



ST AGATHA'S PARISH

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Rev Fr Joseph Vattaparambil CMI

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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.

Mrs Carol Sayers

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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 - 20 October - 29th Sunday in Ordinary Time

1st Reading: Exodus 17:8-13; 2nd Reading 2 Timothy 3:14-4:2;

Gospel: Luke 18:1-8



Persistent Praying

Jack, one of my old friends in Gayndah, in the central Burnett, where I was stationed from 1977 to 1983, was accused one day by some of his old friends with whom he shared a drink each afternoon at the pub that he was a hypocrite. When he asked what they meant they said "Well you go to mass each morning then come here every afternoon." He was silent for a moment then said: "it is not easy being a persistent hypocrite!"

Not that he saw himself as a hypocrite though he was as aware as most of us are of his own failings and weaknesses. A hypocrite is someone who pretends to be good and virtuous while in reality they are scheming, malicious and nasty. What Jack was saying to his friends was that his persistence in celebrating his faith by daily mass and being thankful to God was not something easy. He had made a decision that his was the best way to keep himself on track in his life and in harmony with God and he did these things persistently. He did not do them just when he felt like it or when he could do it at no cost to himself.

He wanted something – deeper faith, closeness to Christ – and he doggedly kept at it. Jack would easily have identified with the widow in the story we heard Jesus tell in the gospel today. She wanted justice through the judge against her enemy who had wronged her in some way. Widows in those days were sorely disadvantaged because in a male dominated society she had no husband to advocate for her in this matter. So she just persisted with her cause until her very persistence made the judge give in and give her the just outcome she was looking for.

Jesus used his story to have us persist in praying even when nothing seems to be happening. Unlike the judge who had no fear of God or man but who gave in just to make the widow go away and stop bothering him, God does not have to be nagged into giving us a loving response. Loving responses are the outflowing of who God is. Our starting point always is that God is always loving me and doing what is best for me.

If that is true (and it is) then why do we have to persist in praying? Persistent praying like Jack with whom I started changes us. Prayer does not change God. Persistent praying predisposes us as it were to receive the grace God offers us to see the world through the divine eyes. When we do we undergo a remarkable change. And even as we change we can still enjoy a beer in a pub with our friends!

Fr Adrian Farrelly



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 3262 2859

ST AGATHA'S YOUTH MINISTRY TEAM NEXT MEETING Tuesday 29 October Parish Office - 7.00pm

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



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: Registration closes 25th October

For full details, costs and registration visit

www.youthfestival.catholic.org.au

~INVITATION~ "AGGIES YOUTH" STUDENTS' MASS

Sunday 10 November at 5.30pm

At this time of the year the pressure is on all our students as they face end of year exams and deadlines. Whether you are at school, about to leave or at university, come along, pray and support each other in your endeavours. We shall pray also that those at Schoolies Week stay safe.

Lifeteen Supper follows after Mass.

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ST AGATHA'S JUNIOR CHOIR

Does your child have a passion for singing?

We are seeking interest from children aged 8-14 to form a junior choir here at St Agatha's Parish. A minimum of at least 12 children are required to form the choir. We have 10 children interested already. Children would be required to sing at children's masses only, eg. Young Parishioners Masses. Coaching will be provided at no cost. If your child is interested in taking part please contact the Parish Office 3262 2859 or email to clayfield@bne.catholic.net.au

This Sunday is World Mission Sunday.

World Mission Sunday, organized by the Propagation of the Faith, is a day set aside for Catholics worldwide to recommit themselves to the Church's missionary activity through prayer and sacrifice. In 2013, World Mission Sunday is celebrated on October 20. The theme for this year's World Mission Sunday celebration – "Do Good on Earth" – highlights that outreach as it's carried out by dedicated missionaries among the poor and marginalized half a world away.



For information on the Royal Commission go to the Truth Justice and Healing Council website:

www.tjhcouncil.org.au

GUILD OF ST STEPHEN NATIONAL CONFERENCE

15 - 18 January 2014

Join other Altar Servers in the 21st National Conference for Altar Servers at Marist College, Ashgrove (Brisbane)



We are celebrating 60 years of the Guild of St Stephen in Australia and 50 years since the first Guild Conference. A Guild Conference is a fun-filled Altar Servers Camp, with talks and workshops to help you learn more about serving and your Catholic faith. The Conference is organised primarily for those young Catholics who are 10 to 17 years of age, who are, either already serving, or, wanting to learn how to serve. And you do not have to be a Guild member to take part. You take turns to serve daily Mass and serve the Divine Office, the Prayer of the Church. The Opening Mass is with the Most Rev Mark Coleridge, Archbishop of Brisbane. The Closing Mass will be at the Cathedral of St Stephen. After the Closing Mass, there will be a trip to Dreamworld, before returning home. The Conference Fee covers 4 days of activities at the servers camp, meals and accommodation at Marist College, entry to Dreamworld and accident insurance for a whole year. Registration forms available on the table in church foyer.

For more information email: conferences@guildofststephen.org.au

In our prayers we remember



Those who have died: recently:

Lloyd Croaker, Francis Domenech, Fr John Rosenskjar, Doug Cowell, Col Casey, Ted Heinrich, Glo Marshall, Joan Fitzsimon, Bruce McPherson, Kimberley Bourke, Ken Russell.

And those whose anniversaries occur about now:

Merv Long, Jan Hoggett, Tom Brennan, Josie Brennan, Kathleen Brennan, Alice Siddle, Tate Siddle, Ivy Lehfeldt, May Lehfeldt, Martin Lehfeldt, Mary Collins, Chris Smith, Betty Smith, Hazel O'Hagan, Paula Whitman, Therese Maynes, William McCray, Robert Gosley, Rev Fr Bernard Parker, Mary Higgins, Sr Cuthbert Ord, Patrick McGarry, John Bartlett, Father John Haseler, Raymond Thompson, Kate O'Shea.

Those who are sick:

Camillo Boccalatte, Robert Mutton, Michael O'Sullivan, John & Jeanette Moore, Narelle Guyder, Gladys Pacheco, Roma Douglas, 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.

CANALI HOUSE

is the Archdiocesan house of discernment for young men considering the Priesthood.

Young man interested in applying to become a resident of Canali House for 2014 will need to contact the Vocations Centre or call Fr Morgan Batt (Vocations Director) on 0408 292 543 by the end of October this year. If you are or know a young man over 18 seriously considering their 'CALL' then find out more today and Ask the Question?

Vocations Centre Brisbane 1300 133 544 or email vocations@bne.catholic.net.au



FOR SALE AT THE PIETY STALL

2014 Columban Calendars - \$9.00

Daily Mass Book 2014 - \$14.00

MERCY AGED CARE SERVICES

Have you ever thought about Volunteering?

Could you spare about 1/2 an hour a week to give a listening ear or a helping hand to an older person?

Mercy Aged Care Services is seeking volunteers to help ease the loneliness and isolation felt by so many elderly people in care. Our aged care facilities are based at:

Nudgee (Emmaus and Allambe) and at Woolloowin (Holy Cross). Volunteers are involved in various work throughout our facilities. Some are involved in reading to residents; taking residents for walks or simply having a conversation.

The greatest gift you can give is your time.

If you are interested in being a volunteer at Mercy Aged Care please contact reception between 9am and 3pm week days on 3260 9555 or email admin@mercyagedcare.org.au.

We conduct a Volunteer Induction Programme (consisting of 4 sessions) to introduce prospective volunteers to the role.

Applications close 17 January 2014 and the next Volunteer Programme will commence in February 2014.



All welcome to attend the next **LEAVEN HOUR** which will be held on:

Friday 25 October 2013 at 5.10pm, at

St Stephen's Chapel 249 Elizabeth Street, Brisbane.

Leaven Hour is a monthly event for young adults focused around Eucharist and Eucharistic Adoration. Launched in 2006, it is supported by a number of youth movements across the Archdiocese and regularly attended by over 70 young adults. Leaven Hour connects with the Cathedral's regular 5.10pm Mass on the fourth Friday of each month.

Mass is followed by prayer, song, reflection, Eucharistic Adoration and Benediction finishing at 6.00pm. After Leaven Hour, you are invited to head to The Coffee Club at Eagle St Pier, for a cuppa or bite to eat.



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.

With great joy we welcome into the Catholic Church Community:

Sienna Emery

Nathaniel Ide

Pius Aung

Violet Buchanan

Sadie Buchanan

Harvey Buchanan

who will be baptised this Sunday.



Fr Jan Michael Joncas headlines more than forty speakers at

"LIFT UP YOUR HEARTS"

National Liturgy Conference

Wollongong

15 - 18 January 2014

Early Bird ends 31 October

Go to www.liftupyourhearts.com.au or see brochures on the table in church foyer for more information.

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>				
19/20 Oct	Eric Van der List Phil Zammit	Anna-Marie Quinn Kirsty Stevens	Peter Ryan Jane Arkinstall Eileen Duncan	Life Teen Mass
26/27 Oct	Ryan Smethurst Anne Goves	Jeanine Bygott Anne O'Connor	Angela McFarlane Don Macpherson Tim Hancock	Life Teen Mass

COMMUNION MINISTERS

19/20 Oct	Marie Ho	Blue Doyle	Henry Weld	Life Teen Mass
26/27 Oct	Eddie Foley	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.*

20 Oct	Mary Ockendon (L)	Mary Kerr
27 Oct	Susan Taylor (L)	Anna Coronis

ORGANISTS:

19/20 Oct	Sr Marguerite	Mark Leung	Robyn Cuming	Life Teen Mass
26/27 Oct	Eithne Stafford	Mark Leung	Robyn Cuming	Life Teen Mass

SANCTUARY CARERS:

2 Nov	Victor Podesta	Jane Lynn
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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

Parish Calendar

October

Thursday 24

* RCIA 7pm Parish Office

Monday 28

* SVDP Meeting 5pm Parish Office

Tuesday 29

* St Agatha's Youth Ministry Team 7pm Parish Office

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In this week's issue:

- * Brisbane Catholic Education launches new Religious Education curriculum
- * Pope entrusts world to the Immaculate Heart of Mary
- * Teachers in Catholic schools called to be visible witnesses to the faith
- * Rosies report a 40 per cent rise in number of people seeking help
- * Young Brisbane woman undaunted by violent rally response and will continue pro-life action

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