



ST AGATHA'S PARISH

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Administrator

Very Rev Dr Adrian Farrelly KCHS JCD

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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 - Third Sunday of Lent - 23 March 2014

1st Reading: Exodus 17:3-7; 2nd Reading: Romans 5:1-2, 5-8;

Gospel: John 4:5-16, 19-26, 39-42



CHANCE MEETINGS – MOMENTS OF GRACE, MOMENTS OF STRUGGLE

Cast your mind back to yesterday. Recall the people you met and the words you exchanged. In a family setting there was your wife or husband, your children. What was said? A simple greeting, reminders for the day ahead and readying for those activities. Out of the house there were people at the bus stop and on the bus. The young man or woman when you bought a coffee. Colleagues at work, other mothers at day care or outside school hours care. Work meetings and lunch breaks. Assistants in shops and supermarkets. Fellow parishioners doing their shopping.

Jesus and his friends walk to the Samaritan village of today's gospel. They part company so Jesus can catch his breath while they go into the village to buy something to eat. They decided to eat outside the village to avoid any unpleasantness that often arose when Samaritans and Jews came together.

Jesus sits down near the well in the shade of a tree. He is tired and thirsty. It is midday and the sun is hot. A lone woman comes with her bucket to get water for herself and loved ones. Jesus asks for a drink ignoring the taboos about Jews mixing with Samaritans and a lone man engaging in conversation with a lone woman.

The conversation, as is often the case in chance meetings, covers a broad spectrum of topics from how to quench thirst without a bucket to sites of religious significance and religious differences, to the woman's marital issues (coming to get water alone at midday and not with the women in the morning was a clue Jesus did not miss) and on to Jesus admitting to this stranger that he was the Messiah. This chance meeting was a moment of grace for the much married and partnered woman and the beginning of a new role as a disciple telling others about Jesus. She experienced a deep sense of joy in the exchange.

God is always present and loving us. The occasions of this divine loving are all the meetings we have each day. Take the time to sit at the end of the day and go over each meeting. Bring all the people to mind recalling who said what and most importantly what you felt during the meeting and afterwards. Those that lifted you and brought a smile are the touch of God. Those that left you desolate reveal the devil at work making a mess of God's plan and tempting us to think God does not care. That message is a lie for us to resist and an occasion to reaffirm our faith.

Fr Adrian Farrelly

CHANGE TO SUNDAY COLLECTIONS

From 6 April we shall return to having two collections at Sunday Mass - the one for the support of the "parish" at the time of the offerings processing (the collection will come with the bread and wine) and one "the presbytery offering" principally for the support of our priests. This collection will be after communion. I ask everyone, even those supporting by direct debit or credit card to put an envelope on the plate so our young parishioners see us giving of our "treasure". In the envelope pack you will find a new commitment sheet to complete. **Please collect your planned giving envelopes today.**

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



LENTEN PROGRAM

"You Have Set Us Free"

is the title of this year's Lenten Program. The Lenten discussion group will meet on Monday 24 March 7pm at the Parish Office. If you are interested in taking part, please call the Parish Office.

YOUNG MEN - HAVE YOU ASKED THE QUESTION? IS GOD CALLING ME?

The Archbishop of Brisbane is extending an invitation to young men who may be discerning a priestly vocation, to join him for an evening meal and discussion at Wynberg. The meal will be held at 790 Brunswick Street, New Farm, on Thursday 3 April commencing at 6.00pm. If you are or know a young man over 18 seriously considering their "CALL", please leave contact details at the Parish Office.

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.

ROSTERS FOR EASTER



EASTER RAFFLE

Tickets available this weekend.

\$2.00 a ticket

or 3 tickets for \$5.00

Drawn Easter Sunday



Are you available to be on roster at any of the Easter Masses? Please fill in the sheets on the clipboard at the back of the church.

ST AGATHA'S PARISH COOKBOOK

We are on the hunt for the best recipes from our parishioners, and there is really only one rule: It has to be delicious! If you have got a favourite (whether it's an original that you dreamed up on your own, a family favourite handed down from an aunt or a grandma, or one you have picked up over the years), we would love for you to share it with us. These recipes will be combined into a Parish Cookbook, which will be published this year. If you would like to submit recipes, you can do so by either through the web site page or on a hard copy. The Cookbook Recipe Entry sheets are available on the table at the back of the church. The web site link has been created and can be found at: <http://clayfieldparish.org.au/cookbook/>, or by going to the St Agatha's web site and selecting News/Events and then Events and then Cookbook, from the main menu.

STATIONS OF THE CROSS

will be held in the Church every Friday at 8.30am during Lent.



The Easter 2014 edition of **AUSTRALIAN CATHOLICS** Magazine is now available. Please take a copy home.

With great joy we welcome into the Catholic Church Community:



Harry and Zac McGaw who will be baptised this Sunday.

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

JANUARY OFFERTORY GIVING

Committed: \$17,605.00

Loose: \$1,372.55

Budgeted: \$21,916.63

FEBRUARY OFFERTORY GIVING

Committed: \$18,019.50

Loose: \$2,229.10

Budgeted: \$21,916.67

EVANGELII GAUDIUM

The Joy of the Gospel (Pope Francis)
Apostolic Exhortation on the Proclamation of the Gospel in today's world.
Book now available at the Piety Stall - \$10.00 each.



Your donation to Project Compassion means vulnerable people can live in safe, supportive communities and have hope for the future.

For most of Archie's life, he lived with his family beside the Plaridel River in the Philippines, an area prone to flooding and typhoons.



An emergency resettlement program supported by Caritas Australia helped the family resettle into permanent and secure housing away from the flood prone river.

Please donate to Project Compassion and help vulnerable families living in unsafe environments to resettle into secure housing, where they can start to have hope for the future.

* ORGANISTS NEEDED *

If you play the piano or organ, and are interested in playing at weekend masses please contact the parish office 3262 2859.

CHOIR PRACTICE for EASTER

Thursday 27 March
7.00pm - 8.00pm
in the Church
New members welcome.

In our prayers we remember



Those who have died recently:

Betty O'Toole, Aldo Vacca, Warwick Parer, Mary Duffy

And those whose anniversaries occur about now:

Reg Shun Wah (Snr), Frank Farrelly, Richard and Elizabeth Howard

Those who are sick:

Sandra McGregor, Rob Bruce, Mel Purwo, 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, 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.

ARE YOU INTERESTED IN EVANGELISATION AND THE RCIA JOURNEY?

Then *Foundations for Evangelising Ministry* is for you! With two locations and a choice of morning or evening sessions this course is offered by the Institute of Faith Education in collaboration with Evangelisation Brisbane. For further information please go to www.ife.qld.edu.au or contact us on 07 3336 9167.

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 (www.ststephensmusic.com) or at the door.

ARCHBISHOP MARK COLERIDGE

invites you to the annual

CHRISM MASS

Thursday 10 April 2014 at 7.30pm

THE CATHEDRAL OF ST STEPHEN

A celebration for the entire Archdiocese

ALL WELCOME

THE IONA PASSION PLAY

Burpengary - St Eugene College Hall, (Indoors) - Sunday 6 April at 7pm

Tickets: Adults \$18; Seniors/Students \$15; children (u15) \$5

Earlybird Discounts: (Book by 5pm April 2) Adults \$15; Senior/Students \$12

Group Discount (10 or more people) \$10/person.

Wynnum West - Iona College (Outdoors) - Good Friday April 18 and Saturday April 19 at 7.30pm.

Tickets: Adults \$18; Seniors/Students \$15; Children (6-14yrs) \$5; Children (5 & under) Free.

Earlybird Discounts: (Book by 5pm April 16) Adults/Seniors/Students \$12

Group Discount (10 or more people) \$10/person.

Note: outdoor performances - bring a chair or rug to sit on.

Bookings: 3333 1993 or online at www.passionplay.org.au

NEW WOMEN'S GATHERING LAUNCHED IN CBD.

Imagine Women's Ministry is a gathering of women encouraging each other to go deeper in their Catholic faith. Through prayer, scripture and sharing we hope to provide opportunities for women to encounter Christ, arise in their giftedness and be inspired to go out and transform the world around them through service events.

Meeting at 7pm, every first Thursday of the month.

Francis Rush Centre (beside St Stephen's Cathedral), Elizabeth Street, Brisbane City

For more information email imagine.aus@gmail.com, or visit www.imagineaus.com or www.facebook.com/Imagine.aus

St Gerard Majella Catholic Church / 146 Maundrell Terrace, ChermsideWest /

Enquiries Phone 3359 0088 (Office Hours)

JUMBO JUMBLE SALE

Friday Night 28 March 2014 - 6pm - 9pm

Saturday 29 March 2014 - 6am - 12 Noon

Furniture, Tools, Clothes, Kitchenware, Glassware, Crockery, Books, Manchester CD's, Toys, Bric a Brac and more!

Come early to get the best bargains! / Credit cards and Eftpos accepted.

COFFEE SHOP CAKE STALL SAUSAGE SIZZLE GIFT SHOP

Donations of good, saleable items would be greatly appreciated and can be left at the Church from March 15.

(NO COMPUTERS, MATTRESSES, TELEVISION SETS, MAGAZINES or ENCYCLOPAEDIAS)

PARISH ROSTERS

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

| | 6.00pm | 7.00am | 9.00am | 5.30pm |
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| <u>READERS</u> | | | | |
| 22/23 Mar | Eric van der List Phil Zammit | Anne-Marie Quinn Kirsty Stevens | Tim Hancock Michael Crutcher Eileen Duncan | Life Teen Mass |
| 29/30 Mar | Paul Bartels Judy Bartels | Anne O'Connor Andrew Douglas | Leanne O'Shea Denis Keating Peter Gilroy | Life Teen Mass |
| <u>COMMUNION MINISTERS</u> | | | | |
| 22/23 Mar | Jan Zammit | Paulette Archer | Dorothy McSweeney | Life Teen Mass |
| 29/30 Mar | 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.

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| 23 Mar | Sam Psaros (L) | Anna Coronis |
| 30 Mar | Judy Smith (L) | Margaret Ganly |

ORGANISTS:

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| 22/23 Mar | Robyn Cuming | Mark Leung | Mark Sayers | Life Teen Mass |
| 29/30 Mar | Eithne Stafford | Mark Leung | Catrina McPherson | Life Teen Mass |

SANCTUARY CARERS:

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| 29 Mar | Santina Catalano | |
| 5 Apr | Victor Podesta | Jane Lynn |

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

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| 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

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| 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

MARCH

Thursday 27

- * RCIA 7pm Parish Office
- * Easter Choir Practice 7pm Church

Friday 28

- * Stations of the Cross 8.30am Church

Monday 31

- * SVDP 5pm Parish Office

THE CATHOLIC LEADER COPIES ON SALE - \$2.00

In this week's issue:

- * Catholics in country Queensland pray for desperately needed rain.
- * Brisbane justice and peace commission leader lobbies for the release of a priest and human rights activist arrested in Sri Lanka.
- * Vicar for clergy says priests from India are a 'great gift' to Brisbane archdiocese.
- * Brisbane teenager writes book to share disturbing truth of human trafficking and child sex abuse.

Readings - Fourth Sunday of Lent - 30 March 2014

1st Reading: 1 Samuel 16:1, 6-7, 10-13; 2nd Reading: Ephesians 5:8-14;

Gospel: John 9:1, 6-9, 13-17, 34-38