



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 - Sixth Sunday of Easter - 25 May 2014

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

Gospel: John 14:15-21

SEEING IS MORE THAN HAVING OUR EYES OPEN

I have always enjoyed drawing. Many people do not. The main reason for their dissatisfaction is that the drawing they produce does not look anything like what was there in front of them. One of my instructors drew my attention to why this happens. As we grow up we are taught to know the names of things, how to count, how to express ourselves. We fill our heads with concepts. A mountain is like an upside down triangle. A human being has a head that looks a bit like a circle, a trunk that looks a bit like a rectangle, arms that look a bit like skinny rectangles and feet and hands that sit on the end of the rectangles. A face has two eyes, two ears, one nose and one mouth. So as we draw we are reproducing triangles, rectangles, circles. It is



no wonder that the finished work disappoints us and looks nothing like the mountain in front of us or the man or woman with their own distinctive face.

Those who are skilled at drawing really look at what is there in front of them. They see the angles, the shapes, the actual shape of the eye with its pupil, eyelids, eyebrows. To bring this home to us we did an exercise, we had a picture of a face which we had to copy. However what we had to do was turn the picture upside down before we started. What this did was force us to look at what was there and simply drawing the lines we saw in front of us. When we finished, we turned our drawing up the right way and lo and behold, our reproduction was remarkably like the original. Turning the original upside down effectively shut down our thinking processes and forced us to really see.

What, you may ask, has this to do with living our faith? The answer is 'everything'. People with faith are in the same physical world that everyone else is but they see the world differently. The reason for seeing differently is their choice of seeing the world as Our Lord sees it. Jesus began always with the world as held in existence by the Father. His mind echoed with the refrain in the seven day creation story. God said let there be this or that and this or that came into being and what came into being God saw as good. Everything was good.

Jesus in his life looked at people and loved them. He desired all that was best for them. He saw the blocks they erected in themselves that stunted their growth or sold themselves short. He set people free from these restrictions and they blossomed.

We do not see Jesus in the flesh at this time of our life (that will come later) but he is not absent. He is in us and through him we are in the Father. This reality allows us to see the world around us and instead of whinging about what is wrong, we see the gifts and abilities given us and commit ourselves to bringing about change.

Adrian Farrelly

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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".



With great joy we welcome into the Catholic Church Community:

Sebastian Carnevali, Annabel Ford, Chloe McGowan,
Esther McKeering, Audrey Weekes

who will be baptised this Sunday.

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.



ST VINCENT DE PAUL CLAYFIELD CONFERENCE REPORT

During the ten months from 1 July 2013 to 30 April 2014 Clayfield members of SVDP visited 408 clients. These clients live in our designated area which extends from Pinkenba to Bowen Hills. Families and individual clients received assistance with food vouchers, electricity, telephone, medical bills, clothing and furniture. We distributed \$24,225.00 to cover these various needs. The conference is always looking for new members. We hold our meetings fortnightly on a Monday in the Presbytery commencing at 5.00pm. The meetings last for about an hour. To find out more about our Society, please feel free to attend a meeting. The next meeting is on Monday 26 May.



At the St Agatha's Library Committee meeting last week we sadly decided to write off the books which have not been returned from borrowers from the opening of the library about ten years ago until the end of 2012. For those loans outstanding from the beginning of 2013 we have instituted a roster of phone contacts among the Committee. The books to be written off as irretrievable would have cost the parish about \$750, although some may have been donated. **Please look at your bookshelves and see if you have a forgotten St Agatha's Library book and return it. There will be no fine.**



In our prayers we remember



Those who have died recently:

John Rego, Ron King, Joseph Monaghan, Dennis White, Ester Seymour, Lorna Kearney, Phyllis Bright

And those whose anniversaries occur about now:

Morrie Griffin, Nell and Tom Campbell, Theresa McAuliffe, Dick McGuire, Phillip Pozzi

Those who are sick:

Patrick Gallagher, Corey White, 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.

CARDS and HOLY GIFTS ON SALE NOW from PIETY STALL for FIRST HOLY COMMUNION (celebrated weekends 1 June and 15 June)

“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.

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

The 2014 Bible Institute for Everyday Living

Friday 4 - Saturday 5 July

(Friday morning to Saturday Noon)

Presented by: Archbishop Mark Coleridge

Australian Catholic University, Banyo

Evangelisation Resources Down Under: 3285 6233

www.ERDU.com.au

AUSLAN MASS FOR THE DEAF - St Michael's Church, 250 Banks Street, Dorrington

The next Auslan-Supported Mass at St Michael's Church will be held on Sunday 1 June at 8.00am. Members of the Deaf Community, their families and friends, and all who are interested in attending, are warmly invited to the Mass, with morning tea to follow. This is an initiative of the Central Deanery Pastoral Council. Enquiries to cathedral@bne.catholic.net.au.

Other Auslan Masses will be held on 14 September (8.00am) and 23 November (8.00am).

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.

Invitation to an informal gathering with The Reverend Dr Charles Sherlock on the subject of ARCIC III (Anglican-Roman Catholic International Commission III)
Lecture Room 1 / St Francis Theological College / 233 Milton Road, Milton
Friday 13 June 7.30pm – 9.00pm. All Welcome (gold coin donation towards supper)

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.

The Holy Land Commissariat would like to thank everyone who gave generously to the 2014 Good Friday Collection for the Holy Places. When all the monies are collected, it will be transferred to the Holy Land where it will be used to promote the missionary work of the Church by providing welfare assistance to local Christians in areas such as health, education, employment and housing. The collection is also used to maintain the churches and shrines associated with the life of Jesus.

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>				
24/25 May	Graham Gibson Julie-Anne Gibson	Dianne Eden Nick Eden	Peter Gilroy Leanne O'Shea Denis Keating	Life Teen Mass
31 May/1 June	Ann Goves Ryan Smethurst	Mark Burton Blue Doyle	First Communion 9.00am & 11.00am	Life Teen Mass

COMMUNION MINISTERS

24/25 May	Trish Hickey	Paulette Archer	Henry Weld	Life Teen Mass
31 May/1 June	Ann Goves	Diane Ingram	Dorothy McSweeney	Life Teen Mass

CHILDREN'S LITURGY - Prep to Grade 4 children are encouraged to participate.

Please note: any younger siblings need to be accompanied by an adult.

25 May	Lina Alzate	Katrina Murphy	
1 June	No Children's Liturgy	First Communion Celebration	

ORGANISTS:

24/25 May	Volunteer	Mark Leung	Catriona McPherson	Life Teen Mass
31 May/1 June	Eithne Stafford	Mark Leung	Robyn Cuming/ Paul Fiumara	Life Teen Mass

SANCTUARY CARERS:

31 May	Santina Catalano	
7 June	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

MAY

Monday 26

SVDP Meeting 5.00pm Parish Office

JUNE

Sunday 1

First Holy Communion Celebrations 9.00am & 11.00am

Thursday 5

Youth Ministry Meeting 7.00pm Parish Office

THE CATHOLIC LEADER COPIES ON SALE - \$2.00

In this week's issue:

* Archbishop Coleridge speaks of the 'mystery' of his priestly vocation as he celebrates his 40th anniversary of ordination.

* Parishioners and parish priests urged to encourage young men to attend vocations discernment weekend.

* Teachings of Sts John XXIII and John Paul II used in resource to help Brisbane Catholics focus on the G20 summit in Brisbane.

Readings - The Ascension of the Lord - 1 June 2014
1st Reading: Acts 1:1-11; 2nd Reading: Ephesians 1:17-23
Gospel: Matthew 28:16-20