



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.

Administrator

Parish Secretary

Administrative Assistant

Parish Office Hours

School Principal

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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 in Ordinary Time - 1 February 2015

1st Reading: Deuteronomy 18:15-20; 2nd Reading: 1 Corinthians 7:32-35;

Gospel: Mark 1:21-28



OUR PATRON SAINT

Thursday, February 5, is the feast day of St Agatha. A saint from third century Sicily, she is the patron saint of our parish. She is also the patron saint of those who suffer from diseases of the breast. She was chosen for those sufferers because of the mutilation her persecutors inflicted on her. She did not die from these injuries, but was killed a short time later for refusing to renounce her faith.

The Christian martyrs were killed, often in the horrific ways we are witnessing today as terrorists groups seek to impose their will on others. We acknowledge that fear often plays a role in having people comply with an order or rule. Fear of a fine for infringing a traffic rule is a simple example. Capital punishment is used by some countries to bring home as strongly as possible what can happen if you commit certain crimes.

Those who persecuted and still persecute those who believe in Christ use the fear of torture as a way to gain compliance. The Christian martyrs like Agatha were not looking to die as present day suicide bombers do.

Agatha was prepared to die rather than renounce her faith in Christ and the life she lived as a consequence of that faith. Agatha wanted others to come alive in the faith as she did. She would have been horrified at those who committed suicide and intended killing innocent people and perceived enemies in the way they committed suicide. Suicide bombing is no way to worship God. Such people may have strong convictions but are tragically misguided.

We do not know what the eternal fate will be for those who trade in death and brutalisations. We can leave that in the hands of God who gives all of us life and will ask an account of us when we die. The eternal fate of the likes of Agatha is that they continue to deal in life and healing. The saints are in God's presence interceding continually for those of us still in need of healing.

Agatha is no stranger to breast problems. She is well placed as a go-to person. She has the knowledge and sensitivity born of personal experience. She prays for healing, strength and comfort for those being treated for cancer and other conditions. She would delight in our gathering for Eucharist on Thursday and for the prayers for healing we shall offer next Sunday at all masses.

St Agatha, child of God, pray for us.

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



SAINT AGATHA Patron Saint of Breast Cancer Feast Day 5 February

At each of the Masses next 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.

COLUMBAN CALENDARS

Special price \$5.00 each

For sale at the Piety Stall

ST AGATHA'S PARISH DATE CLAIMERS

Confirmation: Tuesday 31 March - 5.00pm & 7.00pm

First Holy Communion:

Sunday 31 May - 9.00am & 11.00am

Sunday 14 June 9.00am & 11.00am

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.

**\$1,047.60 was raised from the
Christmas Raffle.**

PREP 2016

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

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

Sibling Applications for Prep 2016 close on 13 February 2015.

Application forms are in the process of being emailed out.

Applications close for Prep 2016 on 13 March 2015,

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

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

TAIZE BRISBANE - 8 February 2015

Cathedral of St Stephen

249 Elizabeth Street, Brisbane

This event is for everyone who enjoys music,
prayer and silence.

2.30pm: Workshop 1: Young Adult (16-35) -
"Taize: Becoming Salt of the Earth"

Venue: Francis Rush Centre

2.30pm: Workshop 2: "Come and Sing"
learning songs for the prayer

Venue: St Stephen's Chapel

4.00pm: Evening prayer in the Cathedral of
St Stephen

6.00pm: Light meal and hospitality

All are welcome to be a part of the worldwide
celebration!

For more details visit:

www.facebook.com/taizebrisbane

In our prayers we remember



Those who have died recently:

Elizabeth Van Schyndel, Jack Levy, Duncan Ferrie, Grace Cavallaro, Anne Wright Nimmo, Celine Barron, Ken Dicker, Barrie McMahon

And those whose anniversaries occur about now:

Helen Richards, Greta Burley, Angus Burke, Luke Maynes, Rita & Jim O'Sullivan, Eric O'Hagan, Verlie Just

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



**“THEY WERE ASTONDED AT HIS TEACHING,
FOR HE TAUGHT THEM AS ONE HAVING AUTHORITY...”**

Just as the crowds were amazed by the authority with which Jesus cured the sick and the possessed (see today's Gospel from Mark 1:21-28), so you can experience, first-hand, the healing power of the Good News, through a Catholic Mission immersion trip. There are various places you can visit; I would love you to join me on a visit to parts of India, scheduled for October. For a FREE information sheet about this trip, please contact our office, during business hours on 3336 9239 or email me at mcgovernnd@bne.catholic.net.au.

David McGovern



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.



Encounter mission and development, Encounter Love and Justice, Encounter humble volunteers, Encounter faith, Encounter God. Palms Australia will be conducting a guided tour of the communities in which their global volunteers are working in East Timor from April 6 - 18. There are limited places. Enquiries need to be processed by February 28 so call 02 9518 9551 or register interest online: www.palms.org.au/Encounters

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.

Keynote Speaker: Sr Sarita Kurikattil

RSVP: Saturday 28 February / Kelly Connellan 3326 3371 or email: kelly.connellan@svha.org.au.

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



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:

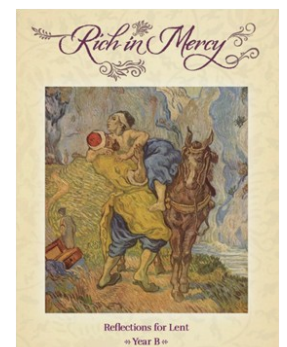
Name: _____

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>				
31 Jan/1 Feb	Marie Ho Eddie Foley	Mark Burton Blue Doyle	Eileen Duncan Tim Hancock Denis Keating	Life Teen Mass
7/8 Feb	Paul Bartels Judy Bartels	Ruby Chase Sonia Marmotta	Peter Gilroy Leanne O'Shea Timothy Macuga	Life Teen Mass
<u>COMMUNION MINISTERS</u>				
31 Jan/1 Feb	Ann Goves	Michele Pink	Dorothy McSweeney	Life Teen Mass
7/8 Feb	Trish Hickey	Blue Doyle	Michele Pink	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.

1 Feb	Jane Cameron	Erin Bledsoe
8 Feb	No Children's Liturgy - Healing Mass	

ORGANISTS:

31 Jan/1 Feb	Robyn Cuming	Mark Leung	Jenny McKeon	Life Teen Mass
7/8 Feb	Robyn Cuming	Mark Leung	Catrina McPherson	Life Teen Mass

SANCTUARY CARERS:

7 Feb	Victor Podesta	Jane Lynn
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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

FEBRUARY

Monday 2

- * SVDP 5.00pm Parish Office

Thursday 5

- * St Agatha Feast Day
- * RCIA 7.00pm Parish Office
- * Youth Ministry Team Meeting 7.00pm Parish Office

Saturday 7 & Sunday 8

- * Healing Masses 6.00pm, 7.00am, 9.00am & 5.30pm
- * Enrolment weekend for St Agatha's Parish Sacramental Program

Tuesday 17 February

- * Parish Pastoral Meeting 7.00pm Parish Office

Wednesday 18 February -

Ash Wednesday

- * 6.30am & 9.00am Masses

THE CATHOLIC LEADER COPIES ON SALE - \$2.00

In this week's issue:

- * Byron and Francine Pirola write on what commitment in a relationship is all about.

Readings - Fifth Sunday in Ordinary Time - 8 February 2015

1st Reading: Job 7:1-4, 6-7; 2nd Reading: 1 Corinthians 9:16-19, 22-23;

Gospel: Mark 1:29-39