



# ST AGATHA'S PARISH

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**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 - Presentation of the Lord - 2 February 2014

**1st Reading: Malachi 3:1-4; 2nd Reading: Hebrews 2:14-18;**

**Gospel: Luke 2:22-40**



### WHO IS YOUR CHILD? WHAT WILL YOUR CHILD GROW TO BE?

To look into the face of a new born infant is to look and wonder. Who is this child? The quick response is "This is our baby!" But on reflection you realise that response is not the full answer. The infant is the wondrous result of the mix of the life material of the parents, the embodiment of the love of the mother and father for each other but there is more. This infant is unique, the only one that will ever be in all human history. This child shares the genetic inheritance of the parents but is more than that combination of genetic material. This child will have a personality distinct from its parents and siblings. It will look at the world in its own way. It will respond to the situations of life conditioned, yes, by the responses of its parents and others it shares life with, but also in its own way.

What will this child grow to be? What contribution will the child make to the world? Will the child follow in the footsteps of its father and mother? Will the child be happy or sad, healthy or sick, successful at achievements or dogged by failures? Time will tell.

But at times people say things about infants and the future that turn out close to the truth. Growing up down the road from the Church we had an elderly neighbour who always referred to my brother as the admiral and me as the cardinal. Neither of us fulfilled her words in their entirety but my brother did serve as an officer in navy for many years and I became a priest. What did she see in us? What prompted her to say these things?

Today's Church feast celebrates Mary and Joseph presenting their infant son to the temple to fulfil what the Jewish law required people to do with first born sons. In memory of the liberation of the people from Egypt twelve centuries before the parents redeemed or bought back their children from the Lord by offering sacrifices and as purification ritual for the mother given the blood taboos that existed at the time.

While in the temple, two elderly people, Simeon and Anna, see the child and speak of him to Mary and Joseph and others nearby. Simeon's words echo the prophecy of Malachi (today's first reading) and the purification of the temple but without the force implied in Malachi's words. The entry into the temple of the glory of Israel is not with force and power but with the helplessness of a new born baby. Simeon saw in the child not just the glory of his own people but a light for the gentiles. Anna saw in him the deliverance of the people.

And these word would come to pass. For people stumbling in darkness Jesus would be a light to show safe paths. For those bound by selfishness, fear and cruelty, they would be freed and work to set others free from all that would limit them and deprive them of dignity and joy. This is what this child grew to be! What will yours become?



# 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

### 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.

## 327 Children's Mass

Children from Years 3 to 7 are invited to take part in next weekend's 9am Children's Mass, which is to be known as the "327 Mass". At the Mass the children will do the readings, bring the gifts up, welcome people at the door with newsletters, altar serve, and do the collecting.

If your child would like to assist, please contact the parish office by no later than Monday 3 February on 32622859 or email us at [clayfield@bne.catholic.net.au](mailto:clayfield@bne.catholic.net.au)

### The Little King's Movement for the Handicapped.

This weekend The LKM conducts it's once a year Door Knock and Church Appeal. The Movement caters for people with disabilities in social and spiritual activities.

There is no government funding and the Movement is staffed by volunteers. Each year the calls for our services are increasing. The Movement though based on Catholic beliefs, is truly ecumenical, and all members are welcomed and respected for their own beliefs. There is no charge for any of the services provided by the Movement.

**Envelopes for this appeal are placed on the seats this weekend.** Please be generous and place donation in a collection plate.

## 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:***

Robert Seymour, Tim Devlin, Eddie Ekari, Maureen Williams, Eileen Bell, Jan Sonter, Fr Phil Crook, Tom Southern, Rosaria Conte, Eunice King, John Tunney, Amarchi Nwaohiri, Monsignor Ralph Brown

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

Angus Burke, Helen Richards, 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

***Those who are sick:***

Mervyn McKeown, 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.**

**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

**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 [rclvlotz@gmail.com](mailto:rclvlotz@gmail.com)  
Marilyn Loth 0422854737 or email [marilynloth@hotmail.com](mailto:marilynloth@hotmail.com)

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In this week's issue:

- \* Family donates icon to parish on anniversary of the death of their beloved young son.
- \* Bishop challenges Government's claims of 'fighting a war' on asylum seekers.
- \* Young Brisbane family talks about how faith continues to grow and deepen through tough times.
- \* Archbishop following Pope's lead on evangelisation.

**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.

	<b>6.00pm</b>	<b>7.00am</b>	<b>9.00am</b>	<b>5.30pm</b>
<b><u>READERS</u></b>				
1/2 Feb	Paul Bartels Judy Bartels	Diane Williamson Anne O'Connor	Jill Weld Jane Arkinstall Heidi Cooper	Life Teen Mass
8/9 Feb	Graham Gibson Julie-Anne Gibson	Ruby Chase Sonia Marmotta	Michael Crutcher Eileen Duncan Tim Hancock	Life Teen Mass
<b><u>COMMUNION MINISTERS</u></b>				
1/2 Feb	Paulette Archer	Diane Williamson	Henry Weld	Life Teen Mass
8/9 Feb	Peter Bowden	Paulette Archer	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.

**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
9 Feb	Judy Smith (L)	Margaret Ganly

**ORGANISTS:**

1/2 Feb	Robyn Cuming	Mark Leung	Life Teen Mass
8/9 Feb	Sr Marguerite	<i>Volunteer</i>	Robyn Cuming/Paul Fiumara Life Teen Mass

**SANCTUARY CARERS:**

8 Feb	Santina Catalano	Maria Fistrovic
15 Feb	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

**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

**Thursday 6**

\* RCIA Parish Office 7pm

**Sunday 9**

\* St Agatha's 327 Children's Mass 9am

**Tuesday 11**

\* Finance Meeting 6.30pm Parish Office

**Wednesday 12**

\* Parish Council 7pm Parish Office

**Saturday 15 & Sunday 16**

\* Sacramental Program Enrolment Weekend

**Tuesday 18 & Wednesday 19**

\* Parents Information Night Confirmation 7pm

**Readings - Fifth Sunday in Ordinary Time - 9 February 2014**

**1st Reading: Isaiah 58:7-10; 2nd Reading: 1 Corinthians 2:1-5; Gospel: Matthew 5:13-16**