



ST AGATHA'S PARISH

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Parish Office Hours

Monday - Friday: 8.00 am to 12.30 pm and 1.30 pm to 4.30pm

Please note Office is closed 12.30 - 1.30pm.

School Principal

Mrs Carol Sayers

Outside School Hours Care Coordinator

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A Parish of the North East Deanery in pastoral association with Hamilton Hendra Northgate Nundah Banyo Wavell Heights Aspley Geebung Zillmere Bracken Ridge Sandgate and Brighton

Readings - 16th June - 11th Sunday in Ordinary Time

1st Reading: 2 Sam 12:7-10; 2nd Reading Galatians: 2:16,19-20; Gospel: Luke 7:36-8:3



Women and Jesus

A while ago, I heard on the news of the trial in Saudi Arabia of a woman who had been raped. The man was convicted and sentenced, but so was she! She was to suffer over 100 lashes of the whip for allowing herself to be in a situation in the company of a male not a near relative. Her conduct threatened the strict demarcation deemed necessary in that society.

The same strict rules applied in Jesus' time, with the added dimension that at times a woman could be "unclean". Her touch could contaminate a male and render him "unclean". The boundary had to be maintained.

Jesus was the great boundary-breaker when it came to women.

Why is the Pharisee shocked at the scene of a woman anointing and kissing Jesus' feet as he lay at table?

One element was the Pharisee's embarrassment because he had omitted the courtesy of having Jesus' feet washed before reclining at table. She remedied the insult. But the main sense of shock was that Jesus allowed her to touch him. A taboo was being shattered. He was in grave peril from this deliberate contact. But instead of repudiating her, Jesus observes that it is simply the overflow of love of a forgiven woman, and he won't reject her gesture. The old rules which segregated and quarantined women for fear of what they might do to men are superseded by the presence of Jesus. This is a sign of the reign of God.

Has the Church got the message—the Gospel message? Does it live it out to the fullest extent possible?

St Luke reinforces this message in the next passage which portrays Jesus "preaching and bringing the good news of the reign of God." And he did so with a band of travelling companions. They symbolized what the reign of God looks like as it shapes a human community.

And who were they? Many women, three of them named, travelling with Jesus and twelve men, not their relatives. This would have been scandalous. This was boundary-breaking behaviour. This was utterly counter cultural.

We have to recover the evident truth that Jesus enjoyed the company of women. Very confident in his own identity, he was completely relaxed, talking with them, allowing them to touch him. In other words, he would quite naturally engage in the most outrageous behaviour, subverting the codes which had demeaned, quarantined and even demonized women over the centuries.

There is another element. We know that Peter and others recruited on the shores of the Sea of Galilee had left their fishing cooperative to follow Him. Jesus was obviously not engaged in the carpentry trade. How were they to survive on the mission? How were they to get the necessities of life?

His band of followers included rather well-to-do women with funds and contacts which enabled the mission to continue. They were grateful to Jesus who had healed them of various maladies and their generosity in response was legendary. Without their financial aid, Jesus could not have conducted his mission in the way he wanted to.

The gospel record is clear and the church needs to take it to heart. Jesus accepted women to an outrageous degree, overturning all the norms of society. Jesus depended on women to carry out his mission as an itinerant preacher of no fixed address. Jesus not merely preached the reign of God. He imaged it in his band of travelling companions, both female and male. He was, He is, truly the Savior of all human beings without distinction of gender. He is the Saviour for all humanity. He is the Savior of the world.

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ST. AGATHA'S YOUTH MINISTRY

DINNER ROSTER

LifeTeen Mass - Sunday 5.30pm

If you can assist with this ministry by providing dinner to cater for 40-60 people please write your name on the roster in main church foyer.

Please note: **Costs incurred are reimbursed** with the presentation of docket to the parish office. See notice board for menu suggestions. Enquiries to Catherine at the parish office on 32622859



ST AGATHA'S YOUTH MINISTRY TEAM

NEXT MEETING Thursday 4 July, 2013 7pm Parish Office

If you have any questions or ideas please contact
Anne O'Connor on 3256 6013 or 0419 796 988.

VIVID - Archdiocesan Youth Event Sunday 28th July ~ 4pm to 8pm

Guest Speaker ~ Br Damien Price cfc
Archdiocesan Mass ~ Dinner

A dynamic Catholic youth event which celebrates our faith with energetic music, inspiring testimonies, prayer and a powerful message of hope for young people.

St Laurence's College

82 Stephens Rd

South Brisbane

Go Make Disciples!

Register now at

www.cymbrisbane.org.au



Fan into FLAME - the gift God has given you.

A Life in the Spirit weekend led by the Missionaries of God's Love Fathers and Sisters for those wanting to know more about their faith, grow in prayer, discover the gifts that God has given them, open their lives to the renewing power of the Holy Spirit and learn more about the mission they have been called to. Friday 23 August 7.30pm—9pm, Saturday 24 August 9.00am—9.30pm and Sunday 25 August, 10am—1.30pm at the Church of the Twelve Apostles, 111 Yallambee Rd, Jindalee. Cost is free however donations are welcome. Ph Miriam Homes 3202 6856 email i.holmes@bigpond.com See noticeboard for extra details.

Quote.....

'To err is human, to forgive, divine'

Alexander Pope, English poet (1688 – 1744)

SACRAMENTAL PROGRAM

FIRST RECONCILIATION

(for children in Year 2 or older)

ENROLMENT WEEKEND

6/7 JULY, 2013 AT ALL MASSES

Mass times: Saturday 6.00 pm; Sunday 7.00 am, 9.00 am & 5.30 pm

(enrolments forms are available at the church)

CELEBRATIONS:

- Tuesday, 20 August, 2013 at 7.00 p.m.
- Wednesday, 21 August, 2013 at 7.00 p.m.

MEETING DATES:

- 16 & 17 July 2013, 7.00 pm - Parents' meeting. (Church)
- 18 July 2013, 3.30 pm - Children's preparation (Church)
- 13 August 2013, 3.30 pm - Children's Gathering (Church)

Attendance at all sessions is an essential part of the preparation.

Please keep these dates and times free of other appointments.

Enquiries to be directed to Jane Cameron at the St Agatha's Parish Office 3262 2859.

ST. RITA'S REUNION - 50 year Reunion of the class of '63 of St. Rita's College at Clayfield

is to be held on 27th July. We are inviting all past students who attended St. Rita's in Year 9 in 1960 to Senior in 1963, and the Commercial Classes of 1960/61 to attend the Reunion. For more details, please contact Marnie Dann (nee Woolnough) on 0418 455 508 or Elizabeth White (Bottomer) on 0402 477 710.

DATE CLAIMER: Women of all ages are invited to the Women of "The Way" Retreat 6-8 Sep 2013 at Camp Warrawee, Joyner. Theme: Chosen to Walk in the Light. Presenter: Penny Carroll. Resident priest Fr Hugh Thomas CSsR. Residential Accom, incl meals: \$150-\$170. Non-res: \$65. For details: Rosa Montegrando Ph 3886 1661 or email: rmontegrando@hotmail.com



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Visit www.beingcatholic.com.au to read the latest article, "How To Become A Saint In One Easy Step."

CATHEDRAL OF ST STEPHEN SUNDAY MASS WEBCAST ONLINE

Now that Mass For You at Home has shifted to a 5:30am broadcast time on Channel 11 in both regional and metropolitan areas, it might be timely to note our own Archdiocese has a weekly webcast of the Sunday 10am Mass at the Cathedral. To view the mass online go to www.bne.cdatholic.net.au/webcast.

In our prayers we remember



Those who have died: recently:

Cecily Dobson, Eileen Caton, Joseph Barrett, Bishop Adrian Charles AM (Anglican diocese of Brisbane), Raymond Donaldson, Rose Ferricks, Hazel Hawke, Norman Gadsby, Caterina Zappala, Michael O'Connor, Ben Stekhoven.

And those whose anniversaries occur about now:

Irene Hogan, Annette Douglas, Eve Douglas, Helen Hughes, Eileen Williamson, Frances Tibbits, Edward O'Keefe, Thomas Heike, Victor Versace, Jim Harding, Neil Smith, Maurie Bredhauer, Joan Riordon, Dell Thornton, Miguel Lopez, H H Pope Paul VI, Carmelina Larosa, Paul McGuire, Santo and Giuseppa Catalano, Nell and Tom Campbell.

Those who are sick:

Annette Riba, Margaret Hollingworth, Tyler Guyder, Maria Maczynski, Caitlin Yarde, Roberta Wright, Zara Burke, Sienna Emery, Bishop Michael Putney, Anthony Nicholas, Kathleen Hickey, Jenny and Nina Hummselshoj, Fr Brian Taylor, Cathy Sullivan, Donna McGrane, Terasita Trisoglio, Barbara Kozak, Anne Nimmo, Vincent O'Connell, Gregory Winch, Lyn Allen, Betty Schofield, Randal McFarlane, Lyn Gavison, Jyoti Bharadia, Dot McMaster, Mel Purwo, Patricia Evans, Pam Farr, Benedetta De Santi, Jennifer Baker, Patricia Woolhouse, Judy Freeman, Johnathon Adams, Sue Hall, Rosaria Tieppo, Maia Balsillie, Charles Kannengiesser, Ronald McCann, Alison Doust, Jonathan O'Brien, Peter Wood, Vera Jokic, Gabrielle Greathead, Tim Devlin, Loretta Giles.

You will note a number of names which have been on the sick list for many months have been removed. If you would like to have a name put back on please contact the parish office. Also a reminder to let us know when names are no longer required to be shown on the list.

V9 – Vocations Novena

An Archdiocesan supported *Novena for Vocations* initiative which begins on Sunday the 16th of June and goes through until Sunday the 11th of August 2013, concluding at the end of the National Vocations Awareness Week.



Please keep Vocations in your prayers over these weeks with these words.....

vocation

*At the sight of the crowds Jesus' heart was moved
For they were like sheep without a shepherd
Jesus said, "The harvest is ready but the labourers
are few"*

Ask the Lord to send out labourers for harvest.

O Lord we pray

that young men will answer the call

To become priests in Your harvest

And shepherds for people.

Amen.

ST AGATHA'S HOSPITALITY MINISTRY.

The Parish Pastoral Council is seeking to establish within the St Agatha's Parish a Hospitality Ministry. Hospitality is one of the ways that "parishes are welcoming, inclusive communities to which people are drawn and have a strong sense of belonging". (Jesus Communion Mission Synod 2003). Special talents are required by a team of parishioners to organize social functions, for example morning teas after Mass, on a casual basis as is required by Father or the Parish Pastoral Council. These functions would fall outside those already undertaken by the Family Group and the Young Parishioners Mass.

Responsibilities would include catering, setting up and closing up. If you are interested in participating in this important Ministry please contact the Parish Office.



**ANNUAL CATHOLIC
CAMPAIGN 2013**
ARCHDIOCESE OF BRISBANE

SVDP WINTER APPEAL

**The SVDP is conducting it's
WINTER APPEAL**

The St Agatha's Conference visits people in a large area from Pinkenba to Bowen Hills, and this winter a large number of calls are expected, from families and single persons, seeking food, clothing, furniture and financial assistance.



Any donations are gratefully appreciated.

**Please use the envelopes provided on the church seats,
and on behalf of the people assisted by the SVDP**

Thank You.

***Envelopes and pencils are provided
on seats today.***

***Additional copies of this week's insert
are on the table in church foyer.***

***If you are unable to give today
please take a copy home and consider
giving online via their website
www.catholiccampaign.com.au***

PARISH ROSTERS

Please arrange a substitute if you are unavailable on your rostered day.

	6.00pm	7.00am	9.00am	5.30pm
<u>READERS</u>				
15/16 June	Ann Goves Ryan Smethurst	Sr Cecily Foster Chanelle Simpson	Michael Crutcher Trish Ryan Angela McFarlane	Life Teen Mass
22/23 June	Jack Williamson Eddie Foley	Sharon Hickey Andrew Douglas	Katrina Murphy Peter Ryan Jane Arkinstall	Life Teen Mass

COMMUNION MINISTERS

15/16 June	Trish Hickey	Blue Doyle	Peter Ryan	Life Teen Mass
22/23 June	Marie Ho	Blue Doyle	Henry Weld	Life Teen Mass

Gift Bearers are asked to write their names on the monthly sheet on table except for the Young Parishioners' Mass and special masses.

CHILDREN'S LITURGY - Prep to Grade 4 children are encouraged to participate. *Please note any younger siblings need to be accompanied by an adult.*

16 June	Eleonora Kowitz (L), Monique Kowitz
23 June	School Holidays - No Childrens' Liturgy

ORGANISTS:

15/16 June	Sr Marguerite	Mark Leung	Catriona McPherson
22/23 June	Sr Marguerite	Mark Leung	Mark Sayers

SANCTUARY CARERS:

29 June	Santina Catalano, Angela Delonga
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Volunteers needed. These important ministries need more volunteers. Please contact Fr Farrelly or the Parish Office on 3262 2859 if you would like to help.

WEEKEND TIMETABLE

Masses:	Saturday	6.00 pm
	Sunday	7.00 am
		9.00 am
		5.30 pm

Reconciliation:

Saturday 5 pm – 5.30 pm

Rosary: Before most masses

WEEKDAY TIMETABLE

Mass:	Monday	6.30 am
Mass:	Wednesday	9.00 am
Mass:	Thursday	9.00 am
Mass:	Friday	9.00 am

AFTER HOURS EMERGENCIES

If you need to speak to a priest about an urgent matter, please phone pager 3835 9885.

Baptismal Preparation Meeting

We hold a preparation session for baptism on the First Sunday of the month after the 9.00 am Mass.

We celebrate baptism on the 3rd and 4th Sundays of the month except in Lent



For bookings and further information, please phone the parish office on 3262 2859.



- Do you need transport to a doctor's appointment?
- Do you need a meal cooked for you?
- Would you like someone to visit you?

If you or someone you know would like assistance with transport, meals or visits please call St Agatha's Care & Concern on **0419 988 811**.

We are available and ready to help.

JUST CALL.



As a parishioner, do you have some time to give to help in the above ministry?

Are you interested in helping to bring parishioners to Mass?

If you can help please contact the parish office on 3262 2859 or email: clayfield@bne.catholic.net.au

THE CATHOLIC LEADER- Copies On Sale - \$2.00

- * Vatican says Catholics have obligation to treat refugees as their 'brothers and sisters'
- * Church representative says Vatican document on refugees and asylum seekers is timely for Australia
- * Bishop Putney honoured in Queen's Birthday list
- * Romero Centre calls for help for its work with refugees and asylum Seekers
- * Brisbane project continues to help Christians in Iraq work for peaceful, productive future
- * Pope opens up to questions from Youth
- * Young mother tells how faith, family and friends helped her recover from horrific and life-changing accident
- * Bishop gives insight on life amid a humanitarian crisis in Central African Republic
- * Schools rally to raise funds for Annual Catholic Campaign

Readings - 23th June - 12th Sunday in Ordinary Time

1st Reading: Zechariah; 12:10-11;13:1; 2nd Reading Galatians: 3:26-29; Gospel: Luke 9:18-24