



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

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Administrator

Parish Secretary

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Parish Office Hours

School Principal

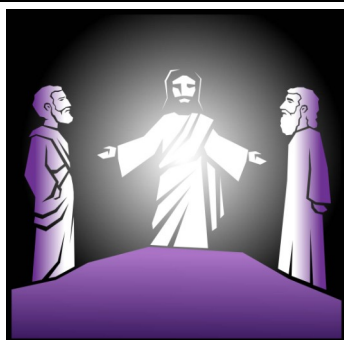
Outside School Hours Care Coordinator

**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 - 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



Backwards and forwards from Jesus

On the front of the altar at St Agatha's is the Chi-Rho symbol which is made from the first two letters in the word Christ in Greek. To us it looks like a capital X with a capital P superimposed on it. So Christ is central. Flanking the symbol are two other Greek letters: alpha and omega. The first and the last letters of the Greek alphabet (a word, by the way made up of alpha and beta the first and second letters of the same alphabet—but I digress). So our altar proclaim that Jesus is the beginning and the end, the first and the last.

Our history draws its meaning and its sense of direction from the experience of Jesus. We believe that we are created in the image and likeness of God. It is Jesus who portrays this image and likeness most faithfully. He and our Lady (by a special gift of God's grace for her) never made a mess of that likeness by sin, the deliberate rejection of God's love and God's will. When we sin we are saying that we know better than God what is good for us, what will bring us happiness, what will solve the problems of the world. Even though we did not bring ourselves into being we act as if we can do whatever we like with no thought for the consequences. We are created in the image and likeness of God and we shall end sharing in what happened to our Lord himself when he rose from the grave.

We can find ourselves wondering what will human beings be like millennia into the future. What will human beings be like at the end of time. In Christ we catch a glimpse of that end time no matter how far distant it may be. We shall be like him. We shall no longer be constrained by the physical laws of our universe. There will be a new heaven and a new earth. We shall live in harmony with God and with each other. We see some of this here and now in ourselves and in those around us. We see these born again people in the saints who have walked among us.

This centrality of Christ we use to plumb the depths of difficult passages in the scripture such as Abraham being asked to sacrifice his only son. The test seems harsh and cruel even though at the last moment Isaac is spared. Did God really ask this of Abraham? To grapple with this we look at what happened in the life of Christ who as the one proclaimed beloved yet again in the transfiguration was not spared death. Why did the Father not intervene, not send legions of angels to rescue the beloved? There are many responses but one is that a rescue mission would have short-circuited the life-long trust the beloved had in the Father. Trusting in God's goodness Jesus died. What looked like a disaster and a failure was not the true story. God's goodness triumphed. Jesus' trust in that goodness saw the emergence of the full reality of human life. Death, disease and cruelty no longer had the upper hand. This is our future and is to be our present.

Fr Adrian Farrelly

ROSTERS FOR EASTER



Are you available to be on roster at any of the Easter Masses?
Please fill in the sheets on the clipboard at the back of the church.
Please note the Easter Vigil is a lengthy celebration - 1½ - 2 hours.

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 dockets to the parish office.

See notice board for menu suggestions.

Enquiries to the parish office on 3262 2859



ST AGATHA'S YOUTH MINISTRY TEAM Next Meeting

Tuesday 3 March 7pm - Parish Office

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.



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 next Sunday 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 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.

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

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.

ST AGATHA'S PARISH P26 CHILDREN'S MASS

Sunday 8 March - 9.00am

To all the children in our parish from Prep to Year 6, you are invited to participate in our P26 Mass.

At the Mass the young people do the readings, bring the gifts to the altar, take up the collections, serve, and welcome people as they arrive giving them a copy of the newsletter.

If your child would like to participate please phone the Parish office with your preferences on 3262 2859 or email us at clayfield@bne.catholic.net.au by no later than Monday 2 March so there is time to organise the Mass.



STATIONS OF THE CROSS

will be held in the Church every

Friday at 8.30am during Lent.



SECOND SUNDAY OF LENT

This week we meet Mariama who is raising her daughter in Niger, a country that suffers widespread poverty. When her little girl became malnourished, she received life-saving food and care at a Nutrition Centre, supported by Caritas Australia.

Please donate to Project Compassion 2015 and help save the lives of people living on the brink of survival in Niger, giving them access to nutritional support and essential food for life.



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

Copy of the response from Archbishop Coleridge to the report of the Royal Commission is available on the parish website: www.clayfieldparish.org.au. Copies also available on table at main church entrance.

In our prayers we remember

Those who have died recently:

Monsignor Wayne Peters, Les McSweeney, Pdraig Walsh, Maureen Buckley

And those whose anniversaries occur about now:

Thomas McVeigh, Gene Bartels, Stephen Chan, Pascal Calabrese, Faustina Calabrese, Salvatore & Lucy Mangano, Margaret Bowden, Richard & Elizabeth Howard

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



CHRISM MASS

Archbishop Mark Coleridge invites you to the Annual Chrism Mass to be held in the Cathedral of St Stephen on Thursday 26 March 2015 commencing at 7.30pm.

This is a celebration for the entire Archdiocese and all are welcome.

INTERNATIONAL WOMEN'S DAY BREAKFAST

The All Hallows' Past Pupils' Association is hosting an IWD Breakfast on Sunday 8 March in Loretto Hall, All Hallows' School. Start time is 9.15am.

The guest speaker is Clare Sultmann – her topic is "Standing On My Own Two Feet".

Tickets are \$50 and are available for purchase online at www.ahs.qld.edu.au (go to Events). Bookings close no later than Tuesday 3 March, 2015.

For further enquiries please contact Lenore Thompson on 3831 5632 or email Lenore.Thompson@ahs.qld.edu.au.

Limited parking is available at the school.

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.



HOLY FAMILY PARISH, INDOOROOPILLY invites applications for the part-time 9 month contract position of Parish Administration Officer (12 hours per week: Mondays, Wednesdays and Fridays)

The successful applicant will have:

- *Demonstrated ability in providing reception services and administrative support, particularly expertise with Microsoft Office /
- *Well-developed written and oral communication skills and interpersonal skills for providing excellent service to internal and external stakeholders /
- *Demonstrated capacity to work both independently and with others /
- *A willingness to work within the Mission and Vision of the Catholic Church.

Specific responsibilities include:

The day-to-day running of the parish office including reception, general office responsibilities, banking, database entry, document preparation, parish newsletter, sacramental registers, photocopying and filing.

To apply for this contract position, please email your current resume and a covering letter outlining your suitability for the position to hroffice@bne.catholic.net.au. For more information contact Cindy Hayer on 3367 6332 or hroffice@bne.catholic.net.au. Applications close on Wednesday 4th March 2015.

#MakeItHappen

International Women's Day
8 March 2015

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>				
28 Feb/1 Mar	Marian Nolan Marie Ho	Chanelle White Blue Doyle	Trish Ryan Jill Weld Jane Arkinstall	Life Teen Mass

7/8 Mar	Julie-Anne Gibson Graham Gibson	Andrew Douglas Anne-Marie Quinn	St Agatha's P26 Mass	Life Teen Mass
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COMMUNION MINISTERS

28 Feb/1 Mar	Peter Bowden	Michele Pink	Dorothy McSweeney	Life Teen Mass
7/8 Mar	Marie Ho	Paulette Archer	Volunteer	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 Mar	Jane Arkinstall	Maree Andrews
8 Mar	No Children's Liturgy - P26 Mass	

ORGANISTS:

28 Feb/1 Mar	Robyn Cuming	Mark Leung	Catriona McPherson	Life Teen Mass
7/8 Mar	Volunteer	Mark Leung	Robyn Cuming/ Paul Fiumara	Life Teen Mass

SANCTUARY CARERS:

7 Mar	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

MARCH

Monday 2

* SVDP Meeting 5pm Parish Office

Tuesday 3

* Youth Ministry Meeting 7pm Parish Office

Thursday 5

* RCIA 7pm Parish Office

Friday 6

* Stations of the Cross 8.30am

Sunday 8

* St Agatha's P26 Mass 9am

Wednesday 11

* Pastoral Council Meeting 7pm Parish Office

Tuesday 17

* Finance Meeting 6pm Parish Office

THE CATHOLIC LEADER COPIES ON SALE - \$2.00

In this week's issue:

* Archbishop Coleridge writes letter to clergy, religious and lay faithful of archdiocese about Royal Commission report.

Readings - Third Sunday of Lent - 8 March 2015 - (Year A readings)

1st Reading: Exodus 17:3-7; 2nd Reading: Romans 5:1-2, 5-8;

Gospel: John 4:5-42