

ST AGATHA'S PARISH

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Parish Office Hours

Very Rev Dr Adrian Farrelly KCHS JCD

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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 - 31 August - 22nd Sunday in Ordinary Time 1st Reading: Ecclesiasticus 3:17-20, 28-29; 2nd Reading Hebrews 12:18-9.22-24 Gospel: Luke 14:1.7-14



New Parish Staff We welcome Rosemary Greer to the staff of the parish. Rosemary comes with parish office experience having worked in the parish of Mareeba in far north Queensland. As you make contact with the office please make her welcome.

Rosemary replaces Catherine Newell who had to resign for health reasons. Catherine has been with us since December 2009. I am most grateful to all that she has given to the parish over those years. Many of you would be surprised how busy a parish office can be. Catherine has been a great support to me personally and will be missed. She has assisted sensitively many as they prepared funerals for loved ones. I wish her well in the future and hope that the health issues that have dogged her will be resolved.

Thoughts about talking about ourselves

Campaigning for political office and parts of today's gospel passage seem diametrically opposed. Jesus warns that those who exalt themselves will be humbled. Given we have been to the polls this weekend, does this mean that community minded people cannot put themselves forward as the best candidate to represent the electorate at federal level? Does a candidate have to refrain from alerting voters of the inadequacies of the policies and ideas even the character of others in the race? By no means. Whether we are putting ourselves up for election to political office or sending in resumes as we apply for jobs from time to time we are required to let others know what our skills and abilities are. We need to tell them what experience we have and what kind of person we are and how we would be an asset to their enterprise whatever it may be.

In myriad situations in life from standing for election in politics, to job hunting, to asking someone to marry us we must tell others who we are and why they can trust us. Trust is the binding force that holds our society together at all levels: political, business wise, personal. Studies have shown that children of parents addicted to behaviour transforming substances like alcohol and drugs have difficulties with trust and truthfulness. The reason is that the addicted parent has made so many promises and never kept them that the child simply accepts that people do not mean what they say. Such children live with an outlook of suspicion, not of trust.

As Jesus watches the people the leading Pharisee invited to the meal he had invited Jesus to, he notices how they jockey for position for the places of honour rather than wait for the host to assign each the place prepared for them. This is not that different from the situations we have considered above. The dinner guests are required to give due deference to the host and what he has in mind. He knows them all and they are not to presume to know what his thoughts on the matter are. Those who do and misread the situation will get their comeuppance to their personal embarrassment. It is their arrogance that brings them undone. From the election point of view this would be akin to the candidate having all the letterhead prepared before the election taking his success as a foregone conclusion.

As the first reading says so eloquently: "there is no cure for a proud person's malady since an evil growth has taken hold." Our Lord calls us to renounce pride that blinds us to the fact that we have to wait on others to accept or reject what we offer. We are obliged to know ourselves and know ourselves well so we are not ignorant of what we have to offer but we have always to live with the free choice of others who may or may not accept what we have. If we can assist well and good. If our assistance is not required then we do not rant and rave at their stupidity or ingratitude but keep the good we have to offer for a time when it will be accepted. Fr Adrian Farrelly

PLANNED GIVING ENVELOPE USERS

PLEASE COLLECT YOUR NEW PACKET THIS WEEKEND

Your assistance is appreciated as it saves volunteers giving of their time to personally deliver them.

TWENTY-SECOND SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME HOMILY BY FR JOSEPH

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ST. AGATHA'S YOUTH MINISTRY

DINNER ROSTER LifeTeen Mass - Sunday 5.30pm

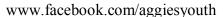
If you can assist with this ministry by providing dinner to cater for 40-60 people please write your name on the roster in main church foyer. Please note: **Costs incurred are reimbursed** with the presentation of dockets to the parish office. See notice board for menu suggestions. Enquiries to the parish office on 32622859

REMINDER to creative 13-30 year olds

We are still looking for

a logo for 'AGGIES YOUTH'

Forms at the back of Church or submit online by 31 August please.





ST AGATHA'S YOUTH MINISTRY TEAM

NEXT MEETING
THURSDAY 12 SEPTEMBER
PARISH OFFICE 7PM

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

GOLDEN WEDDING CELEBRATION

The Cathedral of St Stephen invites couples celebrating 50 years or more wedding anniversary, together with their families and



friends, to Mass to be celebrated by Archbishop Mark Coleridge, on **Saturday 5 October at 10.00am**. Light refreshments in the Francis Rush Centre following Mass. RSVP: Cathedral Office on 3324 3030 by Wednesday 2 October 2013.

Ignite Conference 2013: "The Call" 26-29 September 2013

Mueller Performing Arts Centre, Rothwell, Brisbane

The Ignite Conference is Australia's largest Catholic conference for young people—adults, students and children. It includes live bands and awesome speakers and covering topics such as leadership, worship, culture, mission and discipleship! Keynote speakers include Archbishop Mark Coleridge, Fr Rob Galea, Melinda Tankard Reist, Sr Mary Rachel, Shayne Bennett, Pat Keady, Robert Falzon, Scotty McDonald plus emmanuelworship and NET Ministries! For brochures and group booking information Ignite Office on (07) 3217 5199, email info@igniteconference.com.au. Full information and registration online at www.igniteconference.com.au

QUO VADIS – Discernment weekend for men. If you are a young man over 18 considering your CALL then come along and seriously ask "where am I going?" at the next QUO VADIS weekend. Take some time out for personal reflection, spiritual challenge and serious discernment about WHERE TO NEXT.

WHEN: FRIDAY 6th September - 7.30pm to SUNDAY 8th September - 12.30pm. WHERE: Holy Spirit Seminary - Banyo Cost: Donation (\$50 suggested). The weekend includes talks, prayer, outdoor activities and celebration of the Eucharist, as well as sharing with other young men asking similar questions. It will be led by Father Morgan Batt - Vocations Director for the Brisbane Archdiocese with input from guest speakers. This *event update* is sent by *the Brisbane Vocations Centre*. *Please note* ** *Registration is essential*

If you would like more information please call 1300 133 544. You have been subscribed to this list as vocations@bne.catholic.net.au

NEW EVANGELISATION

"OPEN WIDE THE DOORS TO CHRIST"

"Join the Most Reverend Mark Coleridge Archbishop of Brisbane in exploring the call to mission, to share the encounter with Christ by opening the doors of our hearts to others"

Seminar: Tuesday 8 October, 7.00-8.30pm

Cathedral of St Stephen

249 Elizabeth Street, Brisbane

Workshop: Tuesday 15 October, 7.00-9.00pm

Francis Rush Centre

249 Elizabeth Street, Brisbane.

NATIONAL CATHOLIC CHARISMATIC RENEWAL AUSTRALIA

THE TIME IS NOW

"at the time of the banquet he sent his servant to tell those who had been invited, C O M E

for everything is now ready... Luke 14:17

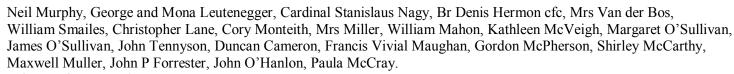
St John's Catholic Church, 688 Nudgee Road (Corner Frazer & Nudgee Rd) Northgate
Saturday 7 September 7.15– 9.00pm
with speaker Michelle Moran
For enquiries: contact Audrey 3715 6053

In our prayers we remember

Those who have died: recently:

Corris Harvey, Ron Paul, Kathleen Bassingthwaite, Maria Maczynski, Margaret Goves.

And those whose anniversaries occur about now:



Those who are sick:

Roma Douglas, Bruce McPherson, Andrew McPherson, Moira Lye, Kate Turnbull, Annette Riba, Margaret Hollingworth, Tyler Guyder, Caitlin Yarde, 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, Sue Hall, Johnathon Adams, Rosaria Tieppo, Maia Balsillie, Charles Kannengiesser, Ronald McCann, Alison Doust, Peter Wood, Jonathan O'Brien, 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..

THE 4THCONCERT OF THE ST. STEPHEN'S CATHEDRAL CONCERT SERIES FOR 2013

featuring Jennings, Harmsen, Cobcroft, & Noble in a program entitled *Quartet for the End of Time* Messiaen on Sunday September 1st at 4.00 pm at St Stephen's Cathedral (parking opens at 3.00 pm Charlotte Street entrance). Join us to hear this seminal work of the twentieth century. Olivier Messiaen (1908-1992) was on active duty as a French army musician when he was captured by German forces around June 15th, 1941. After four days in a cattle truck without food or water, he and fellow prisoners arrived at a prison camp about 210km from Berlin. While in the camp he completed a quartet for violin, clarinet, cello, and piano, and premiered it with the approval of German officers on January 15th 1941. Messiaen and three other prisoners performed it.

Cost \$22 (adults) \$17 (concession). Information ph 3876 6812 or visit www.ststephensmusic.com.

Australian Christian Meditation Community Qld -

<u>A Quiet Day</u> - Of Silence, Meditation and Reflection **DATE:** Saturday September 7, 2013.

PLACE: The Passionists Centre (The Fort), 219 Fort Road, Oxley.

TIME: 9.30am (morning tea) – 2pm. LUNCH: BYO.

COST: suggested donation - \$10

CONTACT: Gabby Nelson: at <u>toga@bigpond.net.au</u>: or 0488 592 770; 3711 4227.

Meditation has been described as "The Bookends of the Day" Gabby Nelson Queensland coordinator will lead the day in which we reflect on how prayer shapes our lives.

Happy Father's Day!

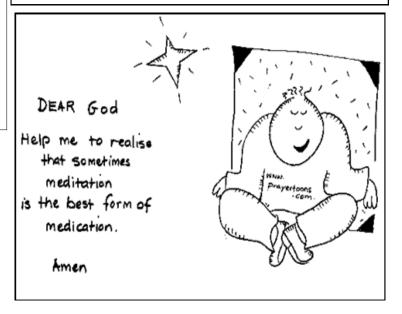
Blessings & Best Wishes to All Father's

Have a Wonderful Day!

INFORMATION NIGHT ON BIOETHICS COURSES

Tuesday 3 September, a great opportunity for anyone interested in deepening their knowledge and understanding of the ethical questions and responses arising in the area of health care and the biological sciences. Speakers include Archbishop Mark Coleridge, Professor Tracey Rowland, Professor Nicholas Tonti-Filippini and Dr Ray Campbell. The night will be an interesting night in itself, even for those not wishing to do any courses. For further information, please contact Dr Ray Campbell, Qld Bioethics Centre and John Paul II Centre for Family and Life at gbc@bne.catholic.net.au

"Give Love and Get Art" is an art exhibition being held Sunday 15th September 9am – 3pm, at St Rita's College, 41 Enderley Rd Clayfield, fundraising for Caritas Australia. The organisers and their major sponsor PW Dancewear warmly invite you to come along and support this exhibition which showcases 140 artworks for sale in a variety of mediums. Entry is \$10 p/p which includes light refreshments, entertainment and art demonstrations. Raffle prizes are also up for grabs with the major prize being a \$1000 Virgin Airlines voucher. Visit the website: www.giveloveandgetart.com which advertises the 16 auction pieces available to everyone, even those who aren't able to make the exhibition.



PARISH ROSTERS

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

6.00pm 7.00am 9.00am 5.30pm

READERS

31 Aug/1 Sept Julie-Anne Gibson Kirsty Stevens Eileen Duncan Life Teen Mass

Graham Gibson Anna-Marie Quinn Denis Keating

Don Macpherson

7/8 Sept Anne Goves Anne O'Connor Young Parishioners Life Teen Mass

Ryan Smethurst Jeanine Bygott

COMMUNION MINISTERS

31 Aug/1 Sept Peter Bowden Paulette Archer Henry Weld Life Teen Mass 7/8 Sept Eddie Foley Blue Doyle Dorothy McSweeney 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.

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

1 Sept Eleonora Kowita (L), Monique Kowita

8 Sept No Children's Liturgy - Young Parishioners Mass

ORGANISTS:

31 Aug/1 Sept Eithne Stafford Mark Leung Catriona McPherson

7/8 Sept Catriona McPherson Mark Leung Robyn Cuming/Paul Fiumara

SANCTUARY CARERS:

7 Sept Victor Podesta, Jane Lynn. 14 Sept Santina Catalano, Maria Fistrovic

<u>Volunteers needed.</u> 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

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

Garejandl**C**oncern



- 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

<u>September</u>

Sunday 8

• 'Happy Are We: The Teachings of Jesus' DVD Church 6.50pm

Thursday 12

• St Agatha's Youth Ministry Team Meeting Parish Office 7pm

THE CATHOLIC LEADER Copies On Sale - \$2.00

In this week's issue:

- * Pope Francis denounces the 'multiplication of massacres' and atrocities in Syria
- * Nations gather to praise Jesus at Multicultural Mass in Brisbane
- * Cairo family of Gold Coast Catholic mum caught in the violence
- * Women's group calls for focus on adoption process in Australia
- * Election issues facing Catholic voters brought to light

Readings - 8 September - 23rd Sunday in Ordinary Time
1st Reading: Wisdom 9:13-18; 2nd Reading Philemon 9-10, 12-17, Gospel: Luke 14:25-33