



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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**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 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



LEAVING GRAVES AND LIVING ANEW

The men and women who travelled with Jesus and were part of his ministry, the first disciples, were no more gullible than we are. They did not blindly accept everything Jesus said. They asked questions. They squabbled among themselves as they tried to make sense of what He was telling them in their formation time. With His arrest, torture and execution they naturally thought his proclamation of the kingdom of God coming in their midst, the birth of some new world order, was just words. They had backed a loser and in doing so placed their lives in mortal danger. The Romans had great experience in crushing rebellion. With the leader dead now we turn our attention to the followers.

Sensibly fearful for their lives, they locked themselves away. But then a surprising turn of events. With memories still fresh of this man from Nazareth with his preaching and miracles, his ignominious death by crucifixion, the fear of suffering the same fate is put aside and the disciples emerge in public proclaiming that in Jesus the long awaited kingdom, the new world order, has arrived.

What brought about the change? In their own words, they met Jesus alive again. This was not just in their thoughts and wishes. He was with them again. He spoke to them. He ate with them. He accompanied them on journeys. He answered questions. He helped them understand the deeper meaning of things he had said and done before his death on Calvary.

Amazingly quickly they realised the implication of this event for themselves and the whole human race. Most religions of the world have some beliefs about an afterlife. Christians saw a continuity between this life with which we are familiar and what we shall experience when we too rise to a new way of living and experiencing reality as Jesus did. This belief that there was much more to living than this life, did not make them careless of caring for themselves and others here and now, but the belief gave them a freedom to go into life threatening situations and seek the well-being of others. They would care for the sick knowing that they too could contract sickness from those they cared for. They could love and care for an enemy as the occasion arose fully aware that their love may not be returned once the danger was passed. They set aside grudges and revenge knowing that after death, God willing, all would share one community life.

The prophet Ezekiel, centuries, before Jesus, spoke God's word and called his people to leave the graves they had dug for themselves. Graves of despair, joylessness, bitterness, resentment – worlds we enter freely but which drain us of life. Leave them, he said. Allow the goodness and the strength of God to raise you.

His words still hold true but have even more force in light of the experience of Jesus rising by God's power to a new way of living. Jesus was not just resuscitated as we see health professionals, life savers, do with people who have come close to dying. His was a resurrection. What happened to him is what lies in store for us.

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 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

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

SECOND RITE OF RECONCILIATION TUESDAY 24 MARCH AT 7.00PM

ST AGATHA'S PARISH APP

"Our Parish is conducting trial on our own iPhone App to help us communicate more effectively with our Parish community. We are trialling the iPhone version for 30 days. If we continue with the App after the trial we will then get the Android version in the Google Play Store. We are asking all parishioners, parents and students to install our App.

To install it, just look for our parish name "St Agatha's Parish Clayfield" in the Apple App Store, and install it on your iPhone."



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



With great joy we welcome
**Vera & Eleanor Chung, Simon Fatahi,
Bodhi Lalor, Lachlan Lichtwark,
Timothy, Jonathan & Samuel Herbert and
Gabrielle Wright**
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.

CHOIR PRACTICE FOR EASTER

Thursday 26 March - 6.00pm.



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.

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.



STATIONS OF THE CROSS

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



HOLY WEEK MASS & CELEBRATION TIMES

(30 March - 6 April)

Monday March 30 - 6.30am Mass

Wednesday April 1 - 9.00am Mass

Holy Thursday April 2

7.00pm Mass of the Lord's Supper

Good Friday April 3

10.00am Stations of the Cross

3.00pm Celebration of the Lord's Passion

Holy Saturday April 4 - 7.00pm Easter Vigil

Easter Sunday April 5 - 7.00am and 9.00am Mass

Please Note: NO 5.30pm Mass

Easter Monday April 6 - 6.30am Mass



Fr Stephen Jeon has been appointed to St Agatha's parish.

Fr Stephen is from the Diocese of Daejeon, South Korea. He has a Bachelor of Theology and Master of Theology from Daejeon Catholic University.

After ordination in

January 2010, he spent a year as Associate Pastor in Gejeong-dong Parish, South Korea.

In early 2011 he moved to Tasmania to study English intensively for six months and in August 2011 commenced as Assistant Chaplain to the Korean Catholic Community in Sydney.

Fr Stephen is looking forward to coming to Brisbane for the opportunity to experience pastoral ministry in a culture which is very different from Korean culture. He believes that all of us are the one in one God as the Holy Church teaches, so he wants to experience that the Catholics can unite into one even though they are from different countries.

Fr Stephen arrives on Tuesday.

Please make him feel welcome.

In our prayers we remember

Those who have died recently:

Maurice Varricchio, Brayden Smith, Alan Lawrenson, Eileen Murphy, Paul Archer, Valma Jones, Patrick Wong, Damien Haire, Eleanor Irwin, Ross Turnbull

And those whose anniversaries occur about now:

Lannah Sweeney, Aldo Vacca, Marj McGoldrick, Ivan Harrison

Those who are sick:

Deanne Du Bour, Melissa Waka, 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, 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.

CATHOLICS RETURNING HOME GET CONNECTED

Join us for 6 sessions, "Catholics Returning Home",

Mondays from 27 April 7.30 - 9pm at

St Agatha's Catholic Church, 52 Oriel Rd, Clayfield.

Have you been away from the Church and you are seeking to reconnect and get an update on your Catholic faith? Perhaps you know someone who has left the Church? or just beginning to worship with us again? Please invite them to join us with one of the **yellow** brochures.

Let's share the good news of our faith with others!

More info: Phone 3262 2859 St Agatha's Parish Office.

LIVING BIBLICALLY IN A SECULAR WORLD - session 2

The Scriptures, though written 2000 years ago, offer in-sight 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.

When: 7.15 - 9:00pm on Wednesday 15th of April and thereafter the 3rd Wednesday of the Month until November

Where: Francis Rush Centre, 277 Elizabeth St. Brisbane Cathedral car park open from 7pm (entrance via Charlotte St.)

Cost: Gold Coin Donation



FIFTH SUNDAY OF LENT

In a remote Andean village in Peru, Caritas Huacho is helping farmers like Cristian to grow and harvest a wide variety of high-value, sustainable fruit crops, which will provide a secure income and a wide variety of food for life.

Please donate to Project Compassion 2015 and help farmers in Peru grow and harvest sustainable crops, providing their families with food for life.

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

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.

BRISBANE CATENIANS

"Brisbane Catenians, who are based in St Agatha's parish, are delighted to announce the next dinner meeting will be held 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.

AUSTRALIAN CATHOLICS MAGAZINE

(Easter 2015) is now available.

Please take a copy home.

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

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>				
21/22 Mar	Eddie Foley Marie Ho	Kirsty Stevens Jeanine Bygott	Tim Hancock Peter Gilroy Leanne O'Shea	Life Teen Mass
28/29 Mar	Ryan Smethurst Ann Goves	Ruby Chase Sonia Marmotta	Denis Keating Timothy Macuga Don Macpherson	Life Teen Mass
<u>COMMUNION MINISTERS</u>				
21/22 Mar	Trish Hickey	Volunteer	Volunteer	Life Teen Mass
28/29 Mar	Eddie Foley	Michele Pink	Dorothy McSweeney	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.

22 Mar	Monica McBride	Mel Ryan
29 Mar	Volunteer	Mary Macuga

ORGANISTS:

21/22 Mar	Robyn Cuming	Mark Leung	Catriona McPherson	Life Teen Mass
28/29 Mar	Volunteer	Volunteer	Robyn Cuming	Life Teen Mass

SANCTUARY CARERS:

4 Apr	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

Tuesday 24

* 2nd Rite of Reconciliation
7.00pm

Friday 27

* Stations of the Cross 8.30am

Monday 30

* SVPD Meeting 5pm Parish Office

Tuesday 31

* Confirmation Ceremonies
5.00pm & 7.00pm

APRIL

Tuesday 7

* Youth Ministry Meeting
7.00pm Parish Office

Wednesday 8

* Pastoral Council Meeting
7.00pm Parish Office

THE CATHOLIC LEADER COPIES ON SALE - \$2.00

In this week's issue:

* School finds a home for old uniforms with needy students in Pacific region.

Readings - Palm Sunday - 29 March 2015

1st Reading: Isaiah 50:4-7; 2nd Reading: Philippians 2:6-11;

Gospel: Mark 15:1-39