



ST AGATHA'S PARISH

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Very Rev Dr Adrian Farrelly KCHS JCD

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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

PLEASE NOTE:
THE PARISH OFFICE
WILL BE CLOSED ON
MONDAY 19 JANUARY.

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 - 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



WHAT TO SAY WHEN GOD CALLS

The reply Eli the priest told the boy Samuel to use when he heard his name being called in the night is a sure guide for each of us as disciples: Speak, Lord, your servant is listening.

Those few words give us a context in which we can live our lives. First, we live in a universe with a God who speaks, who knows us personally, who, as he came to Samuel in the sanctuary, stands by and is interested in us. Second, God is the Lord we are the servants. Those who were the lords of their manors had servants to keep the building in good repair, to maintain the household and provide for the needs of the

family and their friends. God as the Lord has the ultimate responsibility. Third, as servants we are listening to what is said and willing to do what we are told.

Starting today and continuing for the next four Sundays we hear extracts from the middle section of the first letter of St Paul to the Corinthians. The first three are on our sexual behaviour and relationships, then an account of Paul's preaching and finally an appeal to take him as a role model.

In the Sundays of ordinary time when we vest in green the bible readings are organised so that there is some connection between the first reading (usually from the Old Testament) and the gospel. The second reading stands alone and like these extracts from first Corinthians usually gives us more of a continuous extract from the letter being used.

When we listen to the readings each Sunday we are in the mode of Samuel in our response. Our set responses clearly emphasise this mindset with our "Thanks be to God" at the end of the first two readings and "praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ" at the end of the gospel. We are grateful that God has spoken at least in our programmed responses.

However, we need to check that we are truly grateful and to check that we are receiving what is said and taking it on board as a guide to our lives. What Paul says today about sex among unmarried people (fornication) would be regarded as quaint and unrealistic by modern western developed societies. What God says about our bodies not being our own in fact that we are not our own would similarly be rejected by many but especially by those who advocate that unborn infants can be killed. The chant is that it is the woman's body to do with it what she chooses. God's word simply says this is not true. Even the body of the mother is not hers to do with what she chooses. Our bodies are temples of the Holy Spirit. We are not our own property; we have been bought and paid for. So we are to use our bodies for the glory of God.

The voices of our society often sound louder and are more insistent than the voice of the Lord who loves us and calls us. Still, it is his voice that is the voice of reason and wisdom not the others. Let us listen and act on what we hear.

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.



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

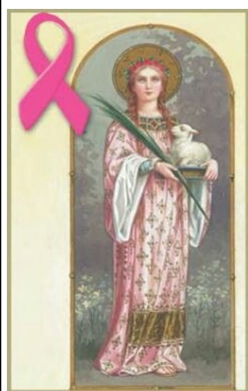
ST AGATHA'S YOUTH MINISTRY TEAM

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

NEXT MEETING

THURSDAY 5 FEBRUARY 2015
7.00pm PARISH OFFICE

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



SAINT AGATHA Patron Saint of Breast Cancer Feast Day 5 February

At each of the Masses on the weekend 7/8 February, we will pray for those who have breast cancer, those who have died of breast cancer, those who have survived, their family and friends. Please join us in this very special blessing.

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: 7/8 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



Clayfield Conference of the St Vincent de Paul Society wish to thank parishioners for their generosity during 2014, including the parents from St Agatha's School and Aviation High for their support for our Christmas hampers. During 2014, the Conference members visited 550 homes and distributed Coles food vouchers to the value of \$25,965.00. We arranged clothing for 25 families and furniture for 26 homes. We assisted many people in their application for a NILS loan. Many of our clients were advised on how to handle overdue accounts with their suppliers, such as power, gas, rent arrears etc. 61 hampers from Church Christmas tree, St Agatha's School and Aviation High were delivered to clients before Christmas day.

The Clayfield Conference of St Vincent de Paul meet at 5.00pm every second Monday (except Public Holidays) at the Parish Office. New members are always welcome to attend the meetings.



With great joy we welcome
James Carroll and Luther Hogan
who will be baptised this Sunday.

PRIVACY ACT

The privacy of all individuals with whom St Agatha's Parish interacts is very important to us and we are committed to protecting all personal information we collect and hold.

Our Privacy Policy is available at
www.bne.catholic.net.au or on request.

CATHEDRAL OF ST STEPHEN VOLUNTEER GUIDES AND WELCOMERS.

Do you enjoy meeting people? Do you love your Cathedral? Do you revel in good art and juicy history? Talk with us about becoming a volunteer welcomer and guide at the Cathedral of St Stephen. The commitment is approximately three hours per month on roster and booked tours according to your availability Monday to Friday, mornings or afternoons. The rewards are beyond measure - a wonderful opportunity to delve into the rich history, art and significance of the Cathedral and Precinct and to share it with others. Everyone you meet, greet and guide will become an ambassador for this historic architectural gem which is the mother church of the archdiocese. Volunteering is a sure-fire way to find friends that you didn't even know you had. An information session will be held on Thursday 5 February and a comprehensive five day training program will begin on 12 February and continue each Thursday until completion.

Contact the Cathedral office on 3324 3030 or e-mail cathedral@bne.catholic.net.au by 30 January if you'd like to share in this mission!



In our prayers we remember

Those who have died recently:

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

And those whose anniversaries occur about now:

Luke Maynes, Rita & Jim O'Sullivan, Eric O'Hagan, Verlie Just, June Stafford, Restituta Limas, Ismael Limas, Vita Limas, Craig Andrews

Those who are sick:

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



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.



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.



SYNOD ON THE FAMILY – SECOND QUESTIONNAIRE - ARCHDIOCESE OF BRISBANE

Last October the Vatican hosted an Extraordinary Synod on the Family. Over 700 people in the Archdiocese of Brisbane responded to a questionnaire to help the Archbishop prepare his submission to that Synod. The Extraordinary Synod was the first of two Synods on the family. The second, an Ordinary Synod, will be held in October this year.

In preparation for this Synod the Vatican has published the *Relatio Synodi* (Final Report) from the Extraordinary Synod along with a series of questions. To assist dioceses in preparing their response to the Vatican document the Australian Catholic Bishops have released a survey consisting of 30 questions. The Archdiocese of Brisbane is using this survey to help prepare its response. (Copies of the questions are available at the back of the church).

You are invited to participate in the preparation for the next Synod by responding to this survey. You can do this personally via the website given (<https://www.surveymonkey.com/s/familysurvey15>) where you will find the survey. Alternatively you may wish to look at the questions as part of a group. Fr Adrian proposes a gathering in the Parish Office on Sunday 25 January at 11.00am. Please contact the Parish Office if you wish to be part of this gathering.

LENTEN REFLECTION GROUPS (18 February - 5 April)

“*Rich in Mercy*” is the title of this year’s Lenten program. The group will meet once a week on a day and time to be decided. Please complete and hand in the tear off slip indicating your interest.

With that information gathered we shall organise days and times. Each meeting runs for 80 minutes.



I am interested in the Lenten program:

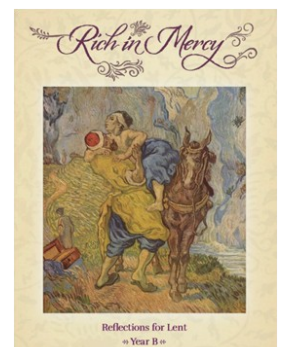
Name: _____

Email: _____

Phone: _____

Day Preferred: _____

Time Preferred: _____



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>				
17/18 Jan	Graham Gibson Julie-Anne Gibson	Jeanine Bygott Sister Cecily Foster	Peter Ryan Trish Ryan Jane Arkinstall	Life Teen Mass
24/25 Jan	Phil Zammit Ann Goves	Anne-Marie Quinn Andrew Douglas	Jill Weld Heidi Cooper Michael Crutcher	Life Teen Mass
<u>COMMUNION MINISTERS</u>				
17/18 Jan	Ann Goves	Paulette Archer	<i>Volunteer</i>	Life Teen Mass
24/25 Jan	Marie Ho	Kate Duffield	<i>Volunteer</i>	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:


17/18 Jan	<i>Volunteer</i>	Mark Leung	Catriona McPherson	Life Teen Mass
24/25 Jan	<i>Volunteer</i>	Mark Leung	Robyn Cuming	Life Teen Mass

SANCTUARY CARERS:

31 Jan	Santina Catalano	
7 Feb	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 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

JANUARY

Monday 19

* SVDP 5pm Parish Office

Tuesday 20

* Finance Meeting 6pm Parish Office

Thursday 22

* RCIA 7.00pm Parish Office

Monday 26 - Australia Day

* Mass 9.00am - NO 6.30am Mass

FEBRUARY

Thursday 5

* St Agatha Feast Day

Saturday 7 & Sunday 8

* Healing Masses 6.00pm, 7.00am, 9.00am & 5.30pm

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In this week's issue:

* Church offers resources for South Australian fire victims.

* Australian Catholic University to open international study centre in Rome.

Readings - Third Sunday in Ordinary Time - 25 January 2015
1st Reading: Jonah 3:1-5, 10; 2nd Reading: 1 Corinthians 7:29-31;
Gospel: Mark 1:14-20