



# 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**

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**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 - 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**



Growing up I learned off by heart the answer to the question: why did God make me? This was in primary school and we had a little catechism (a collection of the teachings of the church set out in question and answer form) about which we were regularly quizzed by our teachers. Back to the question: why did God make me? The answer is: God made me to know Him, love Him and serve Him here on earth and to be happy with him forever in heaven.

The readings today in part raise the question of our knowing God. Unaided how much can we know? In actual fact especially if we consult some of the finest minds in the Church down through the centuries we can know quite a lot. St Anselm in the 11<sup>th</sup> century spoke of God as that than which nothing greater could be thought. St Thomas Aquinas in the 13<sup>th</sup> century deduced that God was the uncaused cause of everything. His line of thinking was that if we keep going back asking where things came from knowing that all things come from somewhere you reach a point where you are left asking well where did the first thing come from? Our knowledge as it were reaches a point where the only logical place to go is to some cause that just is.

All these “proofs” of the existence of God however just make us realize that we cannot comprehend God fully. If we decided that we had, then we have to say that what we have come to is not God. We are aware of the limitations of our thinking about every day matters so it really comes as no surprise that we come to something of a dead end with our reasoning about God.

Knowledge of God however is important for our full flowering as human beings so the Word of God, God’s thinking, takes flesh in Jesus and speaks to us in words we can understand. Jesus speaks to us about how to come alive to God and so to ourselves and the people who are part of our world.

The trouble is as we see in today’s gospel that what we have to do is challenging to say the least. What we hear fall from the lips of Jesus are some of the most extreme sayings in the scriptures. We are to give preference to God over family allegiances (the language of the people of Jesus time did not have a word for “prefer” and used the word “hate”). We are to break the hold that our possessions have over us. Those possessions may be important but only to the extent we can use them to serve God by doing good at all times. Our family relationships are important but likewise they are to help us do God’s will not hinder that activity. Today is a God-given time to weigh up where we are with our thinking about God and our mission in life.

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-THIRD SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME**

**HOMILY BY FR JOSEPH**

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 3262 2859



## 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.

[www.facebook.com/aggiesyouth](http://www.facebook.com/aggiesyouth)



## 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.



## ST AGATHA'S JUNIOR CHOIR

Do you love to sing??

We are looking at forming a Junior Choir. If you are between 8-14 years of age and love to sing please contact the Parish Office 3262 2859. Minimum of 12 children needed.

**Santa Chiara Movie: The Miracle Maker: The story of Jesus (2000) 10am Wednesday, 25 September HOYTS Redcliffe.** This feature length animated film with a terrific line up of mostly British actors (including Ian Holm, Alfred Molina, Julie Christie, William Hurt,) provides the voices for this clay- and cel-animation rendering of the greatest story ever told. Nicely framing the narrative of Jesus' life from age 30 on is a sickly young girl named Tamar (voice of Rebecca Callard) who first observes Jesus (voice of Ralph Fiennes) preaching in her village. Fluidly directed by Stanislav Sokolov and Derek Hayes, the film embodies simplicity, drama and joy in the good news. The childlike perspective of Tamar should appeal to youngsters, and it lends freshness to the tale's familiar trajectory. Recommended viewing.

\*\*\*SCHOOL HOLIDAY SPECIAL\*\*\* ALL TICKETS \$6 booking essential. Please call Maureen Ferring-

## 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](mailto:info@igniteconference.com.au). **Full information and registration online at [www.igniteconference.com.au](http://www.igniteconference.com.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.

## AGGIES YOUTH UPCOMING EVENT

### "Happy are We: The Teachings of Jesus"

We are showing another DVD in the series, "Catholicism-Journey Around the World and Deep into Faith" by Fr Robert Barron.

For teens and young adults, this is an opportunity for you to explore your faith and share the journey with your Parish friends. If you are attending the 5.30 LifeTeen Mass there will be time for a quick snack before viewing.

### PLEASE JOIN US

Date: Sunday 8th Sept. Time: 6.50pm

Note change of venue:

This time we will be in the Church.

Coffee Afterwards



## In our prayers we remember



### Those who have died: recently:

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

### And those whose anniversaries occur about now:

Jim Cuming, George Haseler, Maria Lampret, Giuseppe Micalizzi, Neil Murphy, George and Mona Leutenegger, Cardinal Stanislaus Nagy, Br Denis Hermon cfc, Mrs Van der Bos, William Smailes, Christopher Lane,

### Those who are sick:

Gladys Pacheco, 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..

### **Blessings to all!**

**May the Lord bless you and keep you.**

**May the Lord make his face to shine upon you,  
and be gracious to you.**

**May the Lord lift up his countenance upon you,  
and give you peace**

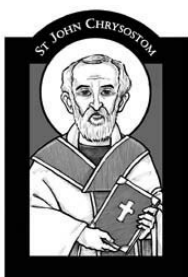


### **ON SALE AT THE PIETY STALL:**

#### **Columban Art Calendar 2014**

Buy one of the best religious calendars in the world and you will be helping our missionaries at the same time. This calendar also makes an excellent gift for family or friends. Cost \$9.00

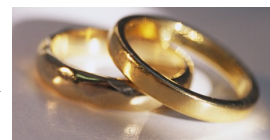
DEAR God  
Help me to  
unwrap  
Your presence  
in our midst.  
Amen



**“Give Love and Get Art”** is an art exhibition being held Sunday 15<sup>th</sup> 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](http://www.giveloveandgetart.com) which advertises the 16 auction pieces available to everyone, even those who aren’t able to make the exhibition.

### **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.



### **GET CONNECTED**



### **Catholics Returning Home - Get Connected**

Join us for 6 sessions, “Catholics Returning Home”,  
**Wednesdays from 16 October from 7.30-9.00pm** at St Agatha’s Catholic Church,  
52 Oriel Rd, Clayfield

Have you been away from the Church and you are seeking to reconnect and get an update on your Catholic faith? Perhaps you know someone who has left the Church? or just beginning to worship with us again? Please invite them to join us – the lilac brochures at the doors of the Church make excellent invitations. Let’s share the good news of our faith with others!

*More information: contact Lisa on 0418 734 147*

## PARISH ROSTERS

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

	<b>6.00pm</b>	<b>7.00am</b>	<b>9.00am</b>	<b>5.30pm</b>
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### READERS

7/8 Sept	Anne Goves Ryan Smethurst	Anne O'Connor Jeanine Bygott	Young Parishioners	Life Teen Mass
14/15 Sept	Jack Williamson Eddie Foley	Nick Eden Dianne Eden	Tim Hancock Angela McFarlane Patricia Sutcliffe	Life Teen Mass Life Teen Mass

### COMMUNION MINISTERS

7/8 Sept	Eddie Foley	Blue Doyle	Dorothy McSweeney	Life Teen Mass
14/15 Sept	Marie Ho	Blue Doyle	Ariane Ryan	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.*

8 Sept	No Children's Liturgy - Young Parishioners Mass			
15 Sept	Sam Psaros (L)	Anna Coronis		

### ORGANISTS:

7/8 Sept	Catriona McPherson	Mark Leung	Robyn Cuming/Paul Fiumara
14/15 Sept	Robyn Cuming	Mark Leung	Catriona McPherson

### SANCTUARY CARERS:

14 Sept	Santina Catalano, Maria Fistrovic
21 Sept	Beverley O'Brien

**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 3<sup>rd</sup> and 4<sup>th</sup> 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](mailto:clayfield@bne.catholic.net.au)*

## Parish Calendar

### September

**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 urges all Catholics to pray and fast for peace in the world
- \* Tim Fischer launches new book on his experiences as Holy See ambassador
- \* Brisbane parish marks one year of perpetual adoration
- \* Church leaders praying for peace in the Middle East
- \* Vinnies boss urges Catholics to donate some time to the organisation
- \* Sunday Guest: Francis Sullivan

**Readings - 15 September - 24th Sunday in Ordinary Time**

**1st Reading: Exodus 32:7-11. 13-14; 2nd Reading 1 Timothy 1:12-17; Gospel: Luke 15:1-10**