



ST AGATHA'S PARISH

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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 - 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



SEEING CLEARLY BRINGS REAL CHALLENGES

Imagine for a moment that you had no sight and had been that way from birth. You have no experience of light and darkness, of colour, of what flora and fauna look like, of a city skyline, movies and television commercials. You know your family by sound and scent and feel but you have no experience of what they look like. This is the man in today's gospel reading. In your imagination you are that man.

He overhears people talking about him and his blindness. He hears Jesus talking about God's work being revealed in him. Either Jesus or one of the disciples told him the one talking was Jesus. Jesus makes some mud from his own saliva and smears the man's eyes and tells him

to go to a nearby pool and wash his face. Presumably with assistance he goes with his muddied face. Did people wonder the way people do every Ash Wednesday when Catholics walk city streets with a visible mark on their foreheads. Have you ever been surprised how many Catholics you pass and never know it apart from that one Wednesday?

After washing his face he gains sight. Remember this man has never had sight. Was it a friend or family member who helped him get to the pool of water? He looks at him or her and has to put the features with the voice. He sees streets and buildings and clouds and the sun and birds and animals. He sees men and women and boys and girls. How does he handle the flood of data?

He is struggling with all this when he finds himself being questioned and responding with his account. Jesus, by this time, has moved on. He gives the same testimony to the Pharisees who condemn Jesus for working on the Sabbath by making mud. The now seeing former beggar merely repeats his testimony and concludes Jesus is a prophet. The Pharisees are getting more unhappy and attempt to put their spin on the incident to show Jesus is a sinner. The seeing beggar does not buy it and repeats his testimony and says that such a good thing surely could not come from someone off-side with God. The Pharisees tire of him, abuse him and tell him to clear out.

Only then does Jesus return to the scene. First he speaks with the beggar and assures him that he is the Son of Man, his own description of himself as the Messiah. Then Jesus engages the Pharisees and confronts them with their own self-imposed blindness.

As a professing Catholics you see the world as it is. You may look and sound odd at times like the beggar walking the streets with mud on his face. You don't have all the answers life throws up but you know that it is Jesus who has given you a way of seeing the world for the first time. You have to get to know it with a new sense. Previously, like the beggar when blind, your construct of the world was the product of only some of your senses – smell, touch, hearing, taste. Sight brings it all together as it comes from God's creative initiative. Tell others about the one who has given you this amazing vision.

Fr Adrian Farrelly

This weekend we welcome
AMANDA HALBACH
from *Freedom Ministries*
who will be speaking at
all the Masses.

CHANGE TO SUNDAY COLLECTIONS

As of next weekend 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 31 March 7pm at the Parish Office. If you are interested in taking part, please call the Parish Office.

GARAGE SALE FUNDRAISER

Village Library Project in Kenya

Guide Hut (next to Oriel Park)

Sun 6 April 8am-1pm

Organised by Josephine, altar server and junior choir member.

Drop in after Mass.

Contact: nicolawarda@yahoo.com.au.

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



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.



EASTER RAFFLE

\$2.00 a ticket
or 3 tickets for \$5.00
Drawn Easter Sunday

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.

HOLY WEEK MASS & CELEBRATION TIMES (14 April - 21 April)

April 14	Monday	6.30am Mass
April 16	Wednesday	9.00am Mass
April 17	Holy Thursday:	7.00pm - Mass of the Lord's Supper
April 18	Good Friday:	10.00am - Stations of the Cross 3.00pm - Celebration of the Lord's Passion
April 19	Holy Saturday:	7.00pm - Easter Vigil
April 20	Easter Sunday:	7.00am and 9.00am - Mass
		Please Note: NO 5.30 pm Mass
April 21	Easter Monday:	6.30am Mass

THANK YOU

I wish to thank Father Adrian and all who said prayers, lit candles and offered masses for my husband Len Phillips. Prayers and some drugs administered by the medical research team at Princess Alexandra Hospital have enabled Len to be in remission from Amyloidosis the rare life threatening blood disorder. Thank you sincerely,
Anne Dowd

STATIONS OF THE CROSS

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



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

CHOIR PRACTICE for EASTER

Thursday 3 April
7.00pm - 8.00pm
in the Church
New members welcome.

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

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.

In our prayers we remember

Those who have died recently:

Bishop Michael Putney, Fr Jim O'Brien, Robin Gibson, Narena Lawson, John O'Regan, Lannah Sweeney, Humphry Cramond, Betty O'Toole, Aldo Vacca, Warwick Parer

And those whose anniversaries occur about now:

Hilda McCluskey, Reg Shun Wah (Snr)

Those who are sick:

Marie King, 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.



Coot-tha Quartet - Haydn

String Quartet Op.51

Seven Last Words of Christ / Narrated by Sasha Dyer / 4 April - 8pm / St Stephen's Cathedral / Admission: \$15 / \$10
www.coothaquartet.com

FOUNDATION FOR EVANGELISING MINISTRY

You are invited to find out more about the new certificate course "Foundation for Evangelising Ministry". This course will benefit those who would like to gain skills for ministry in parish life. Presenters from the course will be visiting our local area for an Information Night on Tuesday April 15 at 7 - 8.30 pm at St Joseph's Parish Centre, 30 Eldorado St, Bracken Ridge. For more information www.ife.qld.edu.au

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

CATHOLIC CHARISMATIC RENEWAL BRISBANE

NATIONAL DAY OF PRAYER / PRAISE AND WORSHIP RALLY AND LAUNCH OF HEALING PRAYER CENTRE

Saturday 12 April 2014

CCR Brisbane Centre, Cnr of Fraser and Nudgee Roads, Northgate

Presider : Bishop Joseph Oudeman OFMCap, Liaison Bishop for CCR Brisbane

Enquiries : Miriam ph: 3202 6856 or email: secretary@ccrbrisbane.org.au

Programme: 10am Praise and Worship Rally followed by Launch of Healing Prayer Centre including a special liturgy of commissioning of Prayer Ministers / Partners and blessing of the Centre

12pm Lunch - please bring a plate to share



Your support for Project Compassion allows Caritas Australia to build a just world by enabling vulnerable communities to be architects of their own future.

This week we meet Martina, a teacher in the Solomon Islands. She teaches children songs from Caritas Australia's *Disaster Risk Management Project* which was established because natural disasters threatened the homes and communities of people there. Through the power of nursery rhymes and songs, children are learning how to stay safe during an emergency.



Please donate to Project Compassion today. Your donation means we can help communities around the world to prepare for the unexpected.

PARISH ROSTERS

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

	6.00pm	7.00am	9.00am	5.30pm
<u>READERS</u>				
29/30 Mar	Paul Bartels Judy Bartels	Anne O'Connor Andrew Douglas	Leanne O'Shea Denis Keating Peter Gilroy	Life Teen Mass
5/6 Apr	Graham Gibson Julie-Anne Gibson	Chanelle White Diane Williamson	Angela McFarlane Rachel Langdon Don Macpherson	Life Teen Mass
<u>COMMUNION MINISTERS</u>				
29/30 Mar	Peter Bowden	Blue Doyle	Henry Weld	Life Teen Mass
5/6 Apr	Anne Goves	Diane Williamson	Peter Ryan	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.				
<u>CHILDREN'S LITURGY</u> - Prep to Grade 4 children are encouraged to participate.				
<i>Please note: any younger siblings need to be accompanied by an adult.</i>				
30 Mar	Judy Smith (L)	Margaret Ganly		
6 Apr	No Children's Liturgy	School Holidays		
<u>ORGANISTS:</u>				
29/30 Mar	Eithne Stafford	Mark Leung	Catrina McPherson	Life Teen Mass
5/6 Apr	Catrina McPherson	Mark Leung	Robyn Cuming	Life Teen Mass
<u>SANCTUARY CARERS:</u>				
5 Apr	Victor Podesta	Jane Lynn		
12 Apr	Santina Catalano	Maria Fistrovic		
<u>Volunteers needed.</u> 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 31

* SVDP 5pm Parish Office

APRIL

Thursday 3

* Easter Choir Practice 7pm Church

Friday 4

* Stations of the Cross 8.30am Church

THE CATHOLIC LEADER COPIES ON SALE - \$2.00

In this week's issue:

- * Brisbane parish prays for couples missing on Malaysian Airlines flight.
- * New Rockhampton bishop ready to serve the people.
- * New Vocations initiative to help engage young Catholics.
- * Having fun is a serious task to help keep marriages together.
- * Popular Brisbane priest Fr James O'Brien mourned.
- * Find out some of the best places in Australia to make a retreat.

Readings - Fifth Sunday of Lent - 6 April 2014

1st Reading: Ezekiel 37:12-14; 2nd Reading: Romans 8:8-11;

Gospel: John 11:3-7, 17, 20-27, 33-45