



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

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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 - 21st July - 16th Sunday in Ordinary Time

1st Reading: Genesis 18:1-10; 2nd Reading Colossians 1:24-28; Gospel: Luke 10:38-42



Angels: beings and activities

In our understanding angels are part of God's wondrous creation. Unlike us angels do not reproduce relying on what Jesus said at one time that marriage is for this life and that in the life after death we shall be like the angels. Our belief is that angels are pure spirit, that is, they are unlike us who are incarnated spirits or spirits in flesh. If angels do not reproduce then each must be a unique creation of God. Each makes its own response to God's will to serve or not. At each mass angels are mentioned in the Eucharistic prayer when we hear the words Thrones, Dominations, Powers, Seraphim and Cherubim. God's creation is filled with more creatures than we can imagine but angels are some we know about.

As we listen today to the story of Abraham, our father in the faith, and his wife Sarah we hear they are visited by an angel who relays God's promise to Abraham that from him and Sarah will come a new family of people in the world. The reading finishes with the angel promising to return the following year when the couple will have a son. This son will be called Isaac.

Notice in the story that Abraham first offers hospitality to the angels (at this stage he was not aware of their true identity). And indeed while angels are pure spirits it is not how they always appear. The word angel which we apply to these creatures speaks of what they do rather than what they are. Angel is a word that comes from the Greek word "to announce". Our world evangelise comes from the same family: "eu/ev" meaning "good" and "angelein" meaning "announce" so "good announcing" or "good news". The angels bring Abraham and Sarah good news about their future.

In the gospel today hospitality features again. This time though, Martha and Mary who along with their brother Lazarus are some of the best known friends of Jesus and their home a port of call and rest and relaxation when he was in the Jerusalem area, they give hospitality not to an angel but to God's Word in flesh. This is no messenger but the message itself. This is the message that transforms and continues to transform.

The image of Mary sitting in front of Jesus and listening to him may not strike us as radical but this is the pose of a disciple and rabbis in Jesus day did not have women as disciples. Women were not even allowed to touch the sacred texts. Yet Jesus welcomes Mary in this radical role. There is a challenge to the Church of today where we are used to women teaching, proclaiming the scriptures to continue to explore ways in which women can assume even more significant leadership roles within the Church so that the charism that is theirs by virtue of their being wisdom will enrich our appreciation of the good news.

Who knows where we shall next be confronted by an angel or by the Lord himself. What we need to do is to be on the lookout for the occasions as this expectation helps us see clearly what God gives us.

Fr Adrian Farrelly

SIXTEENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

HOMILY BY FR CLEMENT

Copies on table in church foyer.

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 the parish office on 32622859



ST AGATHA'S YOUTH MINISTRY TEAM

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/vivid
Cost: Gold coin donation



SACRAMENTAL PROGRAM

FIRST RECONCILIATION

CHILDREN'S GATHERING:

* 15 August 2013, 3.30 pm Church

(for children in Year 2 or older)

CELEBRATIONS:

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

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

RETREAT DAY AND HEALING PRAYER with **Fr Ken Barker** Missionaries of God's Love **Sunday 25th August 2013, 11am – 3.30pm.** You are invited to experience the dynamic words and the spiritual wisdom of Order Founder and Author. Don't miss this unique opportunity to deepen your faith and be inspired by Fr Ken's infectious love of God.

Talk 11am, Mass 11.45am, 1pm Book launch of Fr Ken's new book by Bishop Brian Finnigan. St Thomas' Catholic Church Perth Street Camp Hill, car park entrance Stephen St. Please invite others. BYO lunch, tea/coffee available. After lunch Fr Ken continues the Retreat Day to 3.30pm

All Hallows' School. 60th Reunion! 1953 Senior and 1951 Junior. Annual Past Pupils Mass 26th October 2013, 10am in School Chapel. Organise a group, bring a class mate or come alone. Wear a name tag.
Questions? Veronica Cusack (Harvey). Verann35@gmail.com

ST STEPHEN'S YOUNG ADULTS MINISTRY

invites you to join our annual

Youth Expo in the Cathedral grounds on **11th August** after a special **Young Adult Mass at noon.** There will be stalls of different Catholic organisations and religious as well as plenty of food and drinks and live music. Bring your family and friends to enjoy the day as well as to support St Stephen's Young Adults Ministry.

For further information, please visit our facebook page: St.Stephen.Young.Adults.Ministry.

St Rita's College, Clayfield CARNIVAL/OPEN DAY SUNDAY 28 JULY

10:00am – 4:00pm

You are welcome to join the St Rita's community at our annual Carnival and Open Day. This is a wonderful opportunity to see the College in action with tours from 10:00am – 12:00pm. It is a great family day with fantastic food, atmosphere and live entertainment.

Rachel's Vineyard Healing Retreats

Healing lives wounded by abortion

Rachel's Vineyard Retreat is a confidential healing ministry for the many people who have been touched by an abortion experience. Too often women and men are silenced by their abortions, and the retreats offer a safe place to express grief and to reclaim their voices in an understanding and compassionate environment. The retreats run from Friday evening to Sunday afternoon.

Retreats for 2013 August 9 – 11. Cost: \$350

Contact: Gwen 0407 175 508 email:

gwen.winterscheidt@gmail.com

Website: www.rachelsvineyard.org



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.



In our prayers we remember



Those who have died: recently:

Peter Vescey-Dalos, Patricia Ryan, Michelle O'Brien, Fay McLaughlin, John Gilfoyle, Terasita Trisoglio, Fr Andrew Gully, Fr Thomas O'Donovan SJ, James Liu, Fr Paul Duffy SJ, Gordon Martin, Betty Di'Arcy, Natalia Bagley, Burnie Hinds (Ban Ban Springs), Keith Mulcahy, Bernice Ford, Callista Begley.

And those whose anniversaries occur about now:

Mona Moynihan, Ray Hall, Vince Larosa, Lawrence Jones, Meriel Healy, Luigi Matassi, Emily Sherman.

Those who are sick:

Moira Lye, Kate Turnbull, Ron Paul, Stephen King, Annette Riba, Margaret Hollingworth, Tyler Guyder, Maria Maczynski, Caitlin Yarde, Zara Burke, Roberta Wright, Sienna Emery, Bishop Michael Putney, Anthony Nicholas, Kathleen Hickey, Lyn Allen, Jenny Hummselshoj, Fr Brian Taylor, Cathy Sullivan, Donna McGrane, Barbara Kozak, Anne Nimmo, Vincent O'Connell, Gregory Winch, 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.....

***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.



vocation

ST GERARD MAJELLA CATHOLIC CHURCH

GIFT SHOP "Massive china and giftware clearance including Franz, Lladro, Rinconada, John Beswick, Roman Inc, Jim Shore (Heartwood Creek), Demdaco Willow Tree, Beatrix Potter and more. There will also be huge discounts on Christmas items (decorations, gifts etc) which we need to clear to make way for the new Christmas stock which will be here in October.

When: 26,27,28 and 29 July - 9am to 5.00pm daily

Where: St Gerard Majella Catholic Church Gift Shop, 146 Maundrell Terrace, Chermside West.

Enquiries: Kate or Dianne 3359 0088 "

FAREWELL GIFT FOR FATHER CLEMENT

Anyone who would like to contribute, donation envelopes are available near the front door of the Church.

Santa Chiara Events, brings you MOLOKAI : The Story of Fr Damien, HOYTS Stafford Friday 7pm 26th July.

Father Damien, a Belgian missionary, arrived in the Hawaiian islands in the early 1870s and volunteered to work in the leper colony on Molokai. Ignoring the advice of his Bishop, Leo McKern, to keep his distance from the lepers, Damien dedicates himself wholly to the members of his sickly flock, attempting to restore the dignity of people abandoned to this remote and wild place by so-called civilization

Tickets \$10 and MUST be prebooked. RSVP by Thurs 25/07 to Maureen 3161 2413 mob 0401548796 email

santachiaraevents@gmail.com or find us on [facebook.com/SantaChiaraEvents](https://www.facebook.com/SantaChiaraEvents)

Reminder

Next weekend is "Sea Sunday". "This celebration is destined to the Seafarers and Fishing communities, and to those that are involved in cruise ships, together with all port personnel. On this occasion, we give thanks and celebrate, as we are reminded of the debt our society owes to all these workers of the sea and their families, and everyone engaged, in one way or another in this ministry." (Pontifical Council) There will be a retiring collection and you are asked to give generously to this worthy Apostolate.

VERSE FOR VINNIES CONCERT 28 JULY—GROVELY

By popular request Gregory North from "Sydney will be back as the feature poet for our Verse-for-Vinnies Concert on Sunday 28 July at 1.30 pm in the Mary MacKillop Centre, Grovely. For the first time in Brisbane, Greg will perform some poems as the assistant priest to Fr John O'Brien (Noel Stallard). Greg and Noel perform these poems each year at the John O'Brien Festival in Narrandera NSW. Greg will also do his extraordinary rendition of The Man From Snowy River. Please support Vinnies by attending this concert.

PARISH ROSTERS

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

6.00pm 7.00am 9.00am 5.30pm

READERS

20/21 July	Eric Van der List Phil Zammit	Kirsty Stevens Jeanine Bygott	Tim Hancock Denis Keating Patricia Sutcliffe	Life Teen Mass
27/28 July	Ryan Smethurst Anne Goves	Dianne Eden Nick Eden	Tanya Mulcahy Heidi Cooper Jill Weld	Life Teen Mass

COMMUNION MINISTERS

20/21 July	Jan Zammit	Paulette Archer	Peter Ryan	Life Teen Mass
27/28 July	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.*

21 July	Mary Ockendon (L), Mary Kerr
28 July	Susan Taylor (L), Sam Psaros

ORGANISTS:

20/21 July	Eithne Stafford	Mark Leung	Robyn Cuming
27/18 July	Catriona McPherson	Mark Leung	Mark Sayers

SANCTUARY CARERS:

3 August	Victor Podesta
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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.

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

THE CATHOLIC LEADER- Copies On Sale - \$2.00

- * Queensland World Youth Day pilgrims fly off to experience faith on a global scale
- * Catholic communities across the state prepare to celebrate Catholic Education Week
- * Faith in Jesus Christ celebrated at annual cathedral NAIDOC Mass
- * Young people in Egypt will lead country to a better future after turmoil
- * Pope Francis to make historic first trip to home continent as the Vicar of Christ
- * New editor takes the reins of The Catholic leader
- * Sunday Guest: Brisbane Catholic Education director Pam Betts

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