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ST AGATHA'S PARISH

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Phone 3262 2859 E-mail clayfield@bne.catholic.net.au http://www.clayfieldparish.org.au Web Aggies Youth facebook.com/aggiesyouth Very Rev Dr Adrian Farrelly KCHS JCD Rev Fr Francis Canh Nguyen Mrs Rosemary Greer Mrs Jane Cameron 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 **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 - 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.

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/aggiesvouth

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



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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 Clavfield Conference". Please place your donations in the



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

Drawn: This Sunday 21 December

envelopes provided on the church seats.

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 or phone the school on 3326 9222.

In our prayers we remember



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

And those whose anniversaries occur about now:



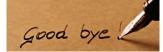
Emerita Socorro, Sally Meehan, John Agnew, Noela Hoskins, Peter, Noel and Eve Turnbull, Simon O'Grady, Florence Hinson, Mary Dethlefs, Ken Long

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.



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.

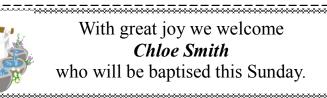
You are encouraged to take a tag and return the gift and leave it at the base of the tree.

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

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.



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.



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 or 3324 3030.

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.

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| | Ann Goves | Mark Burton | Eileen Duncan | |
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| 27/28 Dec | Paul Bartels | Anne O'Connor | Geraldine Swindells | Life Teen Mass |
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| COMMUNION | | | | |
| 20/21 Dec | Ann Goves | Paulette Archer | Volunteer | Life Teen Mass |
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| 7 Dec - 25 Jan | | any younger siblings need | ged to participate. <i>to be accompanied by an d</i> | adult. |
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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