



ST AGATHA'S PARISH

52 Oriel Road Clayfield Q 4011

Phone 3262 2859

E-mail clayfield@bne.catholic.net.au

Web <http://www.clayfieldparish.org.au>

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 **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 - 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



WELCOME TO THE PURPLE PATCH!

This is the last Sunday in ordinary time (green vestments and tabernacle covers) for four months. Green will reappear on Monday June 30 and the next "green" Sunday will be July 6 which will be the 14th Sunday in Ordinary time.

Wednesday (March 5) is Ash Wednesday and liturgically we hit a purple patch, no pun intended though we are in purple vestments and tabernacle covers. The dictionary definition for this last phrase is: "A period of excellent performance, where nearly everything seems to go right, work properly, and contrasting with a more general lower level of performance." This definition provides a great introduction to the six weeks of Lent and what we hope to achieve in that time.

The six weeks of Lent are a dedicated time of high performance Christian living. The gospel on Ash Wednesday goes to the heart of our living the faith. The gospel says, by all means, fast from food and drink and anything else you can think of; pray earnestly and use your material wealth for the good of others but don't do any of these things like a show-off for other people to notice and comment on how good, generous and holy you are. The high performance we aspire is to wake up every day and set about doing everything that day for God. Big task or small do everything for God.

Start each day praying the Our Father and then recite the kerygma (pronounced ker-rig-ma). Kerygma is the Greek word used to describe the first announcement of the good news. Pope Francis says this first proclamation must ring out over and over. The proclamation is: "Jesus Christ loves you; he gave his life to save you; and now he is living at your side every day, to enlighten, strengthen and free you." Write these words down somewhere you can see them frequently. Personalize them: Jesus Christ loves me; he gave his life to save me; and now he is living at my side every day, to enlighten, strengthen and free me."

As well as that consider coming to mass during the week. The weekday mass takes about 20-25 minutes and adds a new dimension to your life. Here at St Agatha's mass begins at 9am on Wednesday, Thursday and Friday. If you are dropping the children off at school chat with friends until 9 and then be on your way again at 9.30.

Each Friday in Lent we celebrate the Stations of the Cross in the Church starting at 8.30am. We finish before mass at 9am. Make the time to walk with Jesus through the last hours of life.

What else to move to high performance? Use the little black book (\$4.00 near the front door) to pray 6 minutes each day during Lent. Buy a copy of Pope Francis' "Joy of the Gospel" and allow his enthusiasm to touch you, encourage you and reflect deeply on what he says.

Jesus is the most intuitive, reliable and able life coach you can find. Make use of others by all means but go to the source and learn from him. See you on Ash Wednesday.

Fr Adrian Farrelly



**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



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.

STATIONS OF THE CROSS

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



LENTEN PROGRAM

"You Have Set Us Free"

is the title of this year's Lenten Program. The Lenten Program will commence on Monday 3 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.

MASSES on March 5 - ASH WEDNESDAY

St Agatha's: Mass 9.00am and 7.00pm



Cathedral: 8.00am; 10.00am; 12.30pm; 5.10pm

Ash Wednesday is a day of fast and abstinence. The law of fasting binds those who have completed their 18th year until the beginning of their 60th year; the law of abstinence (no meat) binds those who have completed their 14th year.

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

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.

ST AGATHA'S PARISH P27 CHILDREN'S MASS

Sunday 9 March, 9 am

To all the children in our parish from Prep to Year 7, you are invited to participate in our P27 Mass.

At the Mass the young people do the readings, bring the gifts to the altar, take up the collections, serve, and welcome people as they arrive giving them a copy of the newsletter.

If your child would like to participate please phone the Parish office with your preferences on 3262 2859 or email us at clayfield@bne.catholic.net.au by no later than Monday 3 March so there is time to organise the Mass.

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.

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

* 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

will commence on Thursday 13 March 6.00pm - 7.00pm in the Church
New members welcome.



PROJECT COMPASSION

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

Please take home a Project Compassion box and/or a set of

Lenten envelopes and give generously to the appeal during Lent. Envelopes and boxes available from either pews or table in main church entry. 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.

In our prayers we remember



Those who have died recently:

Terry Evans, Bruce Ward, Maria Osepa

And those whose anniversaries occur about now:

Keith and Marie Kelly, Thomas McVeigh, Margaret and Jack Bowden, Gene & Lou Bartels, Pascal Calabrese, Lucia & Salvatore Mangano

Those who are sick:

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, 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.

OPEN MORNING - SETON COLLEGE, Mt Gravatt East

Tuesday 4 March starting at 9am in the College Chapel with an Information Session followed by a tour of the College. The Open Morning will conclude at 10.30am. Seton College, a Catholic Co-educational College, is now accepting enrolment applications from students wishing to attend the College in Years 7 and 8 - 2015, 2016. Please visit the College website at www.seton.qld.edu.au or phone 3291 5333 to obtain an enrolment package.

INTERNATIONAL WOMEN'S DAY - SATURDAY 8 MARCH

International Women's Day is held annually on March 8 to celebrate women's achievements throughout history and across nations.

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 REQUIRED: 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.

ASSISTANT CHAPLAIN (Part Time)

The Ecumenical Tertiary Chaplaincy Committee is seeking suitable applicants for the position of Assistant Chaplain to work at the Gold Coast campus of Griffith University for 6 hours per week throughout the 2014 teaching semesters. This position will begin as soon as possible following the interview and appointment process.

For further information, please contact The Chair: Scott Frame, 28 Semillon Street, Thornlands Q 4164, 0404 080 004 scott.frame@ae.salvationarmy.org. Applications close Friday 21st March 2014.

Our Lady of Mount Carmel Parish Coorparoo invites applications for the part-time position of Parish Secretary

(28 hours per week: Tuesdays, Wednesdays, Thursdays and Fridays)

The successful applicant will: * Be a committed member of the Catholic Church * Need to have experienced working within an office situation * Have highly developed interpersonal, organisational, computer and communication skills, and ability to work as a member of a Team. *Specific responsibilities include:* The day-to-day running of the parish office including reception and general office responsibilities, database entry, typing, photocopying, filing.

Commencement date is Tuesday 1 April 2014. Applications close on Friday 14 March 2014. Full position description is available from: The Parish Priest, Mount Carmel Parish, 312 Cavendish Road, Coorparoo, 4151. Phone: 3397 1587 or email: mtcarmel@bne.catholic.net.au

PARISH ROSTERS

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

6.00pm

7.00am

9.00am

5.30pm

READERS

1/2 Mar

Phil Zammit
Eric van der List

Blue Doyle
Mark Burton

Tanya Mulcahy
Katrina Murphy
Wilma O'Connell

Life Teen Mass

8/9 Mar

Eddie Foley
Jack Williamson

Andrew Douglas
Sister Cecily Foster

St Agatha's P27 Mass

Life Teen Mass

COMMUNION MINISTERS

1/2 Mar

Jan Zammit

Volunteer

Dorothy McSweeney

Life Teen Mass

8/9 Mar

Trish Hickey

Paulette Archer

Volunteer

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 Mar

Jane Cameron
Monica McBride

9 Mar

St Agatha's P27 Mass - No Children's Liturgy

ORGANISTS:

1/2 Mar

Eithne Stafford

Mark Leung

Robyn Cuming

Life Teen Mass

8/9 Mar

Eithne Stafford

Mark Leung

Robyn Cuming/Paul Fiumara

Life Teen Mass

SANCTUARY CARERS:

8 Mar

Santina Catalano

Maria Fistrovic

15 Mar

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 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

Monday 3

* SVDP 5pm Parish Office

Wednesday 5

* Ash Wednesday

Masses 9am and 7pm

Thursday 6

* RCIA 7pm Parish Office

Friday 7

* Stations of the Cross 8.30am Church

* World Day of Prayer Service 10.30am

Sunday 9

* St Agatha's P27 Children's Mass 9am

Tuesday 11

* Finance Meeting 6.30pm Parish Office

Wednesday 12

* Parish Council 7pm Parish Office

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

Readings - First Sunday of Lent - 9 March 2014

1st Reading: Genesis 2:7-9, 3:1-7; 2nd Reading: 1Romans 5:12, 17-19; Gospel: Matthew 4:1-11