



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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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 of Lent - 15 March 2015 - (Year A readings)

1st Reading: 1 Samuel 16:1, 6-7, 10-13; 2nd Reading: Ephesians 5:8-14;

Gospel: John 9:1-41



Friday was the second anniversary of the election by the College of cardinals of Jorge Bergoglio, the cardinal archbishop of Buenos Aires, as the bishop of Rome. As bishop of a diocese held in high esteem from the time of the apostles because both Peter and Paul were martyred there for the faith, the one elected also holds a position of unifying authority over the entire church and carries a title that comes from the word for father - Pope.

The election of this "il Papa", as the Italians say, came about as a result of his predecessor doing something that had not been done for centuries. He resigned the office. Pope Benedict judged that his physical and mental abilities were no longer able to meet adequately what the office demanded. The resignation proclaimed clearly that significant as this office in our church

is, it is still an office. An office is a function constituted in a stable manner for a spiritual purpose. Being the Pope is not a vocation like baptism, marriage, priesthood or embracing the consecrated life.

The election of a bishop is not what we are used to in the Latin rite. Bishops of our dioceses are appointed by the Pope. This is not how it was always done down through history. At times the people of the diocese, lay and clergy decided which priest would be the bishop and then neighbouring bishops ordained him to lead that particular church. The election of the bishop of Rome follows this tradition.

What qualities interest the electors? The readings from mass today, year A of the fourth Sunday of Lent focus our attention on discernment and seeing. The choice of the youth David over more warrior-looking older brothers is a case in point. God looks at the heart. The man born blind to whom Jesus gives sight develops not only physical sight but inner sight, the sight we need to know who Jesus really is. Listen as the story unfolds and he debates robustly with those who oppose Jesus. He sees more and more clearly while they lose clarity as prejudice takes a stronger hold on them.

Archbishop Bergoglio took the name Francis invoking the intercession of the thirteenth century Saint from Assisi whose order, the Franciscans, still carry the name. The choice of the name opens a window as it were to some of the vision the Pope has of the office he is entrusted with and what he hopes for the church. It is a church strong in its love for and embrace of the poor. It is a field hospital for the wounded not a fortress or palace for the perfect. It opposes the forces of Satan, the author of lies, with the truth of Christ who wants all to be saved from deception about themselves and God. It challenges the short-sighted self-indulgent philosophies of the day with the wisdom born of seeing the world as Christ sees it.

In these last weeks of Lent, read again or for the first time, the Pope's letter "The Joy of the Gospel" and take up the challenges it offers.

Fr Adrian Farrelly

PLANNED GIVING ENVELOPE USERS

PLEASE COLLECT YOUR NEW PACKET THIS WEEKEND

Your assistance is appreciated as it saves volunteers giving of their time to personally deliver them.



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 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.

CHOIR PRACTICE FOR EASTER

There will be no choir practice this
Thursday 19 March.

ALTAR SERVING TRAINING

Fr Adrian will be running an Altar serving training session on Wednesday 18 March at 3.15pm in the Church for those children who are interested. Children must have made their

First Communion. If your child would like to attend the session could you please notify the parish office by email: clayfield@bne.catholic.net.au or by phone 3262 2859.

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.



\$2.00 a ticket or 3 tickets for \$5.00
Drawn Easter Sunday.



STATIONS OF THE CROSS

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



BRISBANE CATENIANS

"Brisbane Catenians, who are based in St Agatha's parish, are delighted to announce that next dinner meeting on Wednesday 25th March 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 25th March. 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.

Brochures are available in the church.

OLIVE BRANCHES



Olive branches or golden cane palms
(small to large) are required for Palm



Sunday. If you are able to supply any, please deliver to the back of the Church, outside the back door on Friday 27 March.

With great joy we welcome

Mila Fraser, Mila Garrett,

Peggy Mackenzie, Blair Murphy,

Davis Murphy, Matilda Weston and

Millicent Weston

who will be baptised this Sunday.

STANDARD LAMPS



We are looking for free standing lamps/lights for the Easter Vigil Mass. If you have any that we can use, please drop them off to the Church or Parish Office from Monday 30 March to Thursday 2 April. Please tag them with your name. They can be collected after the Easter Vigil, 7am or 9am Masses. Alternatively they can be collected Tuesday 7 April from the Church.

FOURTH SUNDAY OF LENT

This week we meet Sarita who was struggling to grow enough food for her family on her tiny farm plot in Nepal. In 2007, with the assistance of a program run by Caritas Nepal, she started a fish-raising business with 11 others. Now, they have a life-long source of food and income.

Please donate to Project Compassion 2015 and help people in rural Nepal create a life-long source of food and income to benefit entire communities.



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

In our prayers we remember

Those who have died recently:

Eleanor Irwin, Ross Turnbull, Mary Schuster

And those whose anniversaries occur about now:

Aldo Vacca, Marj McGoldrick, Ivan Harrison, Carmelo Fiumara, Jack Bowden

Those who are sick:

David King, Agnes Tam, Denis Lau, 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.

COULD THIS BE YOUR MINISTRY?

The Archdiocese of Brisbane has a Pastoral Care Ministry for the psychiatric area. We are looking for Volunteers to be trained to work within this Ministry.

The Catholic Psychiatric Pastoral Care Team need mature committed Catholics with an ability to relate pastorally to those who are suffering a mental illness. The training course is held at the Catholic Psychiatric Pastoral Care Centre each Wednesday from 6 May to 25 November from 9.00am to 3.30pm. We require a voluntary commitment of eight hours per week on completion of the Course in the various ministries e.g. Day Centre, Hospitals and Hostels.

Final date of applications is Friday 24 April.

Please apply now in writing to: Fr Jim Smith

Catholic Psychiatric Pastoral Care

58 Morgan Street, Fortitude Valley Telephone 3252 5461

Mon-Fri 8.30am-4pm

Fax 3257 1885 or email cppc@bne.catholic.net.au

LIVING BIBLICALLY IN A SECULAR WORLD

is a formation series with Archbishop Mark Coleridge DSS. The Scriptures, though written 2000 years ago, offer insight and wisdom into the contemporary issues we experience today.

Drawing on his biblical scholarship, Archbishop Mark will demonstrate the capacity of God's word to speak into such issues and its power to transform our lives.

These evenings will underscore Pope Francis' view that 'the study of the sacred Scriptures must be a door opened to every believer.' These evenings will be held the 3rd Wednesday of the month from March to November inclusive: March 18, April 15, May 20, June 10, July 15, August 19, September 16, October 21 and November 18.

Where: Francis Rush Centre, 277 Elizabeth Street

Time: 7:15 pm - 9:00 pm

Entry is by gold coin donation. Free parking will be available in the Cathedral car park which is open from 7pm (entrance via Charlotte St.) All people are welcome.

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

SECOND RITE OF RECONCILIATION

TUESDAY 24 MARCH AT 7.00PM

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

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.

*** * CALLING ALL PARISH MUSICIANS * ***

Join the massed choir to sing at the Chrism Mass in the Cathedral of St Stephen on Thursday 26 March at 7.30pm.

Rehearsals are held at the Cathedral of St Stephen:

Friday 20 March 7.30pm - 9.30pm

Thursday 26 March 6.00pm - 7.00pm

immediately before Mass.

The Chrism Mass is a chance to gather with the Archbishop who blesses the oils to be used during the coming year. Additionally, the priests renew their commitment to him made at their own ordinations. Thus your presence is a support to the Archdiocese, the Archbishop, your priest and parish.

ST JOSEPH'S COLLEGE

GREGORY TERRACE

Gregory Terrace Old Boy's Association is hosting a St Joseph's Day Lunch at The Marquee, Victoria Park Complex on Friday 20 March 2015, 12 noon for 12.30pm. All members of the Terrace community are warmly invited to attend.

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>				
14/15 Mar	Judy Bartels Paul Bartels	Nick Eden Dianne Eden	Heidi Cooper Michael Crutcher Eileen Duncan	Life Teen Mass
21/22 Mar	Eddie Foley Marie Ho	Kirsty Stevens Jeanine Bygott	Tim Hancock Peter Gilroy Leanne O'Shea	Life Teen Mass
<u>COMMUNION MINISTERS</u>				
14/15 Mar	Ann Goves	Blue Doyle	Michele Pink	Life Teen Mass
21/22 Mar	Trish Hickey	<i>Volunteer</i>	<i>Volunteer</i>	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>				
15 Mar	Eleonora Kowitz	Julie McMahon		
22 Mar	Monica McBride	Mel Ryan		
<u>ORGANISTS:</u>				
14/15 Mar	Robyn Cuming	Mark Leung	Jenny McKeon	Life Teen Mass
21/22 Mar	Robyn Cuming	Mark Leung	Catrina McPherson	Life Teen Mass
<u>SANCTUARY CARERS:</u>				
21 Mar	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

MARCH

Monday 16

* SVDP Meeting 5pm
Parish Office

Tuesday 17

* Finance Meeting 6pm
Parish Office

Thursday 19

* RCIA 7pm Parish Office

Friday 20

* Stations of the Cross 8.30am

Tuesday 24

* 2nd Rite of Reconciliation
7.00pm

Tuesday 31

* Confirmation Ceremonies
5.00pm & 7.00pm

THE CATHOLIC LEADER COPIES ON SALE - \$2.00

In this week's issue:

- * Archbishop Coleridge begins special teaching series this month on 'Living Biblically'.
- * Dayboro family spends first week of Lent living off produce from their rural property.

Readings - Fifth Sunday of Lent - 22 March 2015 - (Year A readings)

1st Reading: Ezekiel 37:12-14; 2nd Reading: Romans 8:8-11;

Gospel: John 11:1-45