



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 - 28th July - 17th Sunday in Ordinary Time

1st Reading: Genesis 18:20-32; 2nd Reading Colossians 2:12-14; Gospel: Luke 11:1-13



WHAT IS YOUR GOD LIKE? DO YOU PRAY AND ARE YOU COMFORTABLE PRAYING?

Does Jesus tell lies? What about the words in the gospel today. "Seek and you will find. Knock and the door will be opened. Ask and you will receive. " I searched and did not find; knocked and doors remained shut; asked and did not receive. I am sure I am not alone in this experience. And from this experience we ask ourselves why pray at all. Is God listening? Does God care?

At times we speak words of hurt and bitterness and helplessness when faced with matters we cannot resolve in the way we want, seeing ones we love suffer pain and being unable to relieve the pain, we lash out. We asked, searched and knocked and appeared to come up empty-handed.

What is God like? What is God's attitude to our condition which so often involves hurt and suffering and injustice. What is the use of praying? What does prayer

do? These questions are pathways to a more mature faith because we are seeking to know God more deeply. As always, the source we go to to seek answers and insight is the scriptures and the teaching of the Church.

What we find in the scriptures today is that God is open to the conversation Abraham has about the fate of the towns of Sodom and Gomorrah, the sin cities of his day. Abraham feels free enough to bargain as it were with God on behalf of the people of the cities gaining from God a promise that the cities will not be destroyed if there are only 10 just men in them. Anyone who has shopped in overseas markets where bargaining is part of the shopping experience know that this is exactly the tack Abraham is taking. And it worked. His advocacy on behalf of the cities gave them a far greater chance of surviving. The fact that their own wickedness and lack of just citizens brought them undone does not undo the effort Abraham expended or the response God gave to his pleas.

The story is couched in very human terms with God being able to be swayed. With the revelation of Jesus, God is shown to be one who always acts out of love, always acts for the well-being of the people He has created, who does not need to be cajoled or appeased.

How we pray and what we pray for is very much conditioned by our idea of God. Following Jesus, our prayer does not start from God being one who is nasty, cruel, vindictive and needing to be kowtowed to like some puffed up dictator needing ego strokes. Our prayer starts with the idea Jesus had: Father who loves and cares for the family and gives his life for them. In our world bad things happen and God continues to identify with us and loves us in the midst of it all. Even as He died Jesus trusted in God's goodness to him. Yes, he did feel abandoned but still trusted.

What prayer does is change us. We won't always get the answer we want but we trust in God's love for us and those we love and know that God feels the frustration and pain we feel. We reject bitterness and despair. We accept not knowing everything and still find doors that open, answers and search results in unexpected places.

Fr Adrian Farrelly

This weekend is "Sea Sunday".

There will be a retiring collection and you are asked to give generously to this worthy Apostolate.

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 dockets to the parish office. See notice board for menu suggestions. Enquiries to the parish office on 32622859



ST AGATHA'S YOUTH MINISTRY TEAM

Next meeting 1 August at 7.00 pm.

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

Vivid 2013 is our local archdiocesan World Youth Day event, linking with the theme for WYD Rio 2013: **Go Make Disciples** and featuring guest speaker Br Damien Price. An Archdiocesan Mass with Bishop Joseph Oudeman will also be celebrated as part of the event. This will be a great opportunity to be immersed in the WYD experience as a 'pilgrim' with energetic music, testimonies, prayer, great food, fun and an inspirational message of hope. So come and celebrate your faith with other young people from around the Archdiocese of Brisbane! Join us on this **Sunday 28 July** (4.00-8.00pm, doors open at 3.30pm) at St Laurence's College, 82 Stephen's Rd, South Brisbane.



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.

The Parish Ball was a wonderful evening and a great success. Many thanks to our principal sponsor, **KIS Capital Partners** and the many other businesses that sponsored the event. We would also like to thank the many, many people who gave so much time and effort to making this event a night to remember. We now look forward to the 2014 Ball!

SACRAMENTAL PROGRAM

FIRST RECONCILIATION (for children in Year 2 or older)

CHILDREN'S GATHERING:

* 15 August 2013, 3.30 pm Church

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.

Looking for a parish secretary

Catherine Newell has been the parish executive assistant since December 2009. She has been of great assistance to me and many others in the parish coordinating activities, helping people prepare for funerals for loved ones and keeping the parish running smoothly. Unfortunately the demands of the job have taken their toll on her health and she has to resign. I shall miss her friendship and support. As a consequence though, I am now on the search for a parish secretary. I have inserted the ad in the newsletter, sent it to the neighbouring parishes and the Archdiocese. You may be interested yourself or you may know someone with the skills and aptitude for the job. Let me know.

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

In our prayers we remember



Those who have died: recently:

Phillipa Greene, Stephen King, Selwyn Orr, Robin Forster, Denise McCarthy, Peter Vescey-Dalos, Patricia Ryan, Michelle O'Brien, Fay McLaughlin,.

And those whose anniversaries occur about now:

Andrew Frendo, Laurence and Eileen Quinlan, Fr Tom Gard, Shawn Macgroarty, Emily Sherman, Edna Taylor, Mrs B Ord, Douglas Haigh, Frederic Meyer, Harry Ketter, Paul John Thornton, Rev Bro James Hodda, Audrey Dobby, Brian Sleeman, Mona Moynihan, Ray Hall.

Those who are sick:

Bruce McPherson, Andrew McPherson, Moira Lye, Kate Turnbull, Ron Paul, 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 Hummelshoj, 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

You are invited to attend Catholic Religious Australia, Queensland's (CRAqld) **"Then! Now! WOW!"**

Photographic and Interactive Exhibition to celebrate fifty years of collaborative Religious Life in Queensland. This is being held in the Francis Rush Centre next to the Cathedral of St Stephen, from **Friday 26th July to Wednesday 31st July**. Opening hours vary (26th – 4.30pm -9.00pm; weekend 9am – 6pm; 29th to 31st from 9am - 2.30pm) but all are welcome to attend, especially those interested in Catholic history and/or who were taught in Catholic schools by the Religious. Visitors have found images of their school principal and teachers and are reminded of the time when the Religious were highly recognisable in their habits. Times have changed... to discover how much and in what areas please visit the exhibition and explore the many photographs

Next Sunday our Parish will hold the Catholic Mission Propagation of the Faith Appeal. A focus of this year's appeal is the work of Sister Clara and her Salesian Sisters in Chennai in India, who are working to rescue girls from lives of slavery, prostitution and trafficking.

Lourdes Hill College Past Pupils Association Annual Past Pupils Lunch

Venue: Good Samaritan Centre ~ Lourdes Hill College

Date: Sunday 11th August 2013

Time: 12md

Cost \$60 RSVP 2nd August 2013

Bookings essential please send cheque to PO Box 643
Coorparoo 4151

Enquiries: Marilyn Loth 0422854737 or email

marilynloth@hotmail.com

Loreto Lotz 0412769708 or email reclvlotz@gmail.com

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.



FAREWELL GIFT FOR FATHER CLEMENT

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

PARISH ROSTERS

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

6.00pm

7.00am

9.00am

5.30pm

READERS

27/28 July

Ryan Smethurst
Anne Goves

Dianne Eden
Nick Eden

Tanya Mulcahy
Heidi Cooper
Jill Weld

Life Teen Mass

3/4 August

Eddie Foley
Jack Williamson

Chanelle Simpson
Sharon Hickey

Michael Crutcher
Trish Ryan
Jane Arkinstall

Life Teen Mass

COMMUNION MINISTERS

27/28 July

Marie Ho

Blue Doyle

Henry Weld

Life Teen Mass

3/4 August

Trish Hickey

Paulette Archer

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.*

28 July

Susan Taylor (L), Sam Psaros

4 August

Judy Smith (L), Margaret Ganly

ORGANISTS:

27/28 July

Catriona McPherson

Mark Leung

Mark Sayers

3/4 August

Sr Marguerite

Mark Leung

Catriona McPherson

SANCTUARY CARERS:

3 August

Victor Podesta

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

- * 'Then! Now! WOW!' – Catholic Religious Australia Queensland celebrates its 50th anniversary
- * World leader of Christian Brothers talks about how to reinvigorate religious life
- * Pope Francis draws huge crowds at World Youth Day in Rio de Janeiro
- * Students tackle brief mission in Peru on way to Rio
- * Church representatives critical of Prime Minister's PNG plan for asylum seekers
- * Bishop Julian Porteous named Archbishop of Hobart
- * Archdiocese prepares for major celebration of St Mary of the Cross MacKillop feast day

Readings - 4 August - 18th Sunday in Ordinary Time

1st Reading: Ecclesiastes 1:2; 2:21-23; 2nd Reading Colossians 3:1-5. 9-11 Gospel: Luke 12:13-21