



# ST AGATHA'S PARISH

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**Priest in Residence:**

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Mrs Rosemary Greer

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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 - 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**



## PRESENT BUT NO LONGER VISIBLE

According to the accounts in the writings known to us as the New Testament the men and women who had lived and worked with Jesus prior to his execution at Calvary met, talked and ate with him after his death. Sceptics treat the accounts with some disdain as self-justifying accounts to get the Church enterprise under way. St Thomas in his famous declaration about not believing what the others told him unless he could examine the wounds in the body of Jesus made by the nails and the spear needed tangible evidence that were not sharing some mass hallucination born of grief and a desire that Jesus was still alive somewhere. I can be as sceptical as the next, but I have never been able to buy the idea that these

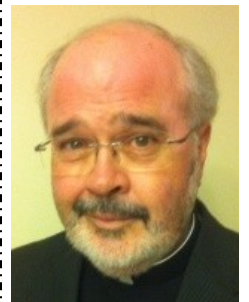
men and women would concoct a story which would result in their being tortured and even killed. These men and women experienced something so overwhelming that they changed. Their explanation of what brought about the change was that Jesus whom they had seen executed by crucifixion returned to life. He returned not as a ghost nor in a revival mode. He was alive in a way different to how they had experienced him before Calvary. But Jesus lived.

Risen from the dead he spent time with his friends. Luke portrays him teaching and completing the formation he began before his death. But there came a time when he withdrew from their sight and was seen no more. Christian art abounds with representations born of the accounts in the New Testament with Jesus being lifted up from the earth and disappearing into the sky. The essence of the accounts is that the disciples no longer saw him and ate with him and talked with him. But while he was gone in one way, he was present to them in a new way. The disciples sensed his presence in the spirit that now animated them. The coming of the spirit we celebrate next Sunday with Pentecost.

Today with the solemnity of the Ascension we mark the time when his way of being present changed. As he promised we were not left like orphans without home and security from those who love us. No longer bound by the laws of physics, He is with us in a remarkably new way. As we go about our daily tasks we look for the signs of his presence in unexpected words we say and hear. In gestures and thoughts, we know and experience the presence of one we can no longer see but whom we shall see again in the fullness of time. Fr Farrelly

## FIRST HOLY COMMUNION 2014

Starting this weekend more than 90 of our young brothers and sisters will receive Our Lord in Holy Communion for the first time. At baptism their mothers and fathers promised to train them in the practice of the faith. Training is never an easy task with all the effort and commitment required by the trainers and the trainees. We watch athletes and entertainers perform and know all the work that has gone on out of sight so they can play an Origin game, walk onto a tennis court or a golf course or onto a stage. We train for life and every day. So thanks to all the trainers. Maintain the effort.



# 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 are conducting the Winter Appeal. Envelopes are 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".



## END OF FINANCIAL YEAR is nigh!

All donations to the National Trust Conservation Appeal are 100% tax deductible.  
Donation forms near front door.

**St Paschal's Markets - 30 Warraba Avenue, Wavell Heights**  
**Saturday 7 June from 8am to 12noon.**

Handmade, Gourmet, Vintage and Preloved, Craft Supplies, Plants, Pre-loved books, Onsite Coffee Shop and BBQ

## FAMILY MASS Saturday 7 June 2014 - 9.00am

Our Lady's Catholic Church, Halle St, Everton Park.

Celebrant Fr Adrian Sharp. Reconciliation from 8.00am and after Mass for as long as needed. Includes First Saturday Marian devotions, morning tea and children's activities. All welcome. Sponsored by Opus Angelorum Inc. Contact Lucy 0431 875 741.



At the St Agatha's Library Committee meeting held on 14 May 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.**



## 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.

## HOLY LAND FOR 13 DAYS - \$1,705 USD (SINGLE SUPPLEMENT \$470 USD) PLUS AIRFARES

Fr Adrian is returning to the Holy Land with the Equestrian Order of the Holy Sepulchre this October.

The pilgrimage begins in Amman October 26 and leaves from there November 7.

These pilgrimages are great opportunities to visit the Holy Land and experience first hand the places you hear about at Mass.

The members of the Order welcome those who are not members to make the most of this offer.

Price includes hotel accommodation (not 5 star but very comfortable), most meals, coach travel, entrance fees where required.

Contact Fr Adrian ASAP for details. Closing date for booking: 1 July 2014



## 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.

## *In our prayers we remember*



### *Those who have died recently:*

Judith Hallin, Fr Miah McSweeney, John Rego, Ron King, Joseph Monaghan, Dennis White

### *And those whose anniversaries occur about now:*

Thelma O'Hagan, Sr Marie Therese Dwyer (Florette) PBVM, Carmelina Larosa, Gloria McKenzie, Morrie Griffin, Nell and Tom Campbell, Theresa McAuliffe

### *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**

## **CARDS and HOLY GIFTS ON SALE NOW from PIETY STALL for FIRST HOLY COMMUNION** (celebrated this Sunday and 15 June)

### **INVITATION**

Week of Prayer for Christian Unity / Ecumenical Service  
Tuesday 3 June 2014 / 6.45pm for 7.00pm  
Scared 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](mailto:admin@qct.org.au)

On the 12 April 2014, Bishop Joseph Oudeman, launched the Healing Prayer Centre at Northgate. Developed by Catholic Charismatic Renewal Brisbane, the Centre is open to anyone seeking prayer for healing. An appointment for prayer may be made by contacting Audrey on 0432 968 892 or by email to: [prayercentre@ccrbrisbane.org.au](mailto:prayercentre@ccrbrisbane.org.au)

### **"FREE TO BE ME!!"**

Learn about, discover and receive Inner Healing of unresolved hurt, trauma, unforgiveness ...in order to be FREE!!

Guest Speaker: Lenyce Willason, Executive Director of CCR Melbourne.

Presented by Catholic Charismatic Renewal (CCR) Brisbane at the CCR Brisbane Centre, 688 Nudgee Road, Northgate, on Saturday 7 June from 9.30am – 1pm; followed by a bring and share lunch. Opportunity to receive prayer ministry.

A love offering will be taken up to cover costs.

Contact Miriam on 3202 6856 or email: [secretary@ccrbrisbane.org.au](mailto:secretary@ccrbrisbane.org.au) for more details.

### **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.

### **WORLD REFUGEE DAY**

A Prayer Service to be held at the Cathedral of St Stephen on Friday 20 June at 6.30pm. All are welcome to pray that God's Spirit will move the hearts of all Australians, including our national leaders so that asylum seekers and refugees will be treated with dignity, compassion and justice. For further details call Catholic Justice and Peace Commission on 3324 3441 or email: [arndtp@bne.catholic.net.au](mailto:arndtp@bne.catholic.net.au)

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](mailto:secretary@ccrbrisbane.org.au).

### **CORPUS CHRISTI CELEBRATION**

Eucharistic Procession, Rosary, Prayers and Benediction  
**SUNDAY 22 June 2.00pm** Nudgee Junior  
Twigg Street, Indooroopilly  
Bus leaving from St Agatha's Church 1pm sharp.  
Bus fares: \$5.00 return or \$15 per family return.  
Phone Joan 3262 1472 for details and booking.

### **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](http://www.erdu.com.au)

## PARISH ROSTERS

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

	<b>6.00pm</b>	<b>7.00am</b>	<b>9.00am</b>	<b>5.30pm</b>
<b><u>READERS</u></b>				
31 May/1 June	Ann Goves Ryan Smethurst	Mark Burton Blue Doyle	First Communion 9.00am & 11.00am	Life Teen Mass
7/8 June	Rachelle Brown <i>Volunteer</i>	Sister Cecily Foster Andrew Douglas	Tanya Mulcahy Katrina Murphy Wilma O'Connell	Life Teen Mass

### COMMUNION MINISTERS

31 May/1 June	Ann Goves	Diane Ingram	Dorothy McSweeney	Life Teen Mass
7/8 June	Peter Bowden	<i>Volunteer</i>	<i>Volunteer</i>	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.*

1 June	No Children's Liturgy	First Communion Celebration
8 June	Sam Psaros (L)	

### ORGANISTS:

31 May/1 June	Eithne Stafford	Mark Leung	Robyn Cuming/ Paul Fiumara	Life Teen Mass
7/8 June	Catriona McPherson	Mark Leung	Robyn Cuming	Life Teen Mass

### SANCTUARY CARERS:

7 June	Victor Podesta	Jane Lynn
14 June	Santina Catalano	Maria Fistrovic

**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 3<sup>rd</sup> and 4<sup>th</sup> 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

### JUNE

#### **Thursday 5**

Youth Ministry Meeting 7pm  
Parish Office

#### **Wednesday 11 & Thursday 12**

First Communion practices  
3.30pm Church

#### **Wednesday 11**

Pastoral Council 7pm Parish Office

#### **Sunday 15**

First Holy Communion  
Celebrations 9.00am & 11.00am

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

In this week's issue:

- \* Eight-page glossy feature on Bishop Michael McCarthy's installation as Bishop of Rockhampton.
- \* Pope Francis' historic visit to the Holy Land.
- \* Vinnies seek help in easing the scourge of poverty during winter.
- \* Caritas Australia CEO laments Government decision to slash foreign aid.

**Readings - Pentecost Sunday - 8 June 2014**

**1st Reading: Acts 2:1-11; 2nd Reading: 1 Corinthians 12:3-7, 12-13**

**Gospel: John 20:19-23**