



ST AGATHA'S PARISH

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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.

Mrs Carol Sayers **APRE:** Mr Nick Fogarty

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Administrator

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Parish Secretary

Administrative Assistant

Parish Office Hours

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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 - First Sunday of Advent - 30 November 2014

1st Reading: Isaiah 63:16-17; 64:1, 3-8; 2nd Reading: 1 Corinthians 1:3-9;

Gospel: Mark 13:33-37

The word 'advent' simply means 'coming'. Frequently advertisers will do their best to entice us by proclaiming the advent of a new age because of the impending arrival of a car or cosmetic or whatever.



This Sunday is the beginning of a new liturgical year and it is the first Sunday of the season of Advent. With its purple colours reminiscent of Lent, the preparatory weeks for the celebration of Easter, Advent calls us to prepare for the coming of Christ at Christmas, the coming of Christ at the end of time and the coming of Christ which happens every time we respond to a person in need.

If someone is coming to visit we prepare by tidying the house, preparing food and drink. When they come we welcome them and make them feel at home.

As committed disciples of Our Lord we are always on the 'look out' as it were for his coming. With Christmas, we celebrate the coming of the Word of God in human flesh. Archbishop Coleridge focuses his Advent letter on marriage and the husband and wife becoming one flesh in their loving of each other. Each gives the self to the other for their pleasure, delight and fulfilment. We prepare as well with gift-giving and card sending.

With the end of time coming, we prepare by being aware that this existence is not the sum total of what God has in store for us. We live alert to the possibility that Our Lord will come when we least expect it.

A young monk once asked his abbot what enlightenment was like. The abbot said it was like watching the sun rise in the morning. The young monk then asked the point of the time the community spent in prayer and meditation. "To be sure", the abbot replied, "that your eyes are open when the sun does rise".

This insight applies also to our being awake and responsive to those we see in need. Christ may not be easily seen but he tells us that when we show concern to others we show it to him.

So let us stay awake and alert and respond lovingly in all circumstances.

Fr Adrian Farrelly

2nd Rite of Reconciliation
will be celebrated on

Wednesday 10 December at 7.00pm

Copy of the Archbishop's
2014 Advent Pastoral Letter

"The Two Become One Flesh" is available on the
Archdiocesan website and in the Catholic Leader.

Copies are also available on church pews.

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 YOUTH MINISTRY TEAM NEXT MEETING THURSDAY 11 DECEMBER 2014 7.00pm PARISH OFFICE

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

THE SAINT VINCENT DE PAUL CHRISTMAS APPEAL

is now being conducted. The people assisted by the St Agatha's Conference, will gratefully appreciate any donations, received during the 2014 Appeal. If donating by cheque, please make it out to "St Agatha's SVDP Clayfield Conference". Please place your donations in the envelopes provided on the church seats.



CHRISTMAS RAFFLE TICKETS: 1 FOR \$2.00 OR 3 FOR \$5.00

Drawn: Sunday 21 December



If you would like to contribute any used stamps please leave them at the Piety Stall or Parish Office.

CHRISTMAS MASS TIMES

24 December:

- Christmas Eve - Vigil Mass at 6.00 pm with carols from 5.30 pm.
- Midnight Mass with carols from 11.30 pm.

25 December, Christmas Day :

- Mass at 7.00 am and 9.00 am.



2nd Rite Reconciliation for Christmas

- will be celebrated on
Wednesday 10 December at 7.00 pm

ROSTERS for Christmas

Are you available to be on roster at any of the Christmas Masses? Please fill in the sheets on the clipboard near the Sacristy.

We need Communion Ministers, Readers and Altar Servers at all Masses.

Children who want to be angels, shepherds and wise people for the Entrance Procession at the Vigil Mass on Christmas Eve please write your name on the list provided. Also girls and boys are needed as Mary and Joseph. If you are aged 10-13 years old please place your name on the list provided. Names from this list will be drawn out of the hat for the role of Mary and Joseph.



ON SALE AT THE PIETY STALL

- Christmas Cards - packet of 8 for \$2.75
- Christmas Gifts
- Columban Calendars
- Advent Calendars for Children
- Little Blue Books for Advent



ST AGATHA'S PARISH SACRAMENTAL PROGRAM - 2015 CONFIRMATION AND FIRST HOLY COMMUNION For children in Grade 3 or older who have celebrated their First Penance/Reconciliation

ENROLMENT WEEKEND: 7/8th February at any of the masses
Saturday 6.00pm; Sunday 7.00am, 9.00am & 5.30pm
Enrolment forms are available from the Parish office or on the table at front entry to church.

PARENT'S MEETING: Wednesday 11 February 7.00pm or
Thursday 12 February 7.00pm at St Agatha's Church
(N.B. Parents need only attend 1 of these sessions)

For further information call Jane Cameron at the parish office: 3262 2859

ST AGATHA'S SCHOOL PREP FOR 2016

If you have a child born between 1/7/10 – 30/6/11, they are eligible to commence Prep in 2016. The enrolment process for Prep 2016 commences at the beginning of 2015. If you would like your child included in the enrolments for prep 2016, please email your details along with your child's name, D.O.B. and address to the Enrolment Secretary: wkwhite@bne.catholic.edu.au or phone the school on 3326 9222.

In our prayers we remember



Those who have died recently :

Fr Gerard Mulholland SVD, Noela McHugh, Charles Sullivan, Fr Paul Siebert OMI, Stephen Jory

And those whose anniversaries occur about now:

Len Williamson, Rosemary Ryan, Reginald Shun Wah (Jnr), Rosalind Shun Wah, Joseph Riba, Angus Rees

Those who are sick:

Lilly Eluvathingal, Louise Horrocks, Nola Palm, Bella Emery, Rosemary Gately, Matthew Gray, Frank Wilkie, Don Martin, Patrick Gallagher, Corey White, Rene Quinn, Eileen Clarke, Sandra McGregor, Rob Bruce, Mel Purwo, Kath Delahunty, Kylie Taylor, Laura Vize, Tessa Jones, Paul Gaynor, Jill Corrigan, Jonathan O'Brien, Phyllis Madden, Maureen Johnson, Alison Doust, Raymond Johnson, Alan Lawrenson, Robert Mutton

TO ... ST AGATHA'S ... WITH LOVE & GRATITUDE!

Today is my fifth last weekend at St Agatha's Parish. My twelve month appointment to St Agatha's parish is going to complete by the end of this year. Before moving on to a retirement village at Boronia Heights sometime after December 28th, I would like to take this opportunity to thank all of you for welcoming and accepting me for what and who I am. Thank you for your great hospitality, support, understanding, encouragement and patience shown to me during my twelve months at St Agatha's which have made my parish ministry so much easier. Thank you for the privilege that it has been to serve you in my humble capacity.

I would also like to express my appreciation to our dedicated and efficient parish staff Rosemary, Jane and Peter for their friendship, patience, advice, understanding and support. I commend them on their tireless efforts to look after St Agatha's community, to promote our faith and to share in the mission of our Church. More than often, they have worked well beyond the call of duty. For their generosity, selflessness and dedication I am so grateful.

I also express my appreciation to various groups and ministries that I have been able to serve even in small ways. I have thoroughly enjoyed my ministry at St Agatha's Parish. It is my hope that the parish will continue to grow and evolve in whatever shape and form it takes. I feel truly blessed to have had the opportunity to be among you for a year.

I am so grateful to each of you for giving me the opportunity to work for such a friendly, generous and hospitable parish like St Agatha's. It has been a rewarding opportunity and a good learning experience with all of you. I will always cherish this tenure with St Agatha's Parish in my memories.

I'd also like to salute Fr Adrian for his servant-leadership style and his total commitment, his caring nature and his effective pastoral ministry in the parish. His willingness to mix with and relate to everyone in the parish and our school children is inspirational. His competency, sensitivity, wisdom and experience in pastoral work have always been a source of edification and inspiration for me. In his own creative ways he has made Gospel message come alive and relevant to everyone. Fr Adrian has been a breath of fresh air (even after 16 years!) to the parish and certainly made St Agatha's school and parish look really good.

Before moving on, if I have ever hurt or offended anyone in any way I sincerely ask for understanding and forgiveness. I do hope our paths will cross again one day. But for now, I'd like to wish you God's special blessings for a peaceful Christmas and a blessed New Year. May Emmanuel - the Prince of Peace - the God of Christmas continue to walk with you always.

{Fr Francis Nguyen} (Priest-in-Residence)

DO WE HAVE YOUR CONTACT DETAILS?

Please contact the parish office so we can add you to our parish records

HAVE YOU RECENTLY MOVED?

HAS YOUR PHONE NUMBER CHANGED?

EMAIL ADDRESS CHANGED?

If you have answered yes to any of these questions, could you please contact the parish office, either by phone 3262 2859 or email: clayfield@bne.catholic.net.au so that we can update our parish records. Thank you.

The International Day of People with Disability is observed annually on 3 December. In Australia, over many years, the Church has sought to take this day as an opportunity to encourage a truly pastoral view that embraces our total community as the living Body of Christ. We especially pray that we, the Church, can strive to be a people of compassion and relationship, and a sacred place where our gifts are acknowledged, received and celebrated; for then we can truly proclaim that we are 'one Body in Christ'.



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 Nov	Eric van der List Phil Zammit	Chanelle White Anne O'Connor	Angela McFarlane Tanya Mulcahy Katrina Murphy	Life Teen Mass
6/7 Dec	Marian Nolan Marie Ho	Anne-Marie Quinn Sister Cecily Foster	Wilma O'Connell Peter Ryan Trish Ryan	Life Teen Mass
<u>COMMUNION MINISTERS</u>				
29/30 Nov	Jan Zammit	Kate Duffield	Dorothy McSweeney	Life Teen Mass
6/7 Dec	Peter Bowden	Michele Pink	Volunteer	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.

30 Nov	Monica McBride	Mel Ryan
7 Dec - 25 Jan	<i>No Children's Liturgy - School Holidays</i>	

ORGANISTS:

29/30 Nov	Eithne Stafford	Mark Leung	Robyn Cuming	Life Teen Mass
6/7 Dec	Robyn Cuming	Mark Leung	Catriona McPherson	Life Teen Mass

SANCTUARY CARERS:

6 Dec	Victor Podesta	Jane Lynn
13 Dec	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 9.00am Mass.

We celebrate baptism on the 3rd and 4th Sundays of the month.



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

DECEMBER

Wednesday 3

* Graduation Mass 6pm

Thursday 4

* RCIA 7pm Parish Office

Friday 5

* Whole School Mass 11am

Monday 8

* SVDP Meeting 5pm Parish Office

Wednesday 10

* 2nd Rite of Reconciliation 7pm Church

Thursday 11

* Youth Ministry Meeting 7pm Parish Office

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In this week's issue:

- * Three Nigerian seminarians ordained deacons in Brisbane and look ahead to life as priests.
- * Students at inner-city Catholic primary school reaching for the stars make final of international film festival.

Readings - Second Sunday of Advent - 7 December 2014

1st Reading: Isaiah 40:1-5, 9-11; 2nd Reading: 2 Peter 3:8-14;

Gospel: Mark 1:1-8