



# ST AGATHA'S PARISH

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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 **APRE:** Mr Nick Fogarty

**Outside School Hours Care Coordinator**

Ms Harmony Domaille

**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 - Seventh Sunday in Ordinary Time - 23 February 2014**

**1st Reading: Leviticus 19:1-2, 17-18; 2nd Reading: 1 Corinthians 3:16-23;**

**Gospel: Matthew 5:38-48**



**Be holy, be perfect!**

To modern ears, these words “be holy” (first reading), “be perfect” (gospel) sound like an invitation to a breakdown, more so the second group than the first. The first “Be holy” our secular society tells us is at best an unattainable ideal and at worst a flight from reality and an ideal that no one with their feet firmly planted on the ground would want to aspire to. The second about perfection is quickly rejected as recipe for psychological harm on a grand scale.

Yet both are offered to us by God as words God wants us to hear, embrace and live by. What we need to do constantly as we listen to the readings from the Word of God that form the first part of every mass is to listen with the conviction that God loves us and wants what is best for us. If we make this our starting point then we focus our attention on how do these words give us what is best for us.

The command to be holy is unpackaged by speaking of rejecting hatred, vengeance and grudges and actively loving your neighbour as you love yourself. Hatred, vengeance and grudges are bad news for those who surrender themselves to such things because those who do, lock themselves into living in the past when the acts that sparked the hatred took place. Think of times when you held a grudge. You have to recall the event and convince yourself that holding the grudge is the right thing to do, no matter that you may never act on the grudge and actually do harm to one who hurt you. The past event so obsesses us that we lose touch with the present.

Our happiness lies with committing ourselves to loving our neighbour and Jesus takes it even further when he says that we are to love even those who do not have our best interests at heart, enemies. Rather than surrender ourselves to hatred, vengeance and getting even, we genuinely pray for those who deliberately make life difficult for us. This is no half-hearted prayer but from the heart, asking God to help your persecutor receive the love God has for him or her. Jesus uses the image of the sun shining on everyone as a way to grasp how God loves, wants what is best for good and bad people alike.

We are made in the image of God and our human nature will be perfect only when we commit ourselves to relating with all in our personal worlds in the same way. Voices inside us may say that is a stupid idea but when we undertake such commitment we see that it is anything but stupid. Cycles of violence, getting even, are broken only when we do what God commands. Let us pray for each other this week to do what Jesus says.

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.



## This year St Agatha's Parish is hosting the WORLD DAY OF PRAYER FRIDAY 7 MARCH 2014

**10.30am**

The theme for the  
World Day of Prayer 2014

is

“STREAMS IN THE DESERT”

**All welcome**

Morning tea is provided after the Prayer Service



## ASH WEDNESDAY

**Masses: 9.00am and 7.00pm**

## CATHEDRAL CONCERT SERIES

### CONCERT #1 FOR 2014

**Concert Title:** Music for Her Majesty's Pleasure  
Australian Baroque Brass

**Date:** Sunday 30 March 2014

**Time:** 4.00pm

**Venue:** Cathedral of St Stephen, 249 Elizabeth St, Brisbane

**Cost:** Adult \$25, Concession \$20 Tickets are available online (<http://www.ststephensmusic.com/>) or at the door.

## ST AGATHA'S SCHOOL - PREP 2015

Children born between **1/7/2009 – 30/6/2010**, are eligible to commence Prep at St Agatha's School in 2015.

If you wish to complete an Application for Enrolment, please contact the Enrolment Secretary on

**[wkwhite@bne.catholic.edu.au](mailto:wkwhite@bne.catholic.edu.au)**

with your name and address, your child's name and date of birth.

**Applications close for Prep 2015 on 14th March 2014.**

Interviews usually take place in April/May, followed by offers for Prep placements in June.

## ALTAR SERVING TRAINING

Any children who have made their First Communion and are interested in Altar Serving, Fr Adrian will be conducting an Altar Serving Training on Wednesday 12 March at 3.30pm.

If your child is interested, please contact the parish office 3262 2859.

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

Isabella Alexander  
Liliana Comiskey  
Jacob Romero

**who will be baptised this Sunday.**



## St Joseph's College Gregory Terrace OPEN DAY

**FRIDAY 28 FEBRUARY 2014**

**4 - 7pm**

**Campus tours  
available from  
College Hall at  
Rogers Street entrance**

**Food and drinks available**

**menALIVE MAX14  
18/20 July 2014**

### “BREAK NEW GROUND”

MAX14 is facilitated by menALIVE, a National Catholic Ministry to Men.

menALIVE for Christ (MAX) is an annual gathering of men from across Australia and New Zealand who seek to be encouraged by one another in their faith journey as authentic men of God. Full details and registration information available at [www.menalive.org.au](http://www.menalive.org.au). Contact Peter on 0404 496 405 or via email to

[mail@menalive.org.au](mailto:mail@menalive.org.au).



## PROJECT COMPASSION

Donations to Caritas Australia's Project Compassion make a real difference to communities in need.

**Envelopes and boxes will be available next weekend.** Your donations allow Caritas Australia, the Catholic Agency for International Aid and Development, to alleviate poverty and bring hope and justice to disadvantaged communities throughout the world.

**LITTLE BLACK BOOK  
NOW AVAILABLE AT THE  
PIETY STALL - \$4.00 each**

## *In our prayers we remember*



### *Those who have died recently:*

Maria Osepa, Barbara Cottee, John Marr, Phyllis Sullivan, Brian Grace, Mervyn McKeown, Patrick Rebgetz, Arthur Moody, Michael Furlong

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

Thomas McVeigh, Margaret Bowden, Gene & Lou Bartels, Pascal Calabrese, Lucia & Salvatore Mangano, Richard and Elizabeth Howard

### *Those who are sick:*

Kath Delahunty, Kylie Taylor, Laura Vize, Tessa Jones, Ron Busby, Paul Gaynor, Jill Corrigan, Jonathan O'Brien, Phyllis Madden, Maureen Johnson, Simon Uren, Alison Doust, Raymond Johnson, Alan Lawrenson, Robert Mutton, Gladys Pacheco, Bishop Michael Putney, 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.**

### **Holy Land Tour 2014** - 17 Days from Monday 8 September to Wednesday 24 September

You are invited to join a remarkable journey through Israel, Jordan and Rome following in the footsteps of Christ, the Apostles and the early Christians. The tour is fully escorted by Fr Michael McCarthy, Parish Priest of Our Lady Help of Christians Parish. The pilgrimage will take you to the most significant places of faith including Netanya, Bethlehem, Petra, Amman, Nazareth and Jerusalem and provide unforgettable experiences of the Holy Land concluding with a visit to the Vatican in Rome. For further information please contact Fr Michael on 3268 3040 or Canale Travel Service Pty Ltd on 3357 6444. Brochures are available on the table at the back of the church.

**ACCOMMODATION WANTED:** Quiet granny flat or unit for \$280 per week or under. For Christian non drinker, non smoker and non gambler. Please contact parish office 3262 2859.

### **40 DAYS FOR LIFE**

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).

### **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 Saturday to 3pm Sunday.

**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)

### **LENTEN REFLECTION GROUPS (5 March - 20 April)**

"**You Have Set Us Free**" is the title of this year's Lenten program. The groups will meet once a week on a day and time to be decided. Please complete and hand in the tear off slip indicating your interest. With that information gathered we shall organise days and times. Each meeting runs for 80 minutes.



I am interested in the Lenten program:

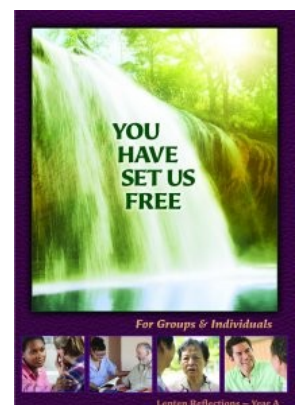
Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Email: \_\_\_\_\_

Phone: \_\_\_\_\_

Day Preferred: \_\_\_\_\_

Time Preferred: \_\_\_\_\_



## 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>				
22/23 Feb	Rachelle Brown Marie Ho	Nick Eden Dianne Eden	Rachel Langdon Don Macpherson Angela McFarlane	Life Teen Mass
1/2 Mar	Phil Zammit Eric van der List	Blue Doyle Mark Burton	Tanya Mulcahy Katrina Murphy Wilma O'Connell	Life Teen Mass
<b><u>COMMUNION MINISTERS</u></b>				
22/23 Feb	Anne Goves	<i>Volunteer</i>	Henry Weld	Life Teen Mass
1/2 Mar	Jan Zammit	<i>Volunteer</i>	Dorothy McSweeney	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.				
<b><u>CHILDREN'S LITURGY</u></b> - Prep to Grade 4 children are encouraged to participate. <i>Please note: any younger siblings need to be accompanied by an adult.</i>				
23 Feb	Eleonora Kowitz (L)	Julie McMahon		
2 Mar	Jane Cameron	Monica McBride		
<b><u>ORGANISTS:</u></b>				
22/23 Feb	Sr Marguerite	<i>Volunteer</i>	<i>Volunteer</i>	Life Teen Mass
1/2 Mar	Sr Marguerite	Mark Leung	Robyn Cuming	Life Teen Mass
<b><u>SANCTUARY CARERS:</u></b>				
1 Mar	Victor Podesta	Jane Lynn		
8 Mar	Santina Catalano	Maria Fistrovic		
<b><u>Volunteers needed.</u></b> 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*

## Parish Calendar

### **FEBRUARY**

Thursday 27

\* RCIA 7pm Parish Office

### **MARCH**

**Monday 3**

\* SVDP 5pm Parish Office

**Wednesday 5**

\* Ash Wednesday

Masses 9am and 7pm

**Friday 7**

\* World Day of Prayer

Service 10.30am

**Sunday 9**

\* St Agatha's P27 Mass 9am

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

In this week's issue:

- \* Royal Commission examines response to abuse in Toowoomba diocese.
- \* Words of Pope Francis provide inspiration in Lenten program.
- \* Child euthanasia law under attack.

**Readings - Eighth Sunday in Ordinary Time - 2 March 2014**

**1st Reading: Isaiah 49:14-15; 2nd Reading: 1 Corinthians 4:1-5; Gospel: Matthew 6:24-34**