



# ST AGATHA'S PARISH

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**Administrator**

Very Rev Dr Adrian Farrelly KCHS JCD

**Priest in Residence:**

Rev Fr Francis Canh Nguyen

**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 - The Epiphany of the Lord - 5 January 2014

**1st Reading: Isaiah 60:1-6; 2nd Reading Ephesians 3:2-3, 5-6;**

**Gospel Matthew 2:1-12**



### THE GLORY OF THE LORD SHONE UPON US

Epiphany is a word rarely used in everyday speech. When we do use it we are speaking of a moment of insight into the very nature of something or someone. The origins of the word lie in the Greek language with "epi" meaning "through" and "phainein" meaning "shine". Put them together and we end up with "shining through" or "epiphany". So the meaning of something can shine through or as it appears today in this Church celebration, God shines through.

By the time St Matthew wrote his gospel the Church was 40 to 50 years old if we date the death and resurrection of Jesus around 30AD. The experience of the first Christians was that in Jesus God shone a new light into human experience, or perhaps closer to the meaning of epiphany the divine shone out from the heart of creation. Even though Matthew's gospel was written principally for Jewish converts to what would be known as Christianity, Matthew was no doubt aware that Gentiles, people who had never been Jews were accepting the Good news that was Jesus and they were members of the Church community.

Imagine being in such a community at the Sunday celebration of the Eucharist where those gathered listened to readings from the Jewish bible (our old Testament). As they listened to the words of the prophet Isaiah they saw what he had spoken of right before them. Gentiles had come to the light of Jesus. Centuries before Isaiah used words that said what God had revealed to the chosen people was meant for a wider audience than just the Jewish people.

When Matthew wrote his infancy narrative he included the coming of the magi, the non-Jewish astronomers who came from the countries to the east of the promised land, present day Jordan and the like. These gentiles from their study of the stars had seen something that so aroused their curiosity that a great person had been born that they left home and journeyed to find him. It is interesting to note that in this gospel so directed to Jewish Christians the evangelist makes the appearance of gentiles such a prominent part of the story.

As we proclaim the good news remember we are not proclaiming the coming of the Lord to a world that was deprived of his presence. The one born in Bethlehem is the Word already present in the fabric of creation. Jesus will articulate the presence of God so that all can open their eyes to the glory of God that is right there under our noses. What we need to do is look at the world with new eyes somewhat like we need to do with visual puzzles that contain two images but finding the second is often a challenge.

We have begun another year. My suggestion for a new year resolution was an adaptation of the blessing we heard at mass on New year's day. Each day let our faces shine on others and let us be gracious to them in every day.

Fr Adrian Farrelly

### WELCOME

to St Agatha's Parish  
Fr Francis Canh Nguyen  
our new associate pastor



# 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 docketts 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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A very big thank you to everyone who cooked and served to provide suppers for the 5.30pm LifeTeen Mass throughout the year. This hospitality is much appreciated. We will be having a break through the holidays. Suppers will restart in February. Please fill in your chosen dates on the new roster. Happy New Year to everyone!!

## 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



## 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 or website.

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. They will then be forwarded on.



## In our prayers we remember



### Those who have died recently:

Valerie Connolly, Fr Patrick McHugh, Angelina Barbagallo, Paul Muggleton, Kevin Uren, Sr Veronica Hollis, Oscar Amaya, Ann O'Brien, Maurice Underwood

### And those whose anniversaries occur about now:

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, Christopher Oxenham, Florence Hinson, Mary Dethlefs, Douglas Munt, Sally Meehan

### 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.



**Palms  
Australia**

Palms Australia is a Catholic organisation which has been sending volunteers on mission for over 50 years. Palms global volunteers mentor and exchange skills in countries across Asia, Africa and the Pacific.

Palms has a position for a **Building Project Manager** immediately available to work across several Diocese in Papua New Guinea to assist in the construction of various buildings and churches. If you are interested, please call Palms on 02 9518 9551 or register your interest online at <http://www.palms.org.au/volunteer/enquiry/>.

Many overseas communities request Palms to provide skilled Australian volunteers in education, health, administration, agriculture/farming, trades and other areas. Expressions of interest in these positions are also welcome.

Palms relies primarily on individual donations to continue these activities. If you prefer to make a direct donation please visit [www.palms.org.au/community/donate](http://www.palms.org.au/community/donate) or call 02 9518 9551.



### **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](http://www.moversandshakers.org.au)

### **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

### **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.

## PARISH ROSTERS

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

**6.00pm**

**7.00am**

**9.00am**

**5.30pm**

**READERS**

4/5 Jan

Eric van der List  
Phil Zammit

Nick Eden  
Dianne Eden

Tim Hancock  
Peter Gilroy  
Leanne O'Shea

Life Teen Mass

11/12 Jan

Ryan Smethurst  
Anne Goves

Sister Cecily Foster  
Chanelle White

Denis Keating  
Don Macpherson  
Angela McFarlane

Life Teen Mass

**COMMUNION MINISTERS**

4/5 Jan

Eddie Foley

Peter Ryan

Life Teen Mass

11/12 Jan

Peter Bowden

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:**

4/5 Jan

Catriona McPherson

Eithne Stafford

Life Teen Mass

11/12 Jan

Eithne Stafford

Catriona McPherson

Life Teen Mass

**SANCTUARY CARERS:**

11 Jan

Santina Catalano

Maria Fistrovic

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 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.

### 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](mailto:clayfield@bne.catholic.net.au)*

### Parish Calendar

**JANUARY**

**Monday 6**

\* SVDP 5pm Parish Office

**Thursday 16**

\* RCIA 7pm Parish Office

**THE CATHOLIC LEADER**

Please note:  
the next edition of The Catholic Leader will be January 12, 2014. Happy New Year to all readers and supporters.

**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**