



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

Ms Sarah Daws

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 - 12th May - The Ascension of the Lord

1st Reading: Acts 1:1-11; 2nd Reading: Hebrews 9:24-28.10:19-23;

Gospel: Luke 24:46-53

The Ascension of the Lord

Stargate SG1 is a television series that spun off from the film Stargate. The background to the film and the series is the discovery in Egypt of a huge ring-shaped device about 10 metres in diameter. When activated it allows travel to distant parts of the universe in the twinkling of an eye. These devices that come to be called stargates were the invention of a race of beings known now as the ancients.

And in case by now you are wondering what on earth has this trip into world of film and television and science fiction has to do with the feast of the ascension, it turns out in the story line that the ancients did not die out but rather they ascended. They left this material realm for a higher spiritual plane. Sadly they still suffer many of the same problems they had when they were in material form but that is by the by for now.

What struck me was how the story writers whether consciously or unconsciously took this article of Christian belief (he ascended into heaven) and adapted it for their purposes. Their imaginary ancients left the restrictions of their material existence for something else.

Here the story writers and the followers of Jesus part company. The doctrine of our Lord's ascension is not a denial of the material. Jesus does not ascend into heaven as a spirit. He ascends as himself body and soul into heaven. It is what the Church believes happened to his mother, Mary, at the end of her life. There was no dissolution of her body as there is with us when we die. She like her son moved from this world to one where she enjoyed complete union with the Trinity, what we hope will be our destination as well.

The world and we included do not see Jesus in the flesh anymore. What the world sees now, of course, is us who are alive with His spirit to complete his work on earth. We shall celebrate the feast of Pentecost next week. We do wait for the day when our bodies shall be set free from the limitations we now contend with. We do not wait for a day when we shall be bodiless because that would be to cease being who we are. We long for a day when our body, soul and spirit exist in the harmony God intended. We now dedicate ourselves to reach out and hold those hungry for compassionate contact, to speak words of consolation, wisdom and challenge to those who hear only words that disfigure and wound, to hear the cries of the poor and act to respond creatively.

Fr Adrian Farrelly

ST AGATHA'S GOES LIVE!!!!

Visit the new parish website www.clayfieldparish.org.au
Please note it is still evolving - more material will be added over the coming weeks.

**FIRST COMMUNION
WORKBOOKS
TO BE HANDED IN AT
MASSES NEXT WEEKEND
18/19 MAY**



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**PARISH BALL - FRIDAY 26 JULY 2013 - MODA PORTSIDE
TICKETS ON SALE NOW!!! - PLEASE NOTE PURCHASE IS THROUGH WEBSITE ONLY**

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



ANNUAL CATHOLIC CAMPAIGN 2013

ARCHDIOCESE OF BRISBANE

This single fundraising campaign held over a number of weeks in May and June replaces the traditional four in-parish appeals for Archdiocesan ministries, priests in retirement and those who are ill and the seminary. The Campaign Commitment weekend will be 15/16 June. For more information go to: www.catholicfoundation.org.au/acc

STEVE ANGRISANO VISIT, MAY 2013.

Well-known American musician, composer, youth minister and dynamic presenter, will be appearing at workshops and events in Brisbane from 9th to 13th May. He has been featured at major conferences and events around the world including World Youth Days.

* **Set Free Concert:** Monday 13th May
Brisbane Powerhouse
6.30 - 8.30pm

Flyer on noticeboard. Full details and registration visit www.cymbrisbane.org.au/steveangrisano.

BUS TRIP TO MARIAN VALLEY 14 JUNE 2013.

Managed by the Pauline Fathers Marian Valley - Shrine of Our Lady Help of Christians is a sacred place established to honour the Blessed Virgin Mary. All parishioners are invited to join a Bus Trip to Marian Valley on Wednesday 14 June stopping for Morning Tea at Canungra with the celebration of Mass and Lunch at Marian Valley. Cost \$35.00.

Bus leaves: London Road 8.15am
St Agatha's 8.20am
Our Lady Help of Christians 8.30am
Beatrice Terrace 8.40am

Bookings: Joan 3262 1472 / Mary 3262 5736.

ST AGATHA'S YOUTH MINISTRY TEAM

**NEXT MEETING
THURSDAY 30 MAY
7.00PM
PARISH OFFICE**

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

PENTECOST CELEBRATION 2013

Guest speaker: The Most Rev. Mark Coleridge

with Bardon Outreach, Emmanuel Community, CCR Brisbane affiliated Prayer Groups and Ministries
To give thanks and praise to God for what he has done in us and through us over 43 years of Renewal.

Sunday 19 May at 7.30pm at St Mary Magdalene's Catholic Church, 24 Cecil Rd, Bardon. All welcome (light supper). For more information:
Ph Fr Vince 5537 6773 / Norma 3369 3832.

PARISH FAMILY SEEKING TEMPORARY ACCOMMODATION IN LOCAL AREA.

Anyone going away who needs a house sitter? Local family parishioners looking for approx 3-4 months temporary accommodation between June and September. Even short amounts of time would help. If you can assist please contact Naomi on 32625282

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.

CRAqld PHOTOGRAPHIC AND INTERACTIVE

EXHIBITION Catholic Religious Australia, Qld feel it is a significant time to celebrate the past, reflect on the present and look forward to what the future of Religious Life might be in the next fifty years.

What: Photographic and interactive exhibition
Where: Lourdes Hill College in the Good Samaritan Centre, 86 Hawthorne Road, Hawthorne
When: Saturday 25th May - 1pm-5pm
Sunday 26th May - 10am-5pm
Also touring throughout Queensland until August 2013.

CATHOLIC PSYCHIATRIC PASTORAL CARE - Annual St Dymphna's Day Celebrations (Patron Saint)

SATURDAY 18 MAY - St Patrick's Church, 58 Morgan St, Fortitude Valley. A Healing Mass with the Sacrament of Anointing of the Sick 10.00am - Principal Celebrant Most Rev Mark Coleridge. BBQ lunch, raffles, lucky wheel, cake stall - This is the Annual Donation Day (donations of \$2.00 and over tax deductible)

In our prayers we remember



Those who have died: recently:

Lyn Grills, Francis Stephen Hefferan, Bishop William Murray, Monsignor Timothy Hannigan, Donald McNab, Elizabeth McGlaughlan, Teresa Franklin, Clare Mee, Lawrence Pattison, Bishop Joe O'Connell, Donn Macgroarty, Antony Mammootil, Margaret Roobottom.

And those whose anniversaries occur about now:

Francis Martin, Anne Curtin, Andrew Collier, Basil Taylor, Ross McKenzie, William Dunne, Josephine Dunne, Annie Grace, Elizabeth O'Connor, Michelle Edgecombe, Vere Eden, Thelma O'Grady, John O'Grady, Eric Dunlop.

Those who are sick:

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.

ST. STEPHEN'S CATHEDRAL CONCERT SERIES The first concert of the St. Stephen's Cathedral Concert Series for 2013 features the UQ Chorale and Pulse Chamber Orchestra in a program entitled *Britten and Friends* on Sunday May 19 at 4.00 pm at the Cathedral, 248 Elizabeth Street (parking opens at 3.00 pm from Charlotte Street entrance). The program includes Britten's *Hymn to Saint Cecilia* and *The Company of Heaven* (for chorus, soloists, strings, organ and tympani). Admission \$22 (adults) \$17 (concession). For further information contact (07) 3876 6812.

CURSILLO. Cursillo is a Movement operating worldwide and locally with the support and blessing of Pope Francis and our own Archbishop Mark Coleridge. A live-in 3 day weekend offers participants a deepening of their spirituality and a network of support in living their Christian lives.

Cursillo weekends for men and for women are being held from 13th-16th June. This is a 3 day live-in experience where you will learn about a useful method of support in living out your Christian life. You will experience Christian Community, hear talks and participate in discussions on God, life and spiritual development, and have loads of fun. You will leave with a vision of how to live as a Christian. For more information contact Rosemary at rhaydock@live.com.au on 0431 464 211 or Michael on 0427 555 776

WEEK OF PRAYER FOR CHRISTIAN UNITY 2013 - 12 MAY—19 MAY 2013

The theme is "What does God require of us?," a reference to Micah 6:6-8:

"With what shall I come before the Lord, and bow myself before God on high? Shall I come before him with burnt-offerings, with calves a year old? Will the Lord be pleased with thousands of rams, with tens of thousands of rivers of oil? Shall I give my firstborn for my transgression, the fruit of my body for the sin of my soul?" He has told you, O mortal, what is good; and what does the Lord require of you but to do justice, and to love kindness, and to walk humbly with your God?



National Council of
Churches in Australia
Faith and Unity Commission

WALKING IN CONVERSATION. As individuals of faith and as a community we are asked to reflect on the importance of the practices of dialogue and conversation, as a means of overcoming barriers. Both in ecumenism, and in the struggles for liberation of people across the globe, the skills of speaking and listening are recognised as essential. In such authentic conversation we can come to recognise Christ more clearly.

Our local InterChurch Council will celebrate the close of Week of Prayer for Christian Unity with an exchange of readers between neighbouring churches. We will exchange with St Augustine's Anglican Church.



ST AGATHA'S SCHOOL OPEN DAY FRIDAY 31 MAY 2013 - 9AM - 10.30AM

- Meet the Principal
- School tours
- Entertainment in the Performing Arts Centre
- School choir performance
- PE class
- Light refreshments served

**CARDS & HOLY GIFTS
ON SALE NOW
from PIETY STALL for
FIRST HOLY COMMUNION**
(celebrated weekends
26 May & 2 June)

PARISH ROSTERS

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

6.00pm 7.00am 9.00am 5.30pm

READERS

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| 11/12 May | Ryan Smethurst Marie Ho | Chanelle Simpson Sonia Marmotta | Young Parishioners | Life Teen Mass |
| 18/19 May | Marian Nolan Rachelle Brown | Alleira Egan Mary Kelaher | Jill Weld Tanya Mulcahy Heidi Cooper | Life Teen Mass |

COMMUNION MINISTERS

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| 11/12 May | Eddie Foley | Paulette Archer | Peter Ryan | Life Teen Mass |
| 18/19 May | Paulette Archer | Blue Doyle | Henry Weld | |

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.*

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| 12 May | No Children's Liturgy - Young Parishioners' Mass |
| 19 May | Jane Cameron (L), Nicola Warda |

ORGANISTS:

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| 11/12 May | Sr Marguerite | Mark Leung | Robyn Cuming / Paul Fiumara |
| 18/19 May | Eithne Stafford | Mark Leung | Robyn Cuming / Paul Fiumara |

SANCTUARY CARERS:

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| 18 May | Beverley O'Brien |
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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

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| 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

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| 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.

Care and Concern



- 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

Parish Calendar

May

Wednesday 15

- **Liturgy Meeting 5.30pm Parish Office**
- **Catholics Returning Home Parish Office 7.30pm**

Weekend 18/19

- **First Communion Workbooks to be handed in at Masses.**

THE CATHOLIC LEADER- Copies On Sale - \$2.00

- * Mater Brisbane and All Hallows' School mark historic move with Sisters of Mercy
- * Positive response to Townsville meetings on Royal Commission
- * Pope Francis calls on society to put people before profits
- * Vinnies urge Queenslanders to 'do something about' poverty
- * Vocations Centre turns to Facebook and Instagram to boost awareness among high school students
- * Young man plays music for God's glory

Readings - 19th May - Pentecost Sunday

1st Reading: Acts 2:1-11; 2nd Reading: Romans 8:8-17; Gospel: John 14:15-16.23-26