



# ST AGATHA'S PARISH

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Very Rev Dr Adrian Farrelly KCHS JCD

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Mrs Rosemary Greer

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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**

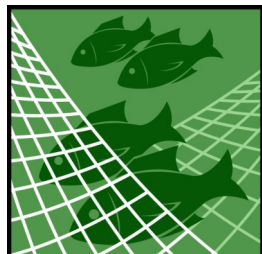
Ms Maddison Marquis

**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 - Third Sunday in Ordinary Time - 26 January 2014

**1st Reading: Isaiah 8:23-9:3; 2nd Reading: 1 Corinthians 1:10-13, 17;**

**Gospel: Matthew 4:12-23**



### FAITH IN CHRIST - ROSE COLOURED GLASSES OR CORRECTIVE LENSES

I am short sighted. My left eye is more affected than my right. My routine visit to the optometrist revealed more deterioration requiring new lenses in my glasses. I recalled the day when, aged 17, I looked at my surroundings for the first time wearing glasses. What struck me was that trees had individual leaves. It was not just a mass of green but hundreds, thousands of separate leaves. Each leaf stood out clearly and distinctly.

This experience as a teenager surfaced unexpectedly as I was reflecting on the lines in today's first reading which are picked up in the gospel: the people that walked in darkness has seen a great light; on those who dwell in the land (of death) and shadow of death a light has dawned. Of course, St Matthew with his love of seeing prophecies fulfilled saw Jesus appearing in public in the north of the country where Jesus mingled with gentile neighbours as the great light Isaiah, the prophet, said would come.

We need light to see but does our commitment to our faith in Jesus, the light, help us see the world as it is or an unreal one that we wish did exist? Do people like us see the world with rose coloured glasses or with corrective lenses?

As you would expect I see the faith as something more like corrective lenses. The world, people, are seen with clarity. There is no general mass of people like the green of the trees I saw years ago. With the eyes of faith, I see individual people with all their distinctive individuality. I see what is beautiful and appealing. I see what is ugly and repelling.

This is the world Jesus has called us to go into as he did with the first disciples. It is the world as it is now not how we might wish it to be or how it will be when recreated by Christ at the end of time. Christ's disciples touch this world with his compassion, wisdom and love so even now people are rescued, saved, from danger and able to live more fully.

Fr Adrian Farrelly

#### \*\*\* SPECIAL COLLECTION NEXT WEEKEND - 1st and 2nd FEBRUARY \*\*\*

THE LITTLE KINGS'S MOVEMENT FOR THE HANDICAPPED was founded in 1968 under the umbrella of the Franciscan Missionaries of Mary. It provides an opportunity for persons with disability to access a social life, gatherings, and activities to help overcome loneliness and for them to enjoy the advantages of today's world in company, education and acceptance into a friendly atmosphere, all based on Christian values. A special emphasis is placed on helping parents as well as the disabled with their personal, spiritual and social lives. Although based on Catholic beliefs, it is ecumenical and all members and people with disabilities are welcome. The members of the Little King's Movement commit themselves to bringing to people with disabilities a sense of worth, a sense of being valued and a sense of being loved. There are no Government subsidies, and most activities are voluntary. All activities for our disabled friends are free of charge. This is the major fund raiser for the year. In previous years the Parish has been very generous even in the most difficult financial times, for which the Movement is most grateful.

**Envelopes will be available next weekend.**

# 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 docket to the parish office. See notice board for menu suggestions. Enquiries to the parish office on 3262 2859



## ST AGATHA'S YOUTH MINISTRY TEAM

### NEXT MEETING

**Tuesday 4 February**  
**Parish Office - 7.00pm**

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



Can you give 1 hour a week? We would like your help with Religious Education in State Schools in our area. There is plenty of support for the teachers and the program is pre-planned.

All you need to do is have the time, and commitment to lead, or to have teaching skills - just the confidence to speak in front of a class. If you would like more information please see Fr Adrian, or contact the Parish Office.



## Australia Day

**Please stay and enjoy  
morning tea after the  
7.00am and 9.00am Masses.**  
**All welcome!**

The next Brisbane **40 Days for Life** campaign will take place from March 5 - April 13 this year. The centrepiece of this campaign is a 24 hour prayer vigil outside the abortion clinic at Bowen Hills over the 40 days. For more information please see website: [www.40daysforlife.com/brisbane](http://www.40daysforlife.com/brisbane).

## ST AGATHA'S SCHOOL PREP FOR 2015

If you have a child born between 1/7/09 – 30/6/10, they are eligible to commence Prep in **2015**.

If you would like your child included in the enrolments for Prep 2015, please email your details along with your child's name, address and D.O.B. to the Enrolment Secretary, [wkwhite@bne.catholic.edu.au](mailto:wkwhite@bne.catholic.edu.au)

alternatively phone the school on 3326 9222 on Monday, Tuesday or Friday and ask for Wendy.

**Applications for Non Siblings close 14<sup>th</sup> March, 2014.**

## **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



### YOU ARE INVITED TO A MASS OF THANKSGIVING

Are you a supporter of Catholic Mission? Have any of your family members, including those who are deceased, being supporters of the missionary work of the Church? We would like to invite you to a Mass of Thanksgiving, for the generosity of past and present donors and benefactors. The Mass will be held at St Kevin's Parish (251 Newman Road, Geebung) on **Friday, February 7**, at 9am. Morning tea will follow. You are welcome to just 'turn up' but to help with catering, it would be appreciated if you could RSVP to (07) 3336 9239 or email [asiatav@bne.catholic.net.au](mailto:asiatav@bne.catholic.net.au). For further information about the Mass, or to record the name of someone you love and who you know supported our work, contact Diocesan Director David McGovern on 0431 481 731.

## *In our prayers we remember*



### *Those who have died recently:*

Eddie Ekari, Maureen Williams, Eileen Bell, Jan Sonter, Fr Phil Crook, Tom Southern, Rosaria Conte, Eunice King, John Tunney, Amarchi Nwaohiri, Monsignor Ralph Brown, Val Connolly, Fr Patrick McHugh

### *And those whose anniversaries occur about now:*

Barbara Gallagher, Fay Treston, Graham Leach, Greta Burley, Ismael and Restituta Limas, Fr Francis O'Connell, Bishop John Rafferty, June Stafford, Patricia and Robert Ludwick, Henry and Bridget Patterson, Vida Meyer, Pat Craven, Eric O'Hagan, Verlie Just, Tom McCormack, Des Finn, James Ho

### *Those who are sick:*

Laura Vize, Tessa Jones, Ron Busby, Paul Gaynor, 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 reminder to let us know when names are no longer required to be shown on the list.

### **Australian Christian Meditation Community Queensland**

Invites you to join them for a day of  
*SILENCE, STILLNESS & SIMPLICITY*

*With Kathryn Houston*

**When:** Saturday 8 February 2014, 9.30am – 2.15pm. Morning tea will be served at 9.30am. BYO Lunch.  
**Where:** Holy Spirit School Hall, 36 Villiers Street (off Brunswick St), New Farm.  
**Suggested Donation:** \$10 (morning tea included)  
**Material Available:** Books, CD's and DVD's available for sale during the day.  
**For any queries contact: Gabby Nelson.** Email: [toga@bigpond.net.au](mailto:toga@bigpond.net.au), Phone (home) 3711 4227 (mobile) 0488 592 770  
**OR Jeanette Jones** [jeanette043@optusnet.com.au](mailto:jeanette043@optusnet.com.au) Phone (home) 38240550 (mobile) 0409 067 917

### **Australian Christian Meditation Community Queensland**

*Brisbane Young Christian Meditators*

Invites you to a Weekend Retreat

**"A Long Loving Look"** Led by Linda Chapman

The retreat explores the relationship between meditation and the natural world and the healing role meditation plays in the spiritual and ecological crisis of today.

**WHEN:** Saturday 14 March – Sunday 15 March 2014. 9am Sat. to 3pm Sun.  
**WHERE:** Santa Teresa Spirituality Centre, 267 Wellington Street, Ormiston.  
**COST:** \$185.00  
**AGE:** 20s, 30s, 40s.  
**BOOKINGS:** Adam Finucane. Mob 0419 798 285 & **CONTACT:** email: [adam.finucane@gmail.com](mailto:adam.finucane@gmail.com)

### **Lourdes Hill College Past Pupils Association**

#### **Lourdes Day Mass and Annual General Meeting**

**Venue:** Good Samaritan Centre ~ Lourdes Hill College  
**Date:** Sunday 9 February 2014  
**Time:** 2pm (Afternoon tea to follow meeting)  
**Enquiries:**  
Loreto Lotz 0412769708 or email [rclylotz@gmail.com](mailto:rclylotz@gmail.com)  
Marilyn Loth 0422854737 or email [marilynloth@hotmail.com](mailto:marilynloth@hotmail.com)

**With great joy we  
welcome into the  
Catholic Church  
Community:**



**Lillian Farry  
who will be baptised this Sunday.**

If you would like to contribute any used stamps please leave them at the Piety Stall or Parish Office.

## PARISH ROSTERS

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

	6.00pm	7.00am	9.00am	5.30pm
<b><u>READERS</u></b>				
25/26 Jan	Eric van der List Phil Zammit	Kirsty Stevens Anne-Marie Quinn	Peter Ryan Trish Ryan Patricia Sutcliffe	Life Teen Mass
1/2 Feb	Paul Bartels Judy Bartels	Diane Williamson Anne O'Connor	Jill Weld Jane Arkinstall Heidi Cooper	Life Teen Mass
<b><u>COMMUNION MINISTERS</u></b>				
25/26 Jan	Jan Zammit	Volunteer	Dorothy McSweeney	Life Teen Mass
1/2 Feb	Paulette Archer	Diane Williamson	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.*

2 Feb	Sam Psaros (L)	Anna Coronis
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### **ORGANISTS:**

25/26 Jan	Robyn Cuming		Mark Sayers	Life Teen Mass
1/2 Feb	Robyn Cuming	Mark Leung	Catriona McPherson	Life Teen Mass

### **SANCTUARY CARERS:**

1 Feb	Victor Podesta	Jane Lynn
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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 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**

**Wednesday 29**

\* St Agatha's School resumes

**Thursday 30**

\* RCIA 7pm Parish Office

### **FEBRUARY**

**Monday 3**

\* SVDP 5pm Parish Office

**Tuesday 4**

\* St Agatha's Youth Ministry Team Meeting 7pm Parish Office

**Wednesday 5**

\* Parish Feast Day Mass 9am

## **THE CATHOLIC LEADER COPIES ON SALE - \$2.00**

In this week's issue:

\* Pope Francis welcomes Brisbane seminary staff and students to Rome and receives a maroon memento of Queensland.

\* Arielle had to fight for life as a baby, now she can't wait for her first day at school, as her family is carried by faith.

**Readings - The Presentation of the Lord - 2 February 2014**

**1st Reading: Malachi 3:1-4; 2nd Reading: Hebrews 2:14-18; Gospel: Luke 2:22-40**