



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

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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 - 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



Suffering and God's love

The lament of Job in today's first reading is a cry of soul-weariness. Prior to his speaking Job has lost everything he held dear; possessions, children and health. He feels like he is walking knee deep in thick mud. Each step is sapping his strength and the journey seems endless.

Those who have battled with breast cancer (and other life threatening conditions) reach a point in the illness and the treatment where they are sick and

tired of being sick and tired. Dying appears as an outcome that is not shunned if it means an end of what they are going through.

St Agatha was only a young woman when she died. Her persecutors to break her spirit and her outlook on life which flowed from her belief in Christ and the love of the Father, these persecutors forced her into a brothel and then when that abuse did not work mutilated her so that no man would desire her. Through it all she stayed firm in her faith. Finally she was, it seems, killed by the thrust of a sword.

Agatha did not speak of how God's love was active in the midst of her sufferings but she would not disagree with what another author in recent years said about God's love and suffering. The author reflected on the human experience of suffering and saw the action of God manifesting itself in three ways: protecting, promoting and perfecting. Some are **protected** from serious illness and the suffering that comes with it. Others do contract illness and lose their health and vitality but by God's grace acting directly on them and through the skills of doctors, nurses and pharmacists **promotes** the afflicted one out of the situation they are in. Still others remain gripped by the illness and all its side-effects but are **perfected** in it. They choose to see their suffering as a way to share deeply and personally with Jesus' own suffering - mental, physical and emotional. He was betrayed by a close friend, persecuted by the authorities, tortured and brutalised in ways that are all too familiar to us as terror group practise their dark abhorrent ritual killings. Finally his body as the bodies of those destroyed by illness could not keep going. His death was not a defeat but a high point of what he lived - to do his Father's will. His last words and those who suffered like him are: Father into your hands I commend my Spirit. This is perfection.

Life threatening illnesses will see us asking all kinds of questions not only about the illness but also why is this happening at all. There are no easy set answers to the latter questions: why me? In the absence of easy answers we acknowledge the reality of Job's soul-weariness but above all welcome the fact that in the midst of everything we are going through we are held in the loving hand of God.

Fr Adrian Farrelly

*** * * SPECIAL COLLECTION NEXT WEEKEND - 14/15 FEBRUARY * * ***

The Little King's Movement once a year conducts a Door Knock and a Parish Appeal.

The Movement caters for people with disabilities in social and spiritual activities.

There is no Government funding and the Movement is staffed by volunteers. Each year the calls for their services are increasing. The Movement, though based on Catholic beliefs is truly ecumenical, and all members are welcomed and respected for their own beliefs. There is no charge for any of the services provided by the Movement.

Envelopes will be available next weekend.

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.

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

LITTLE BLACK BOOKS (Lent) - \$4.00 each

Available for sale at the Piety Stall.



CATHEDRAL OF ST STEPHEN

ASH WEDNESDAY MASS TIMES

8.00am; 10.00am; 12.30pm; 5.10pm

St Patrick's Fortitude Valley

7.00am & 11.00am

PREP 2016 REMINDER (Children born between 1/07/10 – 30/06/11)

All siblings eligible for Prep 2016 should have received an enrolment application form by now.

If you did not receive one, or haven't left details with the school yet, please email the Enrolment Secretary on wkwhite@bne.catholic.edu.au

with your name and email address and your child's name and date of birth.

All applications for Prep close 13 March 2015.

Interviews usually take place in April/May. Placements offered in June

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."



Congratulations and best wishes
to Ron & Mary Close on their
67th Wedding Anniversary!

COLUMBAN CALENDARS

Special price \$5.00 each
For sale at the Piety Stall

In our prayers we remember

Those who have died recently:

Jill Buckle, Daphne Mellor, Bill Carter, Daphne Anderson, Elizabeth Van Schyndel, Jack Levy, Duncan Ferrie, Grace Cavallaro, Anne Wright Nimmo

And those whose anniversaries occur about now:

Phyllis Sullivan, Helen Richards

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



**HOLY SPIRIT
NORTHSIDE
PRIVATE HOSPITAL**
A PARTNERSHIP OF ST VINCENT'S HEALTH AUSTRALIA
AND THE HOLY SPIRIT MISSIONARY SISTERS

Holy Spirit Northside Private Hospital is currently seeking Communion Ministers to assist the Pastoral Care

Department Tuesday, Wednesday, Thursday, Friday and Sunday mornings. The provision of Communion has reached a critical point with the growth of the hospital and the increased number of patients expecting and requesting Holy Communion. I am asking you to consider offering one or two hours one morning a month so that this ministry may continue. If you are available more frequently, that would also be welcomed.

Requirements: Must be a practising Communion Minister and be available one morning a month for one or two hours between the hours of 9.00am – 12.00am.

Please forward expressions of interest to Kelly Connellan:
kelly.connellan@svha.org.au.

For further enquiries please contact:
Mary Dalmau, Mission Executive

Holy Spirit Northside Private Hospital on 3326 3534.

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.

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:

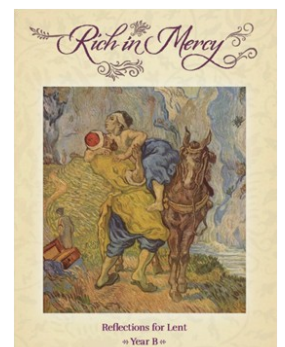
Name: _____

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>				
7/8 Feb	Paul Bartels Judy Bartels	Ruby Chase Sonia Marmotta	Peter Ryan Timothy Macuga	Life Teen Mass
14/15 Feb	Ann Goves Ryan Smethurst	Kirsty Stevens Sister Cecily Foster	Don Macpherson Angela McFarlane Tanya Mulcahy	Life Teen Mass
<u>COMMUNION MINISTERS</u>				
7/8 Feb	Trish Hickey	Blue Doyle	Michele Pink	Life Teen Mass
14/15 Feb	Eddie Foley	Paulette Archer	Volunteer	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>				
8 Feb	No Children's Liturgy - Healing Mass			
15 Feb	Lina Alzate	Katrina Murphy		
<u>ORGANISTS:</u>				
7/8 Feb	Robyn Cuming	Mark Leung	Catriona McPherson	Life Teen Mass
14/15 Feb	Volunteer	Mark Leung	Robyn Cuming	Life Teen Mass
<u>SANCTUARY CARERS:</u>				
14 Feb	Santina Catalano	Maria Fistrovic		
21 Feb	Beverley O'Brien			

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

Wednesday 11 & Thursday 12
* Parent's Information Night (Confirmation) 7.00pm Church
NB: Need only attend 1 of these sessions).

Thursday 12

* RCIA 7.00pm Parish Office

Monday 16

* SVDP Meeting 5.00pm
Parish Office

Tuesday 17 February

* Parish Pastoral Meeting
7.00pm Parish Office

Wednesday 18

Ash Wednesday

* 6.30am & 9.00am Masses

Friday 20

* Stations of the Cross 8.30am

AUSTRALIAN CATHOLICS MAGAZINE

(Summer issue 2015)

is now available.

Please take a copy home.

Readings - Sixth Sunday in Ordinary Time - 15 February 2015

1st Reading: Leviticus 13:1-2, 44-46; 2nd Reading: 1 Corinthians 10:31 - 11:1;

Gospel: Mark 1:40-45