

## ST AGATHA'S PARISH

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Please note Office is closed 12.30 - 1.30pm.

School Principal Mrs Carol Sayers Acting Principal: Mr Nick Fogarty

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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 - 27 October - 30th Sunday in Ordinary Time
1st Reading: Sirach 35:12-14. 16-19; 2nd Reading 2 Timothy 4:6-8. 16-18;
Gospel: Luke 18:9-14



#### IN THE IMAGE OF WHICH GOD ARE WE MADE?

There is a saying that those who proclaim they have made themselves relieve God of an incredible responsibility for the end product. The Pharisee who features in the well known Jesus story of the two men praying in the temple can fall into that category. He does many good and commendable things – praying, fasting and tithing (giving a tenth of his income to God). He can be justly proud of these achievements because they can bring him into closer relationship with God. In his case, however, his practices are stripped of the power of deepening his relationship with God because of the contempt he holds in his heart for the tax collector.

As St Augustine said in the 5<sup>th</sup> century: our hearts are restless until they rest in God. Our hearts have a capacity that is not measured in gigabytes or any of the other words we use to try to say how much data we can store. Our hearts have an inbuilt infinite capacity and in this life we can only fill the smallest amount. That is why we are plagued by restlessness and a lack of satisfaction, why no enjoyment lasts for very long leaving us to thrash around looking for some other source. Only God and the divine indwelling can satisfy us.

The Pharisee tried to fill the emptiness inside himself with his own puffed up picture of himself. He inflated his own worth at the expense of putting the tax collector down and judging him as inadequate and flawed. This comparison did no good for him and in fact rendered him unable to be at home in God's presence because God has a particular preference for those who recognize they are incomplete, needy, able to deliberately sin. These people like the tax collector are not full of themselves so there is an opening through which the fullness of God can come.

As we listen to the gospel let us inspect the dwelling we are to make sure we are not locked up so tightly in ourselves that God cannot come under our roof and save us.



## 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.

#### **ALL SAINTS**

This feast began in the East to commemorate all martyrs and was progressively adopted in the West. Celebrated on this day in the eighth century and soon widely observed. Honoured today are all holy men and women in glory with Christ: known or unknown, mighty or lowly, all whose lives were modelled on the Beatitudes and on the great commandment of love.

#### THE COMMEMORATION OF ALL THE FAITHFUL DEPARTED (ALL SOULS' DAY)



This day of commemoration began early in the Middle Ages with annual prayers for the dead in monastic communities. Fixed on this day, it spread more widely after the tenth century and now ranks with the principal feast days in the liturgical calendar. Commonly known as All Souls, it expresses Christian faith in the

communion of saints and our need to pray for one another in the Church, especially those soils in purgatory 'who have been buried in their human imperfection'.

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# ~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.



### AGGIES YOUTH

www.facebook.com/aggiesyouth





On behalf of Father Gabriel Kalu, the Parish Priest of the Parish of Our Lady and St Dympna, the Aspley Branch of the Catholic Women's League hereby invite all to join them at a Healing Mass

to be held at Our Lady and St Dympna Church, 479 Robinson Road, Aspley on Thursday 7 November at 9.30am. Everyone is welcome to attend and a morning tea will be provided after the Mass.

#### In time of bushfires

Hear our prayers, O God, for the efforts to quench the fires that rage in our land; and, sustaining our spirits, keep us graciously from all harm and give success to the work of our hands. Through our Lord Jesus Christ, your Son, who lives and reigns with you in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever. **Amen.** 



# DATE CLAIMER WORLD DAY OF PRAYER 7 MARCH 2014

The theme for the World Day of Prayer 2014 is "STREAMS IN THE DESERT"



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:

Roma Douglas, Fr Frank Monihan, Molly Power, Paul Hanley, 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:

Josephine Dunne, 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:

Alan Lawrenson, Camillo Boccalatte, Robert Mutton, Michael O'Sullivan, John & Jeanette Moore, Narelle Guyder, Gladys Pacheco, 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, 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 Ouestion?

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 Wooloowin (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 <a href="mailto:admin@mercyagedcare.org.au">admin@mercyagedcare.org.au</a>.

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.

The Christian Leadership Training for Young People will be held at the

James Byrne Centre Toowoomba on 7-11 April 2014.

A dynamic week that inspires, transforms and challenges young people (16-19 years old) to be the best leader they can be.

For more information phone 3109 6800 or www.moversandshakers.org.au



## With great joy we welcome into the Catholic Church Community:

Zoe Illingworth, Mia Illingworth, Eliza Bright, Thomas Kling, Bella Freeman, Astrid Sonego, Scarlett Hume, Evelyn Thorpe Harrison McShea



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 <a href="www.liftupyourhearts.com.au">www.liftupyourhearts.com.au</a> 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

READERS

26/27 Oct **Rvan Smethurst** Angela McFarlane Jeanine Bygott Life Teen Mass

Anne Goves Anne O'Connor Don Macpherson

Tim Hancock

2/3 Nov **Eddie Foley** Nick Eden Trish Ryan Life Teen Mass

**Jack Williamson** Patricia Sutcliffe **Dianne Eden** Jill Weld

COMMUNION MINISTERS

26/27 Oct **Eddie Foley Paulette Archer Henry Weld** Life Teen Mass 2/3 Nov Marie Ho **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.

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

27 Oct Susan Taylor (L) **Anna Coronis** 3 Nov Judy Smith (L) **Margaret Ganly** 

**ORGANISTS:** 

26/27 Oct **Eithne Stafford** Mark Leung **Robyn Cuming** Life Teen Mass 2/3 Nov **Eithne Stafford** Life Teen Mass Sr Marguerite Mark Leung

SANCTUARY CARERS:

Santina Catalano Maria Fistrovic 9 Nov

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

Before most masses Rosary:

#### WEEKDAY TIMETABLE

Monday Mass: 6.30 am Mass: Wednesday 9.00 am 9.00 am Mass: Thursday Friday 9.00 am Mass:

#### 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 4th Sundays of the month except in Lent



For bookings and further information, please phone the parish office on 3262 2859.



Do you need transport to a doctor's appointment? Do vou 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** or

3262 2859

We are available and ready to help.







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

Monday 28

\* SVDP Meeting 5pm Parish Office Tuesday 29

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

Thursday 31

\* RCIA 7pm Parish Office

#### November

Saturday 2

\* All Souls' Day - Mass 9am

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

In this week's issue:

- \* Catholics rally in support and prayer as fires devastate NSW communities
- \* Donors offered thanks after successful Annual Catholic Campaign
- \* Mater begins work on new hospital at Springfield
- \* The war against Christians escalating across the globe

Readings - 3 November - 31st Sunday in Ordinary Time

1st Reading: Wisdom 11:22—12:2; 2nd Reading 2 Thessalonians 1:11—2:2; Gospel: Luke 19:1-10