



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

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 - 24 November - Our Lord Jesus Christ, King of the Universe

1st Reading: 2 Samuel 5:1-3; 2nd Reading Colossians 1:12-20;

Gospel: Luke 23:35-43



AN ODD PORTRAYAL OF A VICTORY

We have seen films and documentaries about coronation ceremonies when the man or woman destined to ascend the throne and be the king or queen of the country receives the crown from the designated official. There is great pomp and splendour with grand music and joyous singing. The venue for the coronation is filled with dignitaries from far and wide.

Likewise we have seen reports of athletes being victorious in the competition. Acclaimed as champion they are given prize money, trophies, special clothes to wear to mark the occasion.

Keep all this in mind today as you listen to St Luke's account of Jesus claiming victory over darkness, being acclaimed as king. The venue was a hill outside the protecting walls of the city not a temple or some other grand building. There is no throne only a cross made of wood and made with the practicalities of execution in mind not finish. There are people there from far and wide (the sign hung on the cross of crucifixion was in three languages so by-passers would know who was being executed). From these people though came no cheering, only taunts about his powerlessness to save himself. The soldiers present did not form an honour guard but made fun of him. Even one of the two being executed with him join in the mockery even though he too was dying as Jesus was. Only one voice was heard supporting Jesus and acknowledging him as king despite all appearances to the contrary: 'Jesus remember me when you come into your kingdom.'

This is the way Luke portrays the coronation and the victory celebration. Again and again Jesus hammered home (no pun intended on the nailing that held Jesus to the cross while his life ebbed away) to those he formed to continue his work that as he had come to serve and not be served and give his life in ransom so would they. Authority exercised within the community which in time would be known as the Church was not to be the exercise of authority of the society in which they lived. In that society those on top had others at their beck and call. They gave orders, they lived in splendour and travelled in style.

We celebrate today the solemnity of Christ the universal king who defeated the power of darkness that robbed people of seeing who they really were as creations mirroring the loving God who called them into existence. The darkness robbed them of the sight of God who only wanted to enjoy the company as God used to do in the garden of Eden when Adam and Eve enjoyed intimacy with the divine in the cool of the garden.

In response to the one we traditionally name the "good thief" who defended the innocence of Jesus as they were dying, Jesus said: 'Today you will be with me in paradise.' Sharing the victory over darkness and death, transferring to a kingdom where you find your true and best self, is not something for a distant future. It is today. Today is the day we acknowledge who Jesus is, pledge our loyalty and embrace a life of service of others like he did holding nothing back.

Let us do this and bring our liturgical year to a close on the highest note possible.

Fr Adrian Farrelly

ANNUAL PETER'S PENCE COLLECTION

The Peter's Pence Collection is an annual collection of the Catholic Church around the world. The collection allows the Holy Father to respond to the most needy throughout the world, to offer timely, effective emergency assistance to our suffering brothers and sisters. This very special collection will be taken up as a retiring collection after the masses this weekend.

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



DATE CLAIMER WORLD DAY OF PRAYER

7 MARCH 2014

The theme for the
World Day of Prayer 2014
is

“STREAMS IN THE DESERT”

The following items are available if anyone has any particular health needs: rollator, shower chair, commode, walker, foldable wheelchair, gooseneck hospital pull-up for bed and an up and down lifter double bed (in need of some repair).

Please contact Brenda Paul 0414 506 696

ST AGATHA'S YOUTH MINISTRY TEAM NEXT MEETING

Tuesday 3 December
Parish Office - 7.00pm

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

PLEASE NOTE:

All Readers and Children's Liturgy Team Members are asked to collect their copy of Break Open the Word.

Books (with your name on them) are available on table in church foyer.

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www.facebook.com/aggiesyouth

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.



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

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

The occasion is the 50th 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:

Debbie Houseman, Rosemary Ryan, Glen Suttle, Rose Green, Emma de Gomez, Eve Barry, Joan Underwood, Ann McMahon, Joan O'Shea, Camillo Bocalatte, John Harris, Connie O'Meara, Joan Fitzsimon, Fr Virgil Pender, George Mooney, Thomas Patrick McCormack, John Moore, Greg Lalor

And those whose anniversaries occur about now:

Charles Sheahan, Len Williamson, Joseph Riba, Reg (Jnr) & Rosalind Shun Wah, Graham Elliott, Thomas & Cecily Conroy, Max, Jennifer and Alan Leutenegger, Angus Rees

Those who are sick:

Raymond Johnson, Alan Lawrenson, Robert Mutton, Michael O'Sullivan, 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

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 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.

IGNITE YOUTH

Have two key events happening in the summer holidays of 2014 to support musicians and young people in the parish.

For Musicians: Ignite School of Music
(9-13 January 2014)

For Teenagers: Ignite Summer Camp
(for high school aged teenagers)
(16-19 January 2014)

Few brochures available on the table in the foyer.

With great joy we welcome into the Catholic Church Community:

Elizabeth Lund
Chester Lunn
Quinn Pearson
Elizabeth Shearing



who will be baptised this Sunday.



CHOIR PRACTICE FOR CHRISTMAS

Thursday 28 November
6.00pm - 7.00pm
in the Church.
New members welcome.

RAFFLE - TICKETS AVAILABLE NOW



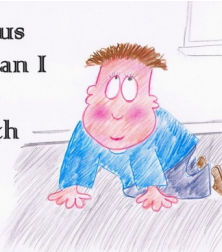
Embroidered Table Cloth
Tickets: \$1.00 each
Drawn: Sunday 1 December

PRO LIFE PROCESSION -

Pray to end abortion

The next Pro Life Procession is Saturday 21 December. The procession begins with Mass at 6.30am at St Brigid's Catholic Church, 78 Musgrave Road, Red Hill. We then drive to the Roma St Parkland - College Close Car Park. At 7.30am we process through the Parkland, a beautiful and tranquil location, to the abortuary at 383 Wickham Terrace, praying the rosary as we walk. We spend between 10 and 20 minutes praying on the footpath opposite the abortuary. The procession re-enters the parkland to the playground area where we enjoy morning tea and the children have a play. Our intention is to make the procession as family friendly as possible to enable people of all ages to participate. We especially welcome families with young children. The whole route is accessible with a pram.

Dear Jesus
Where can I
learn to
walk with
you?
Amen



FOR SALE AT THE PIETY STALL

Christmas Cards - \$2.75
for a pack of 8



TRUTH
JUSTICE
HEALING
COUNCIL

For information on the Royal Commission go to the Truth Justice and Healing Council website:
www.tjhcouncil.org.au

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



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>				
23/24 Nov	Phil Zammit Eric Van der List	Sister Cecily Foster Andrew Douglas	Eileen Duncan Tim Hancock Denis Keating	Life Teen Mass
30 Nov/1 Dec	Paul Bartels Judy Bartels	Aleira Egan Mary Kelaher	Peter Gilroy Leanne O'Shea Don Macpherson	Life Teen Mass
<u>COMMUNION MINISTERS</u>				
23/24 Nov	Jan Zammit	Blue Doyle		Life Teen Mass
30 Nov/1 Dec	Eddie Foley	Paulette Archer	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.*

24 Nov	Jane Cameron (L)	Nicola Warda	
1 Dec	Eleonora Kowitz (L)	Monique Kowitz	

ORGANISTS:

23/24 Nov	Robyn Cuming	Mark Leung	Catriona McPherson	Life Teen Mass
30 Nov/1 Dec	Sr Marguerite	Mark Leung	Catriona McPherson	Life Teen Mass

SANCTUARY CARERS:

7 Dec	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

November

Monday 25

* SVDP Meeting 5pm Parish Office

Thursday 28

* Christmas Choir Practice 6pm Church

* RCIA 7pm Parish Office

December

Tuesday 3

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

THE CATHOLIC LEADER

Copies On Sale - \$2.00

In this week's issue:

- * Archbishop writes to clergy to ensure people are prepared for Royal Commission focus on Church's towards healing process.
- * Brisbane priest visits relatives struggling in aftermath of Typhoon Haiyan.
- * Four families offer gifts totalling more than \$875,000 in support of archdiocesan ministries.

Readings - First Sunday of Advent

1st Reading: Isaiah 2:1-5; 2nd Reading Romans 13:11-14; Gospel Matthew 24:37-44