



ST AGATHA'S PARISH

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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.

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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 - 22 September - 25th Sunday in Ordinary Time

1st Reading: Amos 8:4-7; 2nd Reading 1 Timothy 2:1-8

Gospel: Luke 16:1-13



PRAISE FOR A ROGUE?

The praise of the dishonest steward is a puzzle and has puzzled readers for ages. To set the scene we have a steward, a manager in our language, who is dismissed for maladministration. He assesses his prospects after dismissal. Many years as a manager without hard physical work sees him ill-equipped to return to work as a labourer. Also he has grown used to the good life so sitting by the roadside begging is too shameful to think about. He needs to get on side with people who can help him when he leaves his job. The course of action he chooses to adopt is to forego the loading he personally has added to what his master's creditors owed for the goods they purchased. And the mark ups were considerable: fifty per cent on oil and twenty per cent on wheat. And his employer, his master, praises him for this astuteness. This is the twist in the tail of the parable that made people recall these stories Jesus told. The master is not going to write a reference for the steward to use when goes job hunting but praises him for seeing the spot he was in and accepting a short term loss (money) in the hope of longer term gain (good relations with people who may need a manager).

Another puzzling comment then falls from the lips of Jesus. The children of this world are more astute in dealing with their own kind than are the children of light. For Luke with his emphasis on poverty and wariness of money there is a lesson here for the people for whom Luke composed the gospel.

One of the issues facing the early Christians towards the end of the first century was how to live in this world. The first disciples were expecting Jesus to return to them any day, and so it was easier for them to focus on the reign of God, but after 50 years of waiting for Jesus, Luke's community is getting on with their lives in this world – and that means dealing with questions of money, wealth, and poverty. In society at that time, as well as now, wealth was a powerful and public sign of status. Wealth brought with it privileges in the Roman social hierarchy. So Luke's community and we also, need to be reminded of the pattern of Jesus' life and the attitude that he had. Jesus did not espouse destitution, or poverty for its own sake. For him money was needed to pay taxes, to buy food, to hire lodgings, but money was not an end in itself and was not a high priority. For him, care of others took precedent, and ultimately the reign of God. Money, prestige, power were all less relevant when this life was transient and only the reign of God was eternal.

Money is not the root of all evil. That root lies with the love of money and what it can do. We need money for so many good purposes but we are constantly reminded that our wealth and technological wonders are not what God will ask us about when we come to give a report on what we did with what the divine master entrusted to us: our time, treasure and talent. These realities are we need to use well to ensure we are welcomed into the Father's house when our time in this temporary accommodation comes to end.

Fr Adrian Farrelly



TWENTY-FIFTH 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



The Australian Catholic Youth Festival is a national gathering of Catholic young people established by the Australian Catholic Bishops Conference. The festival has taken as its theme "The Spirit of the Lord is upon me" Luke 4:18

Young people from year 9 (in 2013) to young adults 25 years of age are invited to attend. Young people will be provided with opportunities to deepen their relationship with Jesus, be empowered to be disciples in the world today and encounter and celebrate the vitality of the Church in Australia.

When: 5-7 December 2013

Where: Melbourne

Registration: Early Bird closes 20th September
Registration closes 25th October

For full details, costs and registration visit
www.youthfestival.catholic.org.au

ALL HALLOWS' SCHOOL 60th REUNION 26 October 2013

1953 Senior and 1951 Junior

Mass in the Chapel 10am followed by morning tea (\$25).

Come as a group, bring a class mate or come alone.

RSVP: Carmel (McShane) Bartolini 3263 2504
Veronica (Harvey) Cusack 3863 1410.

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**

*** PLEASE TAKE NOTE ***

Fr Rob Galea will be back in town for IGNITE. On Thursday 27 September he will be keynote speaker at the 7.30pm night rally. The night rally is open to the public so even if you have not already registered for IGNITE you can come along. See Fr Rob at: www.frrobalea.com



ST AGATHA'S JUNIOR CHOIR Do you love to sing??

We are seeking interest from children aged 8-14 to form a junior choir here at St Agatha's Parish. A minimum of 12 at least are needed to form the choir. If your child is interested in taking part please contact the Parish Office 3262 2859.

menALIVE Weekend for Men. What are you doing on the 5/6 October 2013? Could you benefit from a weekend, featuring talks, personal testimonies, opportunities for discussion, and space to reflect? Since menALIVE commenced in 2003, thousands of Catholic men have been encouraged and inspired at weekends across Australia. Now, The Cathedral of St Stephen's menALIVE weekend is being organised in Francis Rush Centre, Elizabeth Street Brisbane, conducted by experienced leaders from menALIVE, for all men in the Archdiocese.

Enquiries: phone menALIVE 3367 1402 or
email: mail@menalive.org.au

PLEASE NOTE CHANGE OF CINEMA LOCATION

Santa Chiara Movie: The Miracle Maker: The story of Jesus (2000) 10am Wednesday 25 September

HOYTS STAFFORD. 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 Ferrington on 3161 2413 mobile 0401548796 or Lucy Robinson 0431875741 or email: santa-chiaraevents@gmail.com [facebook.com/SantaChiaraEvents](https://www.facebook.com/SantaChiaraEvents)

In our prayers we remember



Those who have died: recently:

Neville Halligan, Patricia Hyland, Pat Lane, Noella Liu, Noel Creevey, Corris Harvey, Ron Paul, Kathleen Bassingthwaight, Maria Maczynski, Margaret Goves.

And those whose anniversaries occur about now:

Marian Sullivan, Arthur Sayer, Eileen Gleeson, Ernest Gleeson, Ann Thornton, Patrick Bredhauer, Alice Bredhauer, Gladys (Cis) McCray, Rev Fr Bernard McLaughlin, Margaret Stewart, Mary Markwell, Amanda Orreal, Dulcie McGarry, Jack Tennison.

Those who are sick:

John & Jeanette Moore, Narelle Guyder, Gladys Pacheco, Roma Douglas, Bruce McPherson, Andrew McPherson, Moira Lye, Kate Turnbull, Margaret Hollingworth, Caitlin Yarde, Roberta Wright, Bishop Michael Putney, Anthony Nicholas, Kathleen Hickey, Lyn Allen, Fr Brian Taylor, Cathy Sullivan, Donna McGrane, Barbara Kozak, Anne Nimmo, Vincent O'Connell, Gregory Winch, Betty Schofield, Lyn Gavison, Dot McMaster, Mel Purwo, Patricia Evans, Pam Farr, Benedetta De Santi, Jennifer Baker, 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.

SOCIAL JUSTICE SUNDAY 29 SEPTEMBER

We celebrate Social Justice Sunday on 29 September. This year's Social Justice Statement is titled: *'Lazarus at our Gate: A critical moment in the fight against world poverty'*.

The Statement urges all Australians to focus on our obligation to help the world's poorest and to work to combat poverty wherever it is found. Although progress has been made over the past decade in the fight against extreme poverty, one billion people still live on less than \$1.25 per day, and 20 per cent of the world's poor live in countries near Australia. For further details about the Social Justice Statement, visit the Australian Catholic Social Justice Council website (www.socialjustice.catholic.org.au) or call (02) 8306 3499.

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.

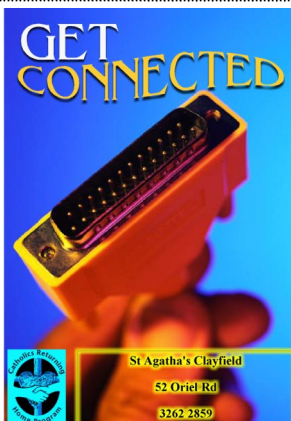
SAINT VINCENT DE PAUL

Born in Gascony (France) in 1581. Died in Paris on 27 September in 1660. A parish priest who worked for the apostolic renewal of the clergy, founding the Congregation of the Mission (Vincentians or Lazarists) for missionary work in rural areas and for the formation of clergy. Committed above all to the oppressed and disadvantaged, he founded the Daughters of Charity with Louise de Marillac to work with the needy. Remembered especially for his practical concern for the poor and the sick.



 **St Vincent de Paul Society** *good works* The Clayfield Conference of the St Vincent de Paul Society would like to express its appreciation for the support of the Parish Community towards our recent winter appeal. The appeal raised a total of \$5,981.20, which is a wonderful result, particularly in these difficult economic times. It will assist the Society to continue to give support to the less fortunate in our community. We would also like to take this opportunity to invite any parishioner interested in joining our conference to leave your phone number at the Parish office.

"A few volunteer hours a month can make a real difference to so many"



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.

	6.00pm	7.00am	9.00am	5.30pm
<u>READERS</u>				
21/22 Sept	Rachelle Brown Marie Ho	Sonia Marmotta Jeanine Bygott	Jill Weld Tanya Mulcahy Heidi Cooper	Life Teen Mass
28/29 Sept	Eric Van der List Phil Zammit	Blue Doyle Mark Burton	Trish Ryan Michael Crutcher Wilma O'Connell	Life Teen Mass
<u>COMMUNION MINISTERS</u>				
21/22 Sept	Jan Zammit		Peter Ryan	Life Teen Mass
28/29 Sept	Trish Hickey	Paulette Archer	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.*

22 Sept No Children's Liturgy - School Holidays
29 Sept No Children's Liturgy - School Holidays

ORGANISTS:

21/22 Sept	Robyn Cuming	Mark Leung		Life Teen Mass
28/29 Sept	Robyn Cuming	Mark Leung	Mark Sayers	Life Teen Mass

SANCTUARY CARERS:

5 Oct	Victor Podesta	Jane Lynn		
12 Oct	Santina Catalano	Maria Fistrovic		

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

Parish Calendar

September

Monday 23

* SVDP Meeting
Parish Office 5pm

**THE CATHOLIC LEADER
Copies On Sale - \$2.00**

In this week's issue:

- * New schools spring into life in Brisbane archdiocese
- * Family group worried about promised Coalition vote on "same-sex marriage"
- * Australian bishops respond to problem of poverty with new document
- * Mongolian bishop shares stories of life in missionary territory
- * Toowoomba Catholics following the Pope's call to help asylum seekers.

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