



# 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**

**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 - First Sunday of Lent - 22 February 2015

**1st Reading: Genesis 9:8-15; 2nd Reading: 1 Peter 3:18-22; Gospel: Mark 1:12-15**



### Time to decide

35 days to go or thereabouts until we celebrate the fact that death did not stop Our Lord in his tracks leaving us with just memories of another good and holy man who was judged a troublemaker and dealt with to protect the status quo. Instead to the amazement of his friends, Jesus returned to them, not like their other friend Lazarus and the widow's son and the twelve year old girl all of whom Jesus raised to life. The Jesus whom they met on that first Easter Sunday morning was the same but different. The wounds on his body left no doubt as to his identity but he was no longer bound by the physical laws of this world. He could come and go as he pleased. He walked and

talked with them, prepared meals and reassured them that with his rising to a new way of living something dramatically new was now part of the human story and would be forever.

To be the disciples Jesus wants us to be to let others know this new way of living is possible even now before the end of time when what happened to our Lord will happen to us, we set off on our Lenten journey. God has entered into a treaty agreement with us declaring that the divine love is aimed at bringing life not death. The destruction of the flood of the Noah and the ark story is a thing of the past never to happen again. The rainbow is the reminder of this divine treaty and promise.

On this first Sunday we see Jesus accepting the treaty and shaping his life accordingly. The gospel of Mark says a lot in very few verses. The Spirit drives Jesus out into an isolated place where he stays for 40 days. He is tempted by Satan, has wild beasts for company and is ministered to by angels. Temptations are not sins. Temptations are moments for decision. On his forty day wilderness experience (a cut down version as it were of the forty years the chosen people spent in the wilderness of Sinai before entering the land God promised them) with the help of the Spirit Jesus decides on the way he will do the task God gave him. God has anointed him for a divine task. What shape will his ministry take? From the other gospels we see Satan believed he could turn rocks into food, be unharmed if in danger and be so powerful that none could hold out against him. All very human notions and appealing. At the end of the time in the wilderness, with the help of the Spirit and the angels who are with us at all times, Jesus opts for the suffering servant he will do the Father's will.

He begins his life's work by calling people to repent, to look at their lives and make the changes needed to ratify the life-giving treaty God made with Noah and beyond. What is our decision? What changes does the Spirit and the angels help us see we need to make to live more fully and better than we do now? Just ask. God will help.

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.

**Youth Lent Companion - \$4.00 each**  
Available for sale at the Piety Stall.



## STATIONS OF THE CROSS

will be held in the Church every Friday at 8.30am during Lent.



## ST AGATHA'S JUNIOR CHOIR

(For children in Years 2 -6)

Please come along and join our Junior Choir.

Not too much commitment with only a handful of practices throughout the year after school in the church.

The children only sing at the P26 Masses, Mother's Day and Christmas Eve.

Feel free to come along and have a look see at our next P26 Mass on 8 March at 9am. If your child is interested please contact the Parish Office on 32622859.



## WORLD DAY OF PRAYER

Friday 6 March 2015 - 10.00am

St Luke's Church, Hamilton.

Corner of Oxford and Jackson Streets Hamilton.

If you have any further enquires or information to pass on email Carolyn Bennett at: [carolynben53@gmail.com](mailto:carolynben53@gmail.com) or phone 3262 1790

## LENTEN PROGRAM

"*Rich in Mercy*" is the title of this year's Lenten Program. The Lenten discussion group meets on Monday at 7pm. If you are interested in taking part, please call the Parish Office.

**LITTLE BLACK BOOKS (Lent) - \$4.00 each**

Available for sale at the Piety Stall.

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## PREP 2016 - St Agatha's Primary School

If you have a child born between 1/7/10 – 30/6/11, they are eligible to commence **Prep in 2016**.

If you have not already, let us know details of your child, please email the Enrolment Secretary on [wkwhite@bne.catholic.edu.au](mailto:wkwhite@bne.catholic.edu.au)

with your name, contact email, contact phone number and your child's name and date of birth.

Applications close for Prep 2016 on **13 March 2015**.

Interviews usually take place in April/May, and placements offered in June.

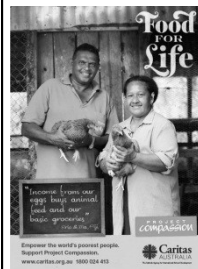


With great joy we welcome  
**Isaac Godinho, Eloise Kozak and Rosie van Niekerk**  
who will be baptised this Sunday.

## RITE OF ELECTION

This Sunday afternoon, February 22, around 110 people who are preparing for full initiation into the Catholic Church at the Easter ceremonies (including Mark Golin, Abdul Hussein and Tran Thong Nhat from this parish) will gather with their godparents, catechists and families at the Cathedral of St Stephen for the Rite of Election. At this ritual, the Church acknowledges the readiness of the catechumens for the sacraments of initiation and the catechumens, who now become 'the elect', declare their commitment to enter into a period of intense spiritual preparation for initiation at Easter. Our thoughts and prayers are with them during this special time in their journey of faith.

## FIRST SUNDAY OF LENT



This week we meet married couple Eric and Ma in Fiji who had an unprofitable farm and limited diet before they received training supported by Caritas Australia. Now they have a successful farm, a sustainable income and food for life.

**Please donate to Project Compassion today and help people in isolated areas of Fiji gain the skills they need to grow food for life.**

**Envelopes and boxes available from either pews or table in main church entry.**

## In our prayers we remember

### Those who have died recently:

Les McSweeney, Padraig Walsh, Maureen Buckley, Len Corser, Noel Evans, Peter O'Dea, Bill Carter

### And those whose anniversaries occur about now:

Margaret Bowden, Richard & Elizabeth Howard, Fr Vincent Rowan

### Those who are sick:

John Herron, Jean Conroy, Kerri Smith, Gerry Maller, Christina Maynes, 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



## CATHOLIC CHARISMATIC RENEWAL BRISBANE CCR BRISBANE

**EXCELLING IN CHRIST** "...So be perfect, just as your heavenly Father is perfect." Matthew 5:48

Mass Celebrant and Guest Speaker:

Archbishop Mark Coleridge

Where: CCR Brisbane Centre and St John's Church,  
688 Nudgee Rd, Northgate

When: 28 Feb 2015 Saturday

Music Ministry: Hands of Hope

Enquiries: Miriam (3202 6856)

Programme - A collection will be taken up at Mass

9.30 am Welcoming Cuppa

10:00 am Praise and Worship

11:00 am Mass including Homily / Talk by His Grace

12:30 pm Lunch

Please bring a plate of savouries to share for lunch.

## PARISH SPONSORSHIP AVAILABLE See "orange" form at church entrance



**Date:** Tuesday 7 April - Saturday 11 April 2015

**Venue:** James Byrne Centre, Toowoomba

**Cost:** \$395 which includes accommodation and meals (\$370 early bird – if registered by 13 February)

**Movers & Shakers** is a leadership training program for young people aged 16 to 19 who are interested in further developing their leadership skills in a Christian context.

## INTERNATIONAL WOMEN'S DAY HIGH TEA - Hosted by Holy Spirit Northside Private Hospital.

Saturday 7 March 2015 / 2.00pm - 4.00pm

Ground Floor, Sister Edith Centre for Education / 627 Rode Road Chermside

Tickets: \$35 - champagne on arrival, door prizes, raffles and high tea.

RSVP: Saturday 28 February / Kelly Connellan 3326 3371 (between 9.00am – 2.00pm)

or email: [kelly.connellan@svha.org.au](mailto:kelly.connellan@svha.org.au).

*To raise awareness about women's healthcare in their cancer programs and their hospitals in India.*



## BRISBANE CATENIANS

"Brisbane Catenians, who are based in St Agatha's parish, are delighted to announce that we are starting the 2015 year with a dinner meeting on Wednesday 25 February at

*"Airport International Motel, 528 Kingsford-Smith Drive, Hamilton. 4007".*

We are gathering from 6pm for drinks and the meeting will commence at 6.30 pm. We welcome men from the parish to join us, learn a little about Catenians and share a meal with friendly like minded Catholic men. Catenians operate worldwide and support the clergy to provide opportunities for adult Catholic laymen to meet in a social environment and develop friendly support for each other as well as encouraging Christian values amongst members.

We are not a service or action group.

Come and join us on 25 February. We are sure you will enjoy the experience of dining with other friendly Catholic men and you are under no obligation. All you need do is ring one of the following Catenians – Kevin Harris 0411 173 279,

Wayne Wessels 0422 006 656 or Michael Quin-Conroy 3890 8251 to secure your place at the table.

Our brochures are available in the church."

#MakeItHappen

International Women's Day  
8 March 2015

## 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>				
21/22 Feb	Eric van der List Phil Zammit	Aleira Egan Ruby Chase	Katrina Murphy Wilma O'Connell Peter Gilroy	Life Teen Mass
28 Feb/1 Mar	Marian Nolan Marie Ho	Chanelle White Anne O'Connor	Trish Ryan Jill Weld Jane Arkinstall	Life Teen Mass
<b><u>COMMUNION MINISTERS</u></b>				
21/22 Feb	Jan Zammit	<i>Volunteer</i>	<i>Volunteer</i>	Life Teen Mass
28 Feb/1 Mar	Peter Bowden	Michele Pink	Dorothy McSweeney	Life Teen Mass
<b><u>CHILDREN'S LITURGY</u></b>	- Prep to Grade 4 children are encouraged to participate. <i>Please note: any younger siblings need to be accompanied by an adult.</i>			
22 Feb	Julie Kordic	Ewa Marino-Cebulski		
1 Mar	Jane Arkinstall	Maree Andrews		
<b><u>ORGANISTS:</u></b>				
21/22 Feb	Robyn Cuming	Mark Leung	Jenny McKeon	Life Teen Mass
28 Feb/1 Mar	Robyn Cuming	Mark Leung	Catrina McPherson	Life Teen Mass
<b><u>SANCTUARY CARERS:</u></b>				
7 Mar	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

#### **FEBRUARY**

**Thursday 26**

\* RCIA 7pm Parish Office

**Friday 27**

\* Stations of the Cross 8.30am

#### **MARCH**

**Monday 2**

\* SVDP Meeting 5pm Parish Office

**Sunday 8**

\* St Agatha's P26 Mass 9am

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

**In this week's issue:**

\* Archbishop Coleridge comments on the Church's position on capital punishment and on the crisis facing two Australians in Indonesia.

\* Pope Francis' 2015 Lenten Message.

\* Church leaders outline their hopes and expectations of Queensland's new State Government.

\* Queensland's new Catholic Women's League state president to rally more lay women to pray for an end to human trafficking.

**Readings - Second Sunday of Lent - 1 March 2015**

**1st Reading: Genesis 22:1-2, 9-13, 15-18; 2nd Reading: Romans 8:31-34;**

**Gospel: Mark 9:2-10**