



# ST AGATHA'S PARISH

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**Administrative Assistant**

Mrs Jane Cameron

**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**

Mrs Carol Sayers **Acting Principal:** Mr Nick Fogarty

**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 - 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**



### IS CHANGE POSSIBLE?

Of recent times I have had conversations about attitudinal change. At times they have been about young people with whom others have been working and they have commented on the surly, non-communicative approach adopted by these young workers. At other times the conversation has been about mature age adults who present as any but mature despite their age. For these the attitude is I can act anyway I choose and you have to accept me and my attitude. Can people change?

As I said in one of these conversations I believed they could as encouraging people to do just that has been the focus of a great part of my life's work as a priest. Every time I preach in one way or another I encourage those listening to me to reflect on their lives, see the areas that need changing and do it. I see myself in good company in adopting this approach to life as it is definitely what lay at the heart of Jesus' mission. His key words were: repent, the kingdom of God is close by. In other words, turn your life around and go in a new direction

that will produce better outcomes than what you have been getting up till now. There is a great deal of truth in the old saying: "if you always do what you have always done, you will always get what you have always got." Not to dwell on misadventures that have befallen me playing golf, but at times getting oneself out of a bunker, you need to change clubs or you just dig a deeper hole and burden yourself with a higher score for that hole.

How did Jesus change people? Number one he was alert to those who showed interest in him. Recall the story of Zaccheus you will hear in the gospel today. We have a short tax collector. As a tax collector he was despised by many as almost a collaborator with the occupying Roman forces. As a small man he had probably been picked on by some with whom he grew up in Jericho, a town near the Dead Sea. When he became a tax collector and the power that came with the position did he settle a few old scores with former tormentors? We don't know but he was keen to see Jesus and put personal dignity to one side to climb a tree to get a better view.

Number two in Jesus' approach to encouraging change is to arrange to spend time with them. Probably Jesus sees him, asks who he is and on being told invites him to come down and welcome Jesus as a guest.

Number three in the attitudinal change approach used by Jesus is acceptance. Jesus accepts Zaccheus where he is. Zaccheus feels that acceptance and sees a door open to choose a new way to engage with people, with God and with himself. He embraces this change in very practical ways by offering compensation to those he cheated.

As disciples Jesus still walks our world and invites us to change but also to be the ones to issue invitations to others to change. All of us can produce great goodness if we but let ourselves be touched deeply by God's tenderness and touch others in the same way.

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.



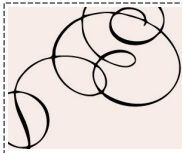
Enquiries to the parish office on 3262 2859

## ST AGATHA'S YOUTH MINISTRY TEAM

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



The Truth Justice and Healing Council has distributed more than 70,000 information flyers to dioceses and other church organisations around Australia. The flyers outline the work and role of the Council in particular how it will be engaging with the Royal Commission and its role as an advisory group to Catholic Church leadership on the many issues around child sexual abuse. Copies of these flyers are available on the table in church foyer.



## ~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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AGGIES YOUTH



On behalf of Father Gabriel Kalu, the Parish Priest of the Parish of Our Lady and St Dymphna, 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 Dymphna 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.



## DATE CLAIMER WORLD DAY OF PRAYER 7 MARCH 2014

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

## 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: Thursday 7 November 7.00-8.30pm  
St Joseph's Church  
5 Eldorado Street, Bracken Ridge

Workshop: Tuesday 19 November 7.00-9.00pm  
St Joseph's Church  
5 Eldorado Street, Bracken Ridge

## NOVEMBER

A special time to pray for our loved ones who have died.

NOVEMBER MASS ENVELOPES are available from table in church foyer. Please print the names of those who you wish to be remembered and place the envelope on the collection plate or hand into the parish office. The names of our deceased will be placed in a Remembrance Book that will be on the altar for all Masses during the month of November.



## THE ARCHDIOCESE OF BRISBANE INVITES ALL LITURGY COMMITTEES AND ALL LITURGICAL MINISTERS TO FILL THE CATHEDRAL FOR MASS.

The occasion is the 50<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the Constitution on the Liturgy of the Second Vatican Council. This is the document which introduced liturgy in English, singing at Mass and a variety of lay ministries. Come, join us to rejoice in the liturgy as we know it, love it and celebrate it in our parishes each Sunday.

The celebrant is Archbishop Mark Coleridge at the Cathedral of St Stephen on Tuesday 3 December at 5.10pm, followed by refreshments and a book launch.

**CELEBRATE YOUR MINISTRY! MEET OTHERS! THANK GOD FOR THE BLESSING OF OUR LITURGY! BE INSPIRED! BE ENCOURAGED! BE GRACED! MAKE UP A PARISH GROUP AND COME TOGETHER!**



## In our prayers we remember



### Those who have died: recently:

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

Gayle Hanley, Josephine Dunne, Merv Long, Jan Hoggett, Tom, Josie and Kathleen Brennan, Alice and Tate Siddle, Ivy, May and 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, 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

**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.**

### **POSITION VACANT Sacramental Co-Ordinator CORPUS CHRISTI -**

#### **HOLY TRINITY PARISH NUNDAH**

is looking to employ a Sacramental Co-ordinator from the beginning of 2014.

The Co-ordinator will be responsible for the parish-based programmes that prepare the children for the Sacraments of Penance, Confirmation and First Communion. As well, he/she will prepare parents who present their child/children for Baptism. A one year contract will be offered paying one day a week though there will be intense and quieter periods throughout the year. A six month review will occur after appointment. The parish is looking for a Catholic person of faith and commitment. The applicant must work well with people, be flexible, and be a team worker.

For a role description and expressions of interest:  
Contact Pauline O'Donnell - 3266 1444

### **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](mailto: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.

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](http://www.moversandshakers.org.au)



Dear God  
How do the young  
get so old  
so quick?  
Amen



### **AUSTRALIAN CATHOLICS MAGAZINE**

The Christmas 2013 edition of *Australian Catholics* magazine explores what it means when Jesus asks us to 'love our neighbour'. It is easy to see how this applies to those who are already close to us, but it's different matter for us to find a place in our hearts for those we don't know well, especially those who have different beliefs, language or skin colour. Take a copy home today.



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](http://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
<b><u>READERS</u></b>				
2/3 Nov	Eddie Foley Jack Williamson	Nick Eden Dianne Eden	Trish Ryan Patricia Sutcliffe Jill Weld	Life Teen Mass
9/10 Nov	Rachelle Brown Marie Ho	Mark Burton Blue Doyle	Young Parishioners	Aggies Youth Students' Mass
<b><u>COMMUNION MINISTERS</u></b>				
2/3 Nov	Peter Bowden	Blue Doyle	Dorothy McSweeney	Life Teen Mass
9/10 Nov	Trish Hickey	Paulette Archer	Peter 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.*

3 Nov	Judy Smith (L)	Margaret Ganly
10 Nov	No Children's Liturgy - Young Parishioners Mass	

**ORGANISTS:**

2/3 Nov	Sr Marguerite	Mark Leung	Eithne Stafford	Life Teen Mass
9/10 Nov	Eithne Stafford	Mark Leung	Catrina McPherson	Life Teen Mass

**SANCTUARY CARERS:**

9 Nov	Santina Catalano	Maria Fistrovic
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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 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** or 3262 2859

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

**November**

- Thursday 7**  
\* RCIA 7pm Parish Office
- Sunday 10**  
\* Young Parishioners Mass 9am
- Sunday 10**  
\* Aggies Youth Students' Mass 5.30pm
- Wednesday 13**  
\* Parish Council Meeting 7pm Parish Office
- Tuesday 19**  
\* Finance Meeting 7pm Parish Office

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

- In this week's issue:
- \* Vinnies tell of 'a new stream of despair' – professional people unemployed and struggling.
  - \* Brisbane Carmelite Sister celebrates 60 years of profession.
  - \* Bishop visits two school communities affected by Blue Mountains bushfires.

**Readings - 10 November - 32nd Sunday in Ordinary Time**

**1st Reading: 2 Maccabees 7:1-2. 9-14; 2nd Reading 2 Thessalonians 2:16-3:5; Gospel: Luke 20:27-38**