

#### ST AGATHA'S PARISH

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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 - 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



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.



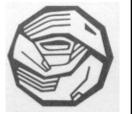
#### **AGGIES YOUTH**

www.facebook.com/aggiesyouth

#### 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 will be celebrated on

Monday 16 December at 7.00 pm

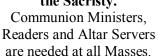


#### PLEASE NOTE:

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.







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



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 <a href="mailto:cathedral@bne.catholic.net.au">cathedral@bne.catholic.net.au</a>



#### PARISH ROSTERS

Please arrange a substitute if you are unavailable on your rostered day.

6.00pm 7.00am 9.00am 5.30pm

READERS

14/15 Dec Jack Williamson Wilma O'Connell Jeanine Bygott Life Teen Mass

Anne O'Connor **Eddie Foley** Peter Rvan Patricia Sutcliffe

**Sister Cecily Foster** 21/22 Dec Eric van der List Trish Ryan Life Teen Mass

Jill Weld **Phil Zammit Sharon Hickey** Jane Arkinstall

**COMMUNION MINISTERS** 

14/15 Dec **Anne Goves Blue Dovle 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

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:** 

14/15 Dec Sr Marguerite Mark Leung Life Teen Mass 21/22 Dec **Robyn Cuming** Mark Leung **Robyn Cuming** Life Teen Mass

**SANCTUARY CARERS:** 

21 Dec Beverley O'Brien

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

Mass: Monday 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 4<sup>th</sup> 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

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

#### 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 newlook 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 antihunger campaign.

Readings - Fourth Sunday of Advent 1st Reading: Isaiah 7:10-14, 10; 2nd Reading Romans 1:1-7; Gospel Matthew 1:18-24