



ST AGATHA'S PARISH

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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 **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 - Second Sunday of Easter - 27 April 2014

1st Reading: Acts 2:42-47; 2nd Reading: 1 Peter 1:3-9;

Gospel: John 20:19-31



DIVINE MERCY SUNDAY

One of the tragedies of the crusades was the soldiers who went to liberate Jerusalem from the Muslims confused Christian people from the Middle East with Muslims as they trekked south. To them they all the Arab people looked alike. It was only when some cried "eleison" to stop the attacks of the soldiers that the soldiers had second thoughts. They knew this word. They heard it at Mass. There it had "Kyrie" in front of it. "Kyrie eleison". Kyrie means "Lord" in Greek, "eleison" means "have mercy on us".

A plea for mercy is a plea for compassionate treatment. The victim of an attack can plead for mercy to prevent further hurt. In battle situations soldiers can be ordered to "show no mercy". The enemy is to be destroyed

At times, confronted by some horrific crime, we find ourselves thinking or saying that the offender deserves no mercy. There is truth to that because mercy is never deserved. Mercy is always something freely given, something we have no right to. Mercy is a compassionate response from someone who is not obliged to show it.

Justice makes demands that must be met. This is necessary for right order to be restored, harm to be addressed and scandal repaired. A merciful person recognises the demands of justice but may temper the response.

Divine Mercy Sunday is a celebration of God's interaction with us, the human family. Even without explicit faith we know what harmonises best with our human nature. We know we can and do act in ways that are inhuman when we allow cruelty, hard heartedness, treachery to control our actions. When we choose to do wrong and fail to do good, we freely act in ways that puts us at odds with God, and sees us rejecting the one who loves us.

This is where God's mercy comes into play. God is not bound to give us a second chance, to deal compassionately with us. But that is what we receive. The love, the compassion, the mercy God shows us is freely given in the hope, like the father of the prodigal younger son and the bitter elder son, that we shall change.

Let us celebrate this mercy and commit ourselves to act in the same way. "Kyrie eleison!"

Adrian Farrelly

ST. AGATHA'S YOUTH MINISTRY

LIFETEEN MASS - Sunday 5.30pm

Join our talented musicians at this celebration of the Eucharist, where youth and young adults are invited to minister to each other. Enjoy supper and friendship after Mass.

Visit Aggies Youth:

<https://www.facebook.com/aggiesyouth>

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 SCHOOL OPEN DAY

will be held on

FRIDAY 30 MAY 2014

9AM - 10.30AM

For more information please phone
St Agatha's School on 3326 9222 or
visit our website

www.stagathasclayfield.qld.edu.au

ALTAR SERVING TRAINING

Fr Adrian will be running an Altar serving training session on Friday the 2 May at 3.30pm in the Church for those children who are interested. Children must have made their First Communion. If your child would like to attend the session could you please notify the parish office by email, clayfield@bne.catholic.net.au or by phone 32622859.

EASTER RAFFLE

Netted \$1206.00. Thank you to all who supported it.

The lucky winners were: Anne Dowd, Helen Ho, Pozzebon, Gino and Gaynor.

ST AGATHA'S YOUTH MINISTRY TEAM

NEXT MEETING

Thursday 1 May

Parish Office - 7.00pm

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



This Wednesday night will see 97 of our young people receive the sacrament of Confirmation. Please keep them in your prayers.

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 sheet is inserted in this weekend's newsletter. 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.

The Order of the Malta invites you to the

LOURDES HEALING MASS

Saturday 3 May 2014 at 10.00am

St Paschal's Church, 30 Warraba Avenue, Wavell Heights

This special Mass of Reflection is being celebrated for those who are in need of comfort, care, healing and hope, and for their carers. It is an expression of the Order's mission to defend the faith and give comfort to the sick and the poor. For further information contact: Danny Higgins: dannyhiggins@optusnet.com.au or Loretta Higgins: lorettahiggins@optusnet.com.au

IGNITE YOUTH

Ignite Launch is taking place on Saturday 3 May 2014 at Warner Brothers Movie World. The event includes a full day at the theme park, followed by dinner and rally after the theme park closes at 5.00pm. The rally will be run as a concert with a short inspirational talk focusing on the love that Jesus has for us and his desire to us to step out into our parish, schools and wider communities to share that love. The cost for the day is \$90. Order tickets at: igniteyouth.com/launch

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

FIRST COMMUNION

1 June 9.00am and 11.00am

15 June 9.00am and 11.00am

In our prayers we remember

Those who have died recently:

Elizabeth Bruce, Mary Gavin, Donna Moore

And those whose anniversaries occur about now:

Michelle Edgecombe, Vere Eden, Thelma O'Grady, John O'Grady

Those who are sick:

Jack Williamson, Eileen Clarke, 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, 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.



FEAST IN HONOUR OF THE MARTYRED THREE SAINTS - ALFIO, FILADELFO and CIRINO

Holy Cross Church, Woolloowin / Sunday 4 May 2014 / 9:30am Holy Rosary / 10:00am Solemn Mass

12:00pm Food stalls and entertainment / 2:00pm Exit of the Saints and street procession /

3:30pm Entertainment continues

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.

WHEN: Thursday 1 May 2014 from 7-9pm (future events held 1st Thursday of month)

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

WHAT: Imagine Service Night and launch of our BE THE LIGHT CAMPAIGN - an opportunity to recognise the needs of those around us and respond with packages of hope and love to let them know they're not alone.

Go to www.imagineaus.com or www.facebook.com/Imagine.aus to find out more about how you can get involved through sharing a need, contributing items, assisting with creating packages, delivering to those in need.



With great joy we welcome into the Catholic Church Community:

George Du Plessis, Isla Burke, Sophie Latham, Franklin Askew, Rose O'Rourke-Jackson, Benjamin Bell, Isabelle Picking, Oliver Chambers, Vincent Seng, Harry McSweeney, Leticia Barmettler and Armand Barmettler who will be baptised on Sunday.

ACCOMMODATION REQUIRED

Accommodation needed on Tuesday and Thursday nights. I am a married Christian lady, late 40's, who lives on acreage out of town but works in Eagle Farm. No meals required. Reference available. Remuneration to be agreed on. Please contact Robyn Sargent on 5498 1181 or 0412 771100.

Date Claimer Saturday 31 May 2014

"Karol the Pope The Man" A highly acclaimed film on Saint Pope John Paul II (canonised on 27 April) focusing on the tremendous impact he had on the church and the world. Schonell Theatre University of QLD St Lucia, doors open 1.40pm for 2pm commencement. \$15 Adults, \$10 children under 16. Free parking in grounds, many buses. Proceeds to Missionaries of God's Love Priests and Seminarians. Information and tickets: Maureen Ferrington 0401 548 796, santachiaraevents@gmail.com, Paul Bertini 33982963, Vilma D'Silva 0405 514 929, Fiona Pires (after 4 May) 0412802122.



Caritas Australia would like to THANK YOU for supporting Project Compassion. If you still have your Project Compassion box or set of envelopes at home, please bring them back next week or visit www.caritas.org.au to make your donation online.

Together, we are working towards the creation of the just and compassionate world that God desires.

PARISH ROSTERS

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

6.00pm

7.00am

9.00am

5.30pm

READERS

26/27 Apr

Marian Nolan
Rachelle Brown

Nick Eden
Dianne Eden

Trish Ryan
Patricia Sutcliffe
Peter Ryan

Life Teen Mass

3/4 May

Phil Zammit
Eric van der List

Anne O'Connor
Diane Williamson

Heidi Cooper
Jill Weld
Jane Arkinstall

Life Teen Mass

COMMUNION MINISTERS

26/27 Apr

Trish Hickey

Diane Williamson
Kate Duffield

Dorothy McSweeney
Henry Weld

Life Teen Mass
Life Teen Mass

3/4 May

Jan Zammit

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.

27 Apr

Jane Arkinstall (L)

Bhakti Doolabh

4 May

Eleonora Kowitz (L)

Julie McMahon

ORGANISTS:

26/27 Apr

Volunteer

Mark Leung

Robyn Cuming

Life Teen Mass

3/4 May

Catriona McPherson

Mark Leung

Robyn Cuming

Life Teen Mass

SANCTUARY CARERS:

3 May

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

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

APRIL

Monday 28

* SVDP 5.00pm Parish Office

Wednesday 30

* Confirmation Ceremony Night 5.00pm and 7.00pm

THE CATHOLIC LEADER COPIES ON SALE - \$2.00

In this week's issue:

- * Brisbane deacon gives a personal reflection on his army service, his family's experience of war and Anzac Day.
- * Solomon Islanders grateful for help from Australia.
- * Eight-page feature marking the canonisations of Pope John XXIII and Pope John Paul II.

Dear God
If I turn my
face toward
the sun will all
my shadows
be behind
me?
Amen



Readings - Third Sunday of Easter - 4 May 2014
1st Reading: Acts 2:14, 22-33; 2nd Reading: 1 Peter 1:17-21;
Gospel: Luke 24:13-35