



ST AGATHA'S PARISH

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Very Rev Dr Adrian Farrelly KCHS JCD

Associate Pastor:

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Parish Secretary

Mrs Rosemary Greer

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 Maddison Marquis

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 - Second Sunday of Advent - 8 December 2013

1st Reading: Isaiah 11:1-10; 2nd Reading Romans 15:4-9;

Gospel Matthew 3:1-12



JOHN THE BAPTIST AND CHRISTMAS

Only once in my life have I received a Christmas card with John the Baptist featured in it. And that card was a homemade effort by a parishioner of St Agatha's after I had proclaimed on one Sunday in Advent that I had never received such a card.

The reason for his absence is not too hard to fathom. Historically at the time Jesus was born, John was himself only a 6 month old infant being lovingly cared for by his mother and father, Elizabeth and Zechariah. They did not live in Bethlehem so escaped the paranoia fuelled massacre of baby boys ordered by Herod when he heard that a potential rival had been born. So the first reason is that there would be no place for John in the Christmas stories. These stories by the way are the "food blender" output of crunching the accounts of Matthew and Luke together effectively destroying the distinctiveness of each. More about that another time.

The other reason John does not feature in popular Christmas cards and decorations is that he is not politically correct. He does not fit the sentimental image of Jesus, Mary and Joseph, animals, shepherds, wise men and angels. John features in the Advent liturgies but his words are unsettling. While we look at Christmas lights, here is this strange character asking us if light and goodness are shining from us. As we stock the fridge and cupboards for Christmas eating, he asks did we donate the same amount to St Vinnies (I have seen tins left at the giving tree because they were past their use by date!). As we buy gifts for people with more than they need, he asks do we give time and attention to family and loved ones or are we too busy with business, socialising, gaming or recreation.

His questions faced up to and answered selflessly will make us great gifts to be received by others. Let's do it!

Fr Adrian Farrelly



John the Baptist

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.

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.

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THE SAINT VINCENT DE PAUL CHRISTMAS APPEAL

is being conducted over the weekends before Christmas. Your donations will be greatly appreciated, and enable the Parish Conference, to continue to help people in need of emergency assistance (food, clothing, furniture). Please place your donations in the envelopes provided on the church seats. If donating by cheque, please make it out to "St Agatha's Clayfield SVDP Conference".



CHRISTMAS RAFFLE TICKETS 3 FOR \$5.00

Drawn: Sunday 22 December



CHRISTMAS

AT THE PIETY STALL

ON SALE NOW

- Christmas Cards
- Christmas Gifts
- Columban Calendars
- Little Blue Books for Advent

CHRISTMAS MASS TIMES

24 December:

- Christmas Eve - Vigil Mass at 6.00 pm with carols from 5.30 pm.
- Midnight Mass with carols from 11.30 pm.

25 December, Christmas Day :

- Mass at 7.00 am and 9.00 am.

2nd Rite Reconciliation for Christmas

- Monday 16 December at 7.00 pm



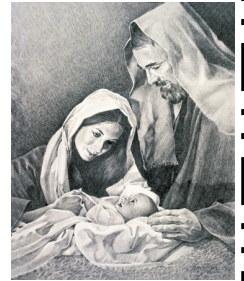
PLEASE NOTE:

NO 5.30PM MASS ON CHRISTMAS DAY

ROSTERS for Christmas

Are you available to be on roster at any of the Christmas Masses? Please fill in the sheets on the clipboard near the Sacristy.

Communion Ministers,
Readers and Altar Servers
are needed at all Masses.



Children who want to be angels, shepherds and wise people for the Entrance Procession at the Vigil Mass on Christmas Eve - add names to roster. Names from this list will be drawn out of the hat for the role of Mary and Joseph.



CHOIR PRACTICE FOR CHRISTMAS

Every Thursday
6.00pm - 7.00pm
in the Church.

New members welcome.



ENTRANCE TO SCHOOL PARKING AREA

For those who park under the school when they come to mass there is now a boom gate at the entrance off Hunter Lane. I have arranged for the boom to be up from about 30 minutes before mass and stay up until 15 minutes after mass starts. On leaving the boom will rise as you approach. Please drive slowly.

In our prayers we remember



Those who have died recently:

Donal Cody, Patrick 'Cocky' McMahon, Geoffrey Perry, Michael O'Sullivan, Sr Marie Ryan, 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

And those whose anniversaries occur about now:

Estelle Rees, Evelyn Thomas, Tony Breene, Gene Frendo, Charles Sheahan, Len Williamson, Joseph Riba, Reg (Jnr) & Rosalind Shun Wah, Graham Elliott, Thomas & Cecily Conroy

Those who are sick:

Simon Uren, Alison Doust, Peter Fell, Raymond Johnson, Alan Lawrenson, Robert Mutton, Jeanette Moore, 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, 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.

PART-TIME JOB POSITION

Catholic Psychiatric Pastoral Care is seeking a person with sound administrative and receptionist skills for a part-time position as Administrative Assistant (20 hours per week hours and days negotiable) based at 58 Morgan Street Fortitude Valley.

The successful applicant would need intermediate to advanced Microsoft office skills. Applications can be emailed to cppc@bne.catholic.net.au; or mailed to Fr Jim Smith, Chaplain Director Catholic Psychiatric Pastoral Care 58 Morgan Street Fortitude Valley Q 4006.

Applications close on **11 December 2013**. Start date is February 2014 but successful applicant will need to attend an orientation day in week commencing 16 December 2013. Names of two referees will be required and if possible one of these referees should be a parish priest. Further information can be obtained by telephoning Therese Pattenden on 3252 5461.

CHILDREN'S LITURGY OF THE WORD (CLOW)

St Agatha's Parish, Clayfield, are seeking individuals with an interest in the liturgical development of young school-aged children, who are willing to be placed on a roster, to commence after the start of the 2014 School Year. "CLOW" members are from varied backgrounds; single, married, parents and grand-parents. Members of the St Agatha's Youth group are particularly invited to participate. The commitment consists of being placed on a roster for 1 - 2 sessions per term. Those new to the role are paired with a more experienced leader. Please contact the parish office (3262 2859) for further details. Any new members interested must have a current blue card. The parish office can arrange for a blue card application for those who do not have one.



ST AGATHA'S SAINT VINCENT DE PAUL CONFERENCE

wishes to thank Nick Fogarty, staff, students and parents of St Agatha's School for the generous collection of food for Christmas Hampers. There will be many smiles this year from those who receive these hampers.

FOR SALE ALSO AT THE PIETY STALL

A range of Advent Calendars



BROTHERS JAMES SINGERS

will be singing at the 9.00am Mass next Sunday 15 December

RAFFLE WINNER

(Embroidered Table Cloth): **LEONA MOYNIHAN**

Thank you to Angela for donating the table cloth and thank you also to everyone who bought raffle tickets and items from the craft stall. A total of \$236.00 was raised.

St Stephen's Cathedral Annual Festival of Scripture and Carols for Advent and Christmas;

Wednesday 18 December 7.30pm — This traditional carol service contains your favourite carols to sing as well as Advent and Christmas music for massed choir. The Cathedral car park (entrance from Charlotte Street) will be available from 6.30pm. Entry is free, however there is a retiring collection to support the Cathedral of St Stephen Music Program. Everyone welcome, bring your friends. Enquiries 3324 3030 or cathedral@bne.catholic.net.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>				
7/8 Dec	Graham Gibson Julie-Anne Gibson	Anne-Marie Quinn Kirsty Stevens	Angela McFarlane Tanya Mulcahy Katrina Murphy	Life Teen Mass
14/15 Dec	Jack Williamson Eddie Foley	Jeanine Bygott Anne O'Connor	Wilma O'Connell Peter Ryan Patricia Sutcliffe	Life Teen Mass
<u>COMMUNION MINISTERS</u>				
7/8 Dec	Trish Hickey		Peter Ryan	Life Teen Mass
14/15 Dec	Anne Goves	Blue Doyle	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.

8 December - January 2014 School Holidays - No Children's Liturgy

ORGANISTS:

7/8 Dec	Eithne Stafford	Mark Leung	Robyn Cuming	Life Teen Mass
14/15 Dec	Sr Marguerite	Mark Leung		Life Teen Mass

SANCTUARY CARERS:

14 Dec	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 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

December

Monday 9

* SVDP Meeting 5pm Parish Office

Thursday 12

* Christmas Choir Practice 6pm Church

Thursday 12

* RCIA 7pm Parish Office

Monday 16

* 2nd Rite of Reconciliation 7pm

THE CATHOLIC LEADER

Copies On Sale - \$2.00

In this week's issue:

- * Two men ordained priests in Brisbane.
- * Royal Commission turns attention to Brisbane.
- * Archdiocese pays tribute to Faith and Life director for 23 years of dedicated service.
- * Catholics called to break down barriers for people with disabilities.
- * Australian bishops say Pope Francis' exhortation needs to be read by all Catholics.

Readings - Third Sunday of Advent

1st Reading: Isaiah 35:1-6, 10; 2nd Reading James 5:7-10; Gospel Matthew 11:2-11