



# 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.**

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**Administrator**

**Priest in Residence**

**Parish Secretary**

**Administrative Assistant**

**Parish Office Hours**

**School Principal**

**Outside School Hours Care Coordinator**

**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 Advent - 21 December 2014

**1st Reading: 2 Samuel 7:1-5, 8-12, 14, 16; 2nd Reading: Romans 16:25-27;**

**Gospel: Luke 1:26-38**



### MARY SAID YES!

Evil thrives, it is said, when good people do nothing. What is not said as often is that goodness flourishes when good people act with purpose, determination, optimism and conviction. You do this on a daily basis as your actions are guided by your integrity, your compassion, kindness, honesty, truthfulness and love. From attending to the simplest household chores as signs of domestic devotion to sitting and sharing wisdom with those you meet on the journey we call living. This is goodness springing up all around us.

We may not see these everyday acts of goodness as world changing but they are more like Mary's response to the angel than we usually acknowledge. God's plan to open the eyes of a race gone blind to the goodness and love of God and God's desire that all people would live in easy comfortable intimacy with the creator needed the cooperation of those afflicted with the blindness. The one chosen was a Palestinian woman called Mary. She was engaged to Joseph, a descendant of King David, but not living in royal style. St Luke portrays Mary as a woman who believed what God promised and agreed to be a key player in the unfolding plan.

Her saying yes had significant consequences. Matthew in his gospel has Joseph contemplating divorce ending the relationship. In all likelihood Joseph proposed this not because he thought she had cheated on him but having talked about what the angel said to her he thought there was no role for him in this plan. However God assured him there was, though the plans they had for their future changed radically.

Through their willingness to play their part in the plan the child Mary gave birth to and whom they together raised to maturity was the one with eyes free of blindness and the one through whom the eyes of the human race were opened.

Fr Adrian Farrelly

# 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

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



[facebook.com/aggiesyouth](https://www.facebook.com/aggiesyouth)



## 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: This 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.
- There will be NO 5.30pm Mass on Christmas Day.



## 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 are still in need of  
**Ministers of Communion for all  
the Masses and Altar Servers  
for Midnight, 7.00am and  
9.00am Masses.**



### 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](mailto:wkwhite@bne.catholic.edu.au) or phone the school on 3326 9222.

*In our prayers we remember*



*Those who have died recently:*

Moira Cummins, Don Button, Niall Spain, Monica Britten, Margaret Plumley

*And those whose anniversaries occur about now:*

Emerita Socorro, Sally Meehan, John Agnew, Noela Hoskins, Peter, Noel and Eve Turnbull, Simon O'Grady, Florence Hinson, Mary Dethlefs, Ken Long

*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, Paul Gaynor, Jill Corrigan, Jonathan O'Brien, Phyllis Madden, Maureen Johnson, Alison Doust, Raymond Johnson, Alan Lawrenson, Robert Mutton

**FAREWELL TO FR FRANCIS**

After each Mass next weekend 27th/28th, a cuppa will be offered to farewell Fr Francis. Parishioners are asked to bring a plate to assist with catering. A farewell card is available on a table at the back of the church, if you wish to sign it.



On behalf of Mary MacKillop International, I thank you for your generous support in supply and assisting with used stamps. During 2014 we raised approximately \$32,000.00. This has far surpassed our 2013 effort, thank you to one and all. From 2001 till now our total is almost \$90,000.00!!

It is through your efforts that the legacy of Saint Mary MacKillop continues in Peru today.

*Sr Helen Saunders  
For Sisters of St Joseph*



**CHRISTMAS HAMPERS**

St Agatha's Saint Vincent de Paul Conference wishes to thank staff and students at Aviation High for the collection of food, toys and other treats to fill food boxes. A special thank you to Louise Coman and Principal Mr David Munn.



**St Agatha's  
Giving Tree - 2014**

At Christmas time we may be overindulged with food and presents whilst many go without basic necessities. The Giving Tree is loaded with little gift ideas which will help bring a smile to others on Christmas Day.



You are encouraged to take a tag and return the gift and leave it at the base of the tree.

*Members of St Vincent de Paul will be collecting the gifts and distributing them for Christmas.*

**FESTIVAL OF NINE LESSONS AND CAROLS**

Wednesday December 17 at 7.30pm.

Come to St Stephen's Cathedral for this wonderful traditional celebration of Christmas. The service includes readings, prayers, and carols old and new sung by four choirs – the Cathedral Choir, Schola, Chorale and the Australian Catholic University Choir. Plus many opportunities for the

congregation to sing favourite Christmas carols. Cathedral car park available (entrance Charlotte Street). Retiring collection.

Enquiries: [cathedral@bne.catholic.net.au](mailto:cathedral@bne.catholic.net.au) or 3324 3030.

This Christmas, you can give a unique and life-changing gift. By choosing a Global Gift this year, you are helping to spread the message that together, as on global family, we are making the world a better place.

A Global Gift makes a positive and real impact on the lives of the poorest and most marginalised communities around the world. You can purchase a Global Gift by free-calling us on 1800 024 413, or by choosing your gift online at [www.caritas.org.au/globalgifts](http://www.caritas.org.au/globalgifts).



**HAND-in-HAND**

The Summer 2014 edition of Hand-in-Hand is now available. Copies available on table in church foyer. Please take a copy home and feel free to take extra copies for your family, friends and neighbours.



With great joy we welcome **Chloe Smith** who will be baptised this Sunday.



## PARISH ROSTERS

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

	6.00pm	7.00am	9.00am	5.30pm
<b><u>READERS</u></b>				
20/21 Dec	Eddie Foley Ann Goves	Blue Doyle Mark Burton	Michael Crutcher Eileen Duncan Tim Hancock	Life Teen Mass
27/28 Dec	Paul Bartels Judy Bartels	Anne O'Connor Chanelle White	Geraldine Swindells Denis Keating	Life Teen Mass
<b><u>COMMUNION MINISTERS</u></b>				
20/21 Dec	Ann Goves	Paulette Archer	<i>Volunteer</i>	Life Teen Mass
27/28 Dec	Trish Hickey	<i>Volunteer</i>	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.*

7 Dec - 25 Jan *No Children's Liturgy - School Holidays*

### ORGANISTS:

20/21 Dec	Robyn Cuming	Mark Leung	Robyn Cuming	Life Teen Mass
27/28 Dec	Eithne Stafford	Mark Leung	Catriona McPherson	Life Teen Mass

### SANCTUARY CARERS:

3 Jan 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 9.00am Mass.

We celebrate baptism on the 3<sup>rd</sup> and 4<sup>th</sup> 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](mailto:clayfield@bne.catholic.net.au)*

### Parish Calendar

#### **DECEMBER**

**Monday 22**

\* SVDP 5pm Parish Office

**Thursday 25 & Friday 26**

\* Parish office closed - reopens Monday 29 December.

**Friday 26**

\* 9.00am Mass

**JANUARY 2015**

**Thursday 1 & Friday 2**

\* 9.00am Mass

**Friday 2**

\* 10.00am Benediction

**Thursday 1 & Friday 2**

\* Parish office closed - reopens Monday 5 January.

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

In this week's issue:

\* Sydney archbishop calls for prayer after fatal siege in Martin Place.

\* Pope sends Christmas message to prisoners.

\* Catholic student chosen to visit Gallipoli for centenary commemorations.

**Readings - The Holy Family of Jesus, Mary and Joseph - 28 December 2014**

**1st Reading: Genesis 15:1-6, 21:1-3; 2nd Reading: Hebrews 11:8, 11-12, 17-19;**

**Gospel: Luke 2:22-40**