



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

Ms Harmony Domaille

Administrator

Parish Secretary

Administrative Assistant

Parish Office Hours

School Principal

Outside School Hours Care Coordinator

Parish Calendar

JANUARY

Thursday 15

* RCIA 7pm Parish Office

Monday 19

* SVDP 5pm Parish Office

Tuesday 20

* Finance Meeting 6pm Parish Office

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 Baptism of the Lord - 11 January 2015

1st Reading: Isaiah 55:1-11; 2nd Reading: 1 John 5:1-9

Gospel: Mark 1:7-11



The Jordan River at the place where John, the kinsman of Jesus, was immersing (baptising) people is small, little more than a decent sized creek in Australian terms, but big in significance for the people of Israel of Jesus time. This is the river through which the people came at the end of a 40 year trek from slavery in Egypt to freedom in this land that Abraham had come to centuries before.

John the Baptist, as he was known, called people to repentance, to a change of thought, speech and action which would bring them into closer harmony with God's wishes for them. As a sign of the inner change he plunged them under the water to rise renewed.

In his turn, Jesus who would spend time working with John, came to be plunged into the water. Personally he had no need of repenting as his will was in harmony with the will of the Father but by being baptised by John he identifies with the people who allow themselves to be enslaved by selfishness, greed and manipulation.

As Jesus rises from the water he has what we would call an amazing religious experience which he must have shared with his friends for ones like St Mark to record later in the gospel. He has a vision of heaven being torn open and a dove descending on him. He would recall the dove that Noah released from the ark at the time of the great flood which returned with a twig in its beak indicating that the waters were receding and the danger had passed. Not only, however, did he see the heavens opened and the dove appearing but he heard the Father confirm his identity: You are my Son, the Beloved; my favour rests on you. What his awareness of his identity was before this moment we do not know, but from this moment on Jesus would live each moment of his life aware of the reality of the Father's love and favour.

This immersion experience was the end of his private life as a carpenter/builder in Nazareth. The validity of his experience of being chosen would be tested in the 40 days in the wilderness but he would then embrace the work of preaching and healing that would inaugurate a new era in human history which will come to fulfilment when all embrace the Father's will and live in peace and harmony with each other. And this world will come to pass despite the pain and suffering, the violence and cruelty that seems so entrenched in our societies that we find ourselves thinking that this is all that human nature is capable of. The words that Jesus heard the Father utter about him is true of all of us though not in the way that was natural for Jesus as God's word in flesh. By divine choice, we are God's children, beloved and favoured. Rejoice in this and actively share that news with others.

Fr Adrian Farrelly

Australia Day - Monday 26 January

Mass will be celebrated at 9.00am. Please note there will be NO 6.30am Mass.

Morning tea will be provided following the Mass.

All welcome!

Parishioners are asked to bring a plate to assist with catering.



In our prayers we remember



Those who have died recently:

Margaret Mary (Molly) Wikman, Esme Hickey, Gavin Douglas, Tan Tiam Teng, Naomi Judge, Frank Bowling

And those whose anniversaries occur about now:

June Stafford, Restituta Limas, Ismael Limas, Vita Limas, Craig Andrews

Those who are sick:

Ann Tully, Louise Horrocks, Nola Palm, Bella Emery, Rosemary Gately, Matthew Gray, Frank Wilkie, Don Martin, Patrick Gallagher, 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

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>				
10/11 Jan	Marian Nolan <i>Volunteer</i>	Mary Kelaher Aleira Egan	Tanya Mulcahy Katrina Murphy Wilma O'Connell	Life Teen Mass
17/18 Jan	Graham Gibson Julie-Anne Gibson	Jeanine Bygott Sister Cecily Foster	Peter Ryan Trish Ryan Jane Arkinstall	Life Teen Mass
<u>COMMUNION MINISTERS</u>				
10/11 Jan	<i>Volunteer</i>	Blue Doyle	Dorothy McSweeney	Life Teen Mass
17/18 Jan	Ann Goves	Paulette Archer	<i>Volunteer</i>	Life Teen Mass
<u>CHILDREN'S LITURGY</u>	- Prep to Grade 4 children are encouraged to participate. <i>Please note: any younger siblings need to be accompanied by an adult.</i>			
7 Dec - 25 Jan	<i>No Children's Liturgy - School Holidays</i>			
<u>ORGANISTS:</u>				
10/11 Jan	<i>Volunteer</i>	Mark Leung	Jenny McKeon	Life Teen Mass
17/18 Jan	<i>Volunteer</i>	Mark Leung	Catrina McPherson	Life Teen Mass
<u>SANCTUARY CARERS:</u>				
17 Jan	Beverley O'Brien			
31 Jan	Santina Catalano			

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 5-5.30 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.

THANK YOU!

Dear St Agatha's parishioners,

Greetings from St Paul de Chartres community – Boronia Heights!

I would like to express my sincere thanks for your Christmas and New Year good wishes extended to me over the Christmas season. I am humbled and deeply touched by your genuine faith, hospitality, care and generosity. My heart-felt thanks is also extended to many of you for your generous Christmas and farewell gifts which will certainly help me greatly in my 'retirement'! May God continue to bless your hospitality, kindness and generosity forever.

As New Year 2015 is approaching, I would like to take this opportunity to wish you

A HAPPY, PROSPEROUS AND GRACE-FILLED NEW YEAR

Fr Francis Nguyen

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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.
Next meeting: Thursday 5 February 7pm Parish Office

Readings - Second Sunday in Ordinary Time - 18 January 2015

1st Reading: 1 Samuel 3:3-10, 19; 2nd Reading: 1 Corinthians 6:13-15, 17-20

Gospel: John 1:35-42