



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 - Fifth Sunday of Easter - 18 May 2014

1st Reading: Acts 6:1-7; 2nd Reading: 1 Peter 2:4-9;

Gospel: 14:1-12



By the time St John wrote his gospel the church had been in existence for close on 70 years. In that time it had begun taking the shape that would characterise it down to the present with an overseer (episkopos – from which comes the word “episcopal” hence our word “bishop”), presbyters/priests, deacons caring as shepherds for a community of men and women who believed in Christ, shared in the Eucharist, shared with one another and those outside their community in the way Jesus did. With 70 years having passed, they were accepting that the second coming of Jesus was not going to happen any time soon. They realised that they were part of His grander plan for the whole world and not just the small neighbourhood around the shores of the Mediterranean where they lived.

We have no idea how long this time of the Church will last. 2000 years maybe a drop in the ocean if the race continues for hundreds of thousands of years. Where will our race be in the 121st century or beyond? What will the Church be doing then? Pointing to one side technological advances or regressions that may have occurred in that time, the Church of the far distant future will still look to Christ as the end point of human development. As the Greek letters that decorate the front of the altar in St Agatha's proclaim Jesus is the alpha A and the omega Ω, the beginning and the end.

We deal now with the technology that we have that Jesus commandment to seek the well-being of others at all times, to act always in a way that respects the dignity each has because they have been willed into existence by a non-violent act of the divine will, in other words to love them, will always be the benchmark we judge our actions by. Those who feel crushed because their postings did not score as many likes as someone else's, those whose good name is trashed by malicious tweets are the people we are called to reveal the love of Christ to. I suggested as a Lenten discipline that we refrain from answering a phone call or responding to a text message while talking with someone else because in that seemingly simple act we are actively devaluing the person we are with.

The Church of the distant future will still take to heart the words Jesus spoke to Thomas who had the courage to ask the way to where Jesus was going. Jesus said “I am the way, the truth and the life. No one can come to the Father except through me.” Jesus is the door, the portal, through which we come into the presence of the Father who holds us in existence. Jesus is the truth about how to exist and act as a human being at all times and places. In embracing Jesus as the be all and end all existence, we come alive in a way that nothing else comes close to.

We do look to Jesus taking us to a dwelling in his Father's house when this way of existing comes to a close with the experience we call death, but we need always be aware that even now He takes us to the Father's house. The early Church could no longer see Jesus in the flesh but it was still touched by him, consoled by him, set free from sin and healed by him in and through the action of the Church which he brought into existence to complete his work on earth and bring all to the fullness of grace.

Adrian Farrelly

*** * * PLEASE NOTE * * ***

There will be no 9.00am Mass on Thursday 29 May

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 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

Thursday 5 June

Parish Office - 7.00pm

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

WINTER APPEAL

The St Agatha's Clayfield SVDP Conference will be conducting the Winter Appeal, commencing on the weekend of 24/25 May. Envelopes will be available on the seats of the church. All donations will be greatly appreciated, by the people, seeking assistance from the Conference this winter. If donating by cheque, please make payable to: "St Agatha's Clayfield SVDP Conference".



At all the Masses this weekend, the members of the National Trust Conservation Committee will be presenting a "State of Play" report on how much the appeal has raised, what work has been completed and what work is still to be done.

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



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.

CATHOLICS RETURNING HOME - ST AGATHA'S CLAYFIELD

Have you been away from the Church and you are seeking to reconnect and get an update on your Catholic faith? Perhaps you know someone who has left the Church? or just beginning to worship with us again? Please invite them to join us for 6 sessions, "Catholics Returning Home", Mondays from **16 June 7.30pm to 9pm** at **St Agatha's Clayfield, 52 Oriel Road.**

Please use the pink brochures to invite people you know. For more information, please contact Lisa on 0418 734 147.

CARDS and HOLY GIFTS ON SALE NOW

from **PIETY STALL** for
FIRST HOLY COMMUNION
(celebrated weekends 1 June and 15 June)

With great joy we welcome into the Catholic Church Community:

*Chantilly Mokwena, Jacqueline Roush,
Edmund Willis, Harry Young, Sofia Pinfold*

who will be baptised this Sunday.

INVITATION

Week of Prayer for Christian Unity / Ecumenical Service
Tuesday 3 June 2014 / 6.45pm for 7.00pm
Sacred Heart Catholic Church
Corner Fernberg Road and Given Terrace, Paddington
Everyone is welcome / RSVP by 26 May 2014 to:
Jela Virzi 3369 6792 or email: admin@qct.org.au

IGNITE CONFERENCE 14

National Catholic Youth Conference
25 - 28 September 2014
Mueller Performing Arts Centre
75 Morris Road, Rothwell
www.igniteconference.com.au

* ORGANISTS NEEDED *

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

In our prayers we remember



Those who have died recently:

Ester Seymour, Lorna Kearney, Phyllis Bright, Anna Maria Lauro, Irene Hogan, Kay Drummond, Moyra Sheahan

And those whose anniversaries occur about now:

Dick McGuire, Phillip Pozzi, Lynette Grills, Ross McKenzie, William Chan Wing Yam

Those who are sick:

Margot Lane, Patricia Chan, Rene Quinn, 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.

LEAVEN HOUR - Friday 23 May

Vocation Brisbane invites you to Leaven Hour. A monthly event for young adults focused around Eucharist and Eucharistic Adoration. This event connects in with 5.10pm Mass at St Stephen's Cathedral and is followed by prayer, reflection, Eucharistic Adoration and Benediction. For more info contact Veronica Hayes on (07) 3336 9392 or hayesve@bne.catholic.net.au

Sandgate-Brighton Parish will be featuring the 10-part series CATHOLICISM by Fr Robert Barron from Word on Fire, beginning with episode one (1) on FRIDAY 23 May at 7.00pm - Sacred Heart Parish Hall (118 Brighton Road, Sandgate).

This program will run regularly, pending participation. Each episode will last about an hour. Refreshments available. All are welcome. Cost is FREE. For further information, please contact 3869-1377 or Chad Keirns on 0431 255 450.

CATHOLIC PSYCHIATRIC PASTORAL CARE - Saturday 24 May 2014

invites you to the Annual St Dymphna's Day Celebrations

A Healing Mass with the Sacrament of Anointing of the Sick will be Concelebrated at 10.00am at St Patrick's Church, 58 Morgan Street Fortitude Valley

Principal Celebrant is Bishop John Gerry / Lunch – Barbeque (no cost) / Raffles / Lucky wheel / Cake stall.

This is the annual donation day for Catholic Psychiatric Pastoral Care

(donations of \$2.00 and over are deductible for income tax purposes). Free parking is available in the grounds of the Church.

"KAROL THE POPE THE MAN" - Saturday 31 May 2014

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.

PENTECOST VIGIL - Saturday 7 June 2014

The Holy Spirit Sisters invite you to an afternoon of reflection on the Spirit by Fr John Chalmers at Holy Spirit Home, Function Room, Corner of Beams and Gympie Road, Carseldine, commencing at 2.30pm.

Fr John Chalmers will celebrate Eucharist at 5.30pm. For further enquiry please call 3263 0313.

CATHOLIC CHARISMATIC RENEWAL BRISBANE RETREAT

at CCR Brisbane Centre, 688 Nudgee Road, Northgate on weekend of 21 and 22 June 2014.

Theme: "CATCH THE FIRE". Fr Steve Fletcher, MGL will be the retreat director. Book by 16 May for early bird rate. For registration details please contact Miriam on 3202 6856 or email: secretary@ccrbrisbane.org.au.

NEW RESOURCE FOR CATHOLIC WOMEN AND PARISHES

The Genius Project is an amazing new four-part DVD resource for Catholic women. Based upon Pope John Paul II's teaching on the vocation and dignity of women. Use it at home or form a small group in your parish.

Find out more at www.beingcatholic.com.au/genius-project/

HOPE FOR JARVIS LADIES LUNCH - 30 May 2014 / Eve's on the River at 11.30am

A small group of ladies known as the \$700 club are organising a ladies lunch to raise money for a special little Brisbane boy (Jarvis) who has one of the rarest genetic diseases in the world, called FOP – Fibrodysplasia Ossificans Progressiva.

Tickets (\$120.00 which includes canapés, 2 course meal & beverages) are available from Sticky Tickets:

<https://www.stickytickets.com.au/17043>

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>				
17/18 May	Paul Bartels Judy Bartels	Anne-Marie Quinn Jeanine Bygott	Michael Crutcher Eileen Duncan Tim Hancock	Life Teen Mass
24/25 May	Graham Gibson Julie-Anne Gibson	Dianne Eden Nick Eden	Peter Gilroy Leanne O'Shea Denis Keating	Life Teen Mass
<u>COMMUNION MINISTERS</u>				
17/18 May	Eddie Foley	Blue Doyle	<i>Volunteer</i>	Life Teen Mass
24/25 May	Trish Hickey	Paulette Archer	Henry Weld	Life Teen Mass
<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>				
18 May	Jane Cameron	Monica McBride		
25 May	Lina Alzate	Katrina Murphy		
<u>ORGANISTS:</u>				
17/18 May	Robyn Cuming	Mark Leung	Eithne Stafford	Life Teen Mass
24/25 May	<i>Volunteer</i>	Mark Leung	Catriona McPherson	Life Teen Mass
<u>SANCTUARY CARERS:</u>				
31 May	Santina Catalano			
7 June	Victor Podesta	Jane Lynn		
<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

MAY

Tuesday 20

Finance Meeting 6.00pm Parish Office

Wednesday 21 & Thursday 22

First Communion practices 3.30pm Church

Wednesday 21

Liturgy Meeting 5.00pm Parish Office

Monday 26

SVDP Meeting 5.00pm Parish Office

THE CATHOLIC LEADER COPIES ON SALE - \$2.00

In this week's issue:

- * Archdiocese celebrates Archbishop Coleridge's 40th anniversary of being ordained a priest and launches book of his addresses, letters and homilies.
- * Annual Walk for Little Feet in Brisbane next weekend.
- * Review underway into current practices in child protection training in Australian seminaries and theological colleges.

Readings - Sixth Sunday of Easter - 25 May 2014

1st Reading: Acts 8:5-8, 14-17; 2nd Reading: 1 Peter 3:15-18;

Gospel: 14:15-21