



ST AGATHA'S PARISH

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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 - The Baptism of the Lord - 12 January 2014

1st Reading: Isaiah 42:1-4, 6-7; 2nd Reading: Acts 10:34-38;

Gospel: Matthew 3:13-17



THE BAPTISM OF THE LORD

Why did Jesus seek baptism from John? Why do we seek baptism for ourselves and our children?

We shall start with the second question and then come to the first.

Baptism in the Church is a ritual in which water is poured over the candidate or into which the candidate is immersed. The latter, immersion in the water, is the fuller symbol. The word "baptism" literally means "immersion" or being "plunged into" something. In the Church setting it is water into which the candidate is plunged. In a military setting baptism can refer to being plunged into a battle scene so that the soldiers undergo a "baptism of fire".

The Christian church took the ritual bath idea, a common part of Jewish ritual practices, and developed the ritual of baptism as part of the initiation new members were put through. What they saw happening as the candidates went under water and came up again was participation in the death of Jesus and his rising to new life. Anyone who has been dumped in the surf knows that you cannot stay under water and live. When you break surface you breathe in all the air you can.

Baptism is a total experience, both water and fire. No soldier can have a little baptism of fire as bullets and shells whistle around. So too with Christian baptism it is a doorway to life experience that is total. The candidate is plunged into a new way of living that has Jesus front and centre in every aspect of life.

These days those coming for baptism or bringing their children may not see the experience in such a total way. Baptism at times is spoken of as something "done" like infancy inoculations. The vaccine will protect me. I need do no more. But you do. Attentive parents ensure a healthy environment for their children even after the inoculations. So too with baptism. As they rise from the water, or as it is poured over them they breathe in the Holy Spirit. They receive supernatural gifts, faith hope and charity to name but three, which will grow under the training eye of their parents assisted by the godparents. The one baptised becomes a son or daughter of God by adoption.

When Jesus was baptised by John the Baptist, his slightly older relative, he was by nature, Son of God in a way unique to him. John's baptism was a ritual for repentance. Those participating made life changing decisions to turn away from selfish and sinful ways of acting and live their faith in a more genuine way. They did what was necessary to be in right relationship with God. Jesus was never out of alignment with God but was still baptised to show the importance of this continual care for right alignment. Jesus would bring people a baptism of a different kind that would see them come alive with the Holy Spirit but that even still lay in the future.

Know your baptismal day. Celebrate annually your baptismal day. Spend time each day checking your alignment with the Father whose adopted child you are.

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

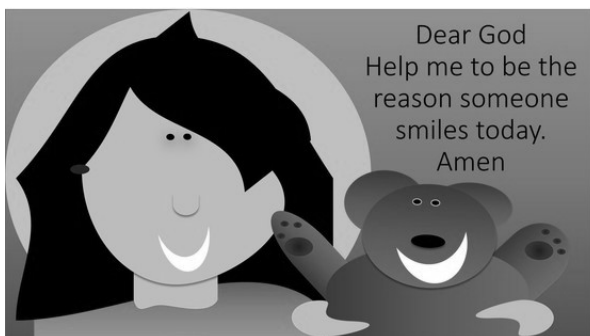
If you have any questions or ideas please contact
Anne O'Connor on 3256 6013 or 0419 796 988.

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SACRAMENTAL PROGRAM—2014 **Confirmation and First Holy Communion**

For children in Grade 3 or older who have celebrated their First Penance/Reconciliation

ENROLMENT WEEKEND

15/16 February at any of the masses

Saturday 6.00pm

Sunday 7.00am, 9.00am & 5.30pm

Please find Enrolment Forms on the table at front entry to Church

PARENT'S MEETING: St Agatha's Church
Tuesday, 18 February 7.00pm or
Wednesday, 19 February 7.00pm
(N.B. Parents need only attend 1 of these sessions)

For further information call Jane Cameron at the parish office: 32622859

"Life is an opportunity, benefit from it.

Life is beauty, admire it.

Life is a dream, realize it.

Life is a challenge, meet it.

Life is a duty, complete it.

Life is a game, play it.

Life is a promise, fulfill it.

Life is sorrow, overcome it.

Life is a song, sing it.

Life is a struggle, accept it.

Life is a tragedy, confront it.

Life is an adventure, dare it.

Life is luck, make it.

Life is too precious, do not destroy it.

Life is life, fight for it."

— Mother Teresa



DATE CLAIMERS

CONFIRMATION CEREMONY NIGHT

30 April

5.00pm and 7.00pm

FIRST COMMUNION DATES

8 June

9.00am and 11.00am

15 June

9.00am and 11.00am



FAREWELL TO FR JOSEPH

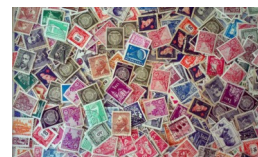
If anyone would like to contribute towards a farewell gift for Fr Joseph, please leave your contribution with Fr Adrian or at the Parish Office.

150 year Jubilee of the
SMSM in the
Pacific in Samoa



Those concerned please see newsletter on notice boards.

Used Postage Stamps made \$18,000 for Mary MacKillop International this year. If you would like to contribute your used stamps please leave them at the Piety Stall or Parish Office. They will then be forwarded on.



In our prayers we remember



Those who have died recently:

Amarchi Nwaohiri, Monsignor Ralph Brown, Val Connolly, Fr Patrick McHugh, Angelina Barbagallo, Paul Muggleton, Kevin Uren, Sr Veronica Hollis, Oscar Amaya,

And those whose anniversaries occur about now:

Patricia and Robert Ludwick, Henry and Bridget Patterson, Vida Meyer, Pat Craven, Eric O'Hagan, Verlie Just, Tom McCormack, Des Finn, James Ho, Craig Andrews, Grazia Russo, Gladys Stephensen, Margaret Henry, Stan McKenzie, John O'Brien, John Agnew, Noela Hoskins, Peter, Eve and Noel Turnbull

Those who are sick:

Jill Corrigan, Jonathan O'Brien, Maureen Williams, 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 re minder to let us know when names are no longer required to be shown on the list.

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.

We conduct a Volunteer Induction Programme (consisting of four sessions) to introduce prospective volunteers to the role.

Applications close 17 January 2014 and the next Volunteer Programme will commence in February 2014.



DATE CLAIMER **WORLD DAY OF PRAYER** **7 MARCH 2014**

The theme for the
World Day of Prayer 2014
is

"STREAMS IN THE DESERT"

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



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.

MARY MACKILLOP COLLEGE **50 YEARS CELEBRATIONS**

Wednesday 19 March 2014

Celebrating 50 years of Josephite Education at a
Mass at Corpus Christi Church

Friday 8 August 2014

Retro Glam Party 50th Reunion for MtStJ-CCC-
MMC Past Students

Saturday 9 August 2014

Year Level Brunch Option

Sunday 10 August 2014

50th Anniversary Celebratory Eucharist and
Commemorative Event.

For more information contact
Mary MacKillop College on 32662100

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>				
11/12 Jan	Ryan Smethurst Anne Goves	Sister Cecily Foster Nick Eden	Denis Keating Don Macpherson Angela McFarlane	Life Teen Mass
18/19 Jan	Marian Nolan Rachelle Brown	Mary Kelaher Aleira Egan	Tanya Mulcahy Katrina Murphy Wilma O'Connell	Life Teen Mass
<u>COMMUNION MINISTERS</u>				
11/12 Jan	Peter Bowden	Blue Doyle	Henry Weld	Life Teen Mass
18/19 Jan	Marie Ho	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.

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:

11/12 Jan	Catriona McPherson		Eithne Stafford	Life Teen Mass
18/19 Jan	Sr Marguerite	Mark Leung	Eithne Stafford	Life Teen Mass

SANCTUARY CARERS:

18 Jan 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

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

JANUARY

Thursday 16

* RCIA 7pm Parish Office

Monday 20

* SVDP 5pm Parish Office

Tuesday 21

* Finance Meeting 7pm Parish Office

Thursday 23

* Liturgy 5pm Parish Office

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In this week's issue:

- * Parish priests, religious and laity giving strong support to work of Truth, Justice and Healing Council.
- * Pope Francis calls faithful out of their comfort zones.
- * Two Catholic men give different personal perspectives on being fathers.
- * Seminarians from Banyo seminary meet Pope Francis.

Readings - Second Sunday in Ordinary Time - 19 January 2014

1st Reading: Isaiah 49:3, 5-6; 2nd Reading: 1 Corinthians 1:1-3; Gospel: John 1:29-34