



ST AGATHA'S PARISH

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Administrator

Associate Pastor:

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Very Rev Dr Adrian Farrelly KCHS JCD

Rev Fr Joseph Vattaparambil CMI

Mrs Rosemary Greer

Mrs Jane Cameron

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

Outside School Hours Care Coordinator

Mrs Carol Sayers

Acting Principal: Mr Nick Fogarty

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 - Third Sunday of Advent

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

Gospel Matthew 11:2-11



VISIONS BECOME REALITIES

Many years ago I spoke with a friend of mine, a Uniting Church minister. She had been chosen to be the minister for one of the suburban churches. Among other topics one in particular she had concerns about was the impact that she would have on the congregation. She was worried to the extent that her interests, goals, dreams would have on what the congregation would look like, what directions it would take. My advice to her was that the personality of the permanent serving minister in a congregation of parish would always be reflected in the life of the group the minister served. I had seen it in my own priestly ministry in different parishes. I saw it in schools and businesses. The principal, the CEO, has an undeniable impact on the enterprise they lead. As the "one in charge", you need to ensure that you listen to the dreams and ideas of others and collaborate with them to bring about development.

Pope Francis is a case in point of one individual having amazing impact. Yes, he is the Pope but his way of acting and speaking has breathed something into the life of the Church that we have not seen before from a Pope. The joy of the Gospel (Evangelii gaudium) is the title of his recent exhortation. He himself exudes a sense of joy flowing from the reality of his being loved by God. For the Holy Father the church that makes Jesus present in every place and time has to present itself to the world joyfully. In the exhortation he has some very good one-liners that capture what he is saying. One that springs to mind is: we believers are not to look like people coming home from a funeral. The realities that are the source of our joy are: God loves us. Jesus is alive and with us. We never face any situation in life alone. These three alone are more than enough to warm our hearts, to give us confidence and spur us on to share what we have with others.

The pink candle in the four Advent candles is lit this Sunday. If we had a set of pink vestments for mass Fr Joseph and I could preside wearing them. Pink is a colour for joy and hope. This third Sunday of Advent is Joyful Sunday.

Listen to reading from Isaiah that is the first reading and see why we rejoice. Flowers spring up in the wastelands. The downhearted find hope and strength. Those suffering from disabilities of any kind are freed and can hear, speak, walk and see. When John the Baptist wondered if Jesus was the expected Messiah the answer Jesus gave was: tell John that the prophecy of Isaiah is coming true. People are finding wholeness they never had.

Take the vision of the prophet to heart. Memorise it. Then look at the people in your world and see how through the loving kindness you freely give them brings them to the same wholeness.

As you head off on holidays treat others with the care you want them to show you. Celebrate Christmas well and return safely to the parish family.

Fr Adrian Farrelly

**HAPPY 65th BIRTHDAY
Fr Adrian**



**Welcome to Fr Jim Spence
and the
BROTHERS JAMES SINGERS**

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: Next Sunday 22 December



CHRISTMAS

AT THE PIETY STALL

ON SALE NOW

- Christmas Cards
- Christmas Gifts
- Columban Calendars
- Little Blue Books for Advent
- A range of Advent Calendars

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.

HELPERS NEEDED TO DELIVER THE 'SUMMER EDITION' OF THE HAND-IN-HAND MAGAZINE

Please take a bundle or two to deliver in your area.

Any assistance will be greatly appreciated.



In our prayers we remember



Those who have died recently:

Ann O'Brien, Maurice Underwood, Nelson Mandela, 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

And those whose anniversaries occur about now:

Christopher Oxenham, Florence Hinson, Mary Dethlefs, Douglas Munt, Sally Meehan, Estelle Rees, Evelyn Thomas, Tony Breene, Gene Frendo, Charles Sheahan, Len Williamson, Joseph Riba

Those who are sick:

Phyllis Madden, Maureen Johnson, Simon Uren, Alison Doust, Raymond Johnson, Alan Lawrenson, Robert Mutton, 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.



On behalf of

Mary MacKillop International,
I thank you for your generous support
in supplying and assisting with used
stamps. During 2013 we raised

approximately \$18,000. Our very best effort so far!
From 2001 till now our total is almost \$60,000. May

God's blessings, through the intercession of Saint
Mary MacKillop of the Cross, be yours in abundance.

*from Sr Helen Saunders
for Sisters of St Joseph*

A little boy was overheard praying:

*"Lord, if you can't make me a better boy, don't worry about
it. I'm having a real good time like I am."*

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 Giving Tree - 2013

At Christmas time we may be overindulged with food and presents whilst many go without basic necessities. The Giving Tree is loaded with little gift ideas which will help bring a smile to others on Christmas Day.

You are encouraged to take a tag and return the gift and leave it at the base of the tree.

*Members of St Vincent de Paul will be collecting the gifts
and distributing them for Christmas.*

Thank you to CCI Personal Insurance for their kind donation of a Christmas hamper. The hamper contains a range of Christmas goodies, all beautifully presented in an insulated cooler bag.



With great joy we welcome into the Catholic Church Community:

Keira Conway
Abigail Hazelton
Annabelle Hazelton
Maxwell Kerwick



who will be baptised this Sunday.

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>				
14/15 Dec	Jack Williamson Eddie Foley	Jeanine Bygott Anne O'Connor	Wilma O'Connell Peter Ryan Patricia Sutcliffe	Life Teen Mass
21/22 Dec	Eric van der List Phil Zammit	Sister Cecily Foster Sharon Hickey	Trish Ryan Jill Weld Jane Arkinstall	Life Teen Mass
<u>COMMUNION MINISTERS</u>				
14/15 Dec	Anne Goves	Blue Doyle	Henry Weld	Life Teen Mass
21/22 Dec		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.				
<u>CHILDREN'S LITURGY</u> - Prep to Grade 4 children are encouraged to participate. <i>Please note any younger siblings need to be accompanied by an adult.</i>				
8 December - January 2014 School Holidays - No Children's Liturgy				
<u>ORGANISTS:</u>				
14/15 Dec	Sr Marguerite	Mark Leung		Life Teen Mass
21/22 Dec	Robyn Cuming	Mark Leung	Robyn Cuming	Life Teen Mass
<u>SANCTUARY CARERS:</u>				
21 Dec	Beverley O'Brien			
<u>Volunteers needed.</u> 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 16

- * 2nd Rite of Reconciliation 7pm

Thursday 19

- * Christmas Choir Practice 6pm Church

Thursday 19

- * RCIA 7pm Parish Office

THE CATHOLIC LEADER

Copies On Sale - \$2.00

In this week's issue:

- * First edition of the new-look Catholic Leader – new look, new features, new media.
- * Towards Healing and Brisbane in Royal Commission spotlight.
- * Youth festival draws flock of thousands.
- * Pope blesses Caritas anti-hunger campaign.

Readings - Fourth Sunday of Advent

1st Reading: Isaiah 7:10-14, 10; 2nd Reading Romans 1:1-7; Gospel Matthew 1:18-24