday</b> Aileen Collins
<b>Counters</b>	Peter Ryan, Michael Shine			4 Pat Buckley, Aileen Collins

**ROSTERS WEEKEND 14-15 JANUARY 2017**

Ministry	OLHC Sat 5.30	OLHC Sun 9.30am	OLHC Sun 6.00pm	St John's Sunday 8.00am
<b>Special Ministers</b>	A3 Mary Surtees, Mary Finucane	B3 Jo Harvey, Pat Shine, Trevor and Lorelei Gozzard	C3 James and Gabrielle Windsor	2 Maree Ganley, Anne Perkins, Jason Rosario
<b>Readers</b>	A3 Val Walsh, Michael Byrne	B3 Nadiine Barter, Lucas Gozzard	C3 Matthew Windsor	6 Alicia Walsh, Evangeline Walsh
<b>Sacristy</b>	Fe Hayden			<b>Piety Stall 3rd Sun</b> Dennis & Tom Walsh
<b>Counters</b>	Peter Ryan, Michael Shine			1 Dennis and Tom Walsh, Paula Whalley