



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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**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 Easter - 12 April 2015

1st Reading: Acts 4:32-35; 2nd Reading: 1 John 5:1-6;

Gospel: John 20:19-31



LOVE AND MERCY

Love and mercy are realities that lie in our hands to give or retain. The truth of this is found in the commands that Jesus gives us: "love one another as I have loved you", "Love your enemies: do good to those who hate, bless those who curse you and pray for those who persecute you and tell lies about you." If love was just something that we fell into or which blew us away then what sense does it make for Our Lord to give it to us as a commandment. If someone says to us: do this or do that, then they must believe that we have the capability to obey. If Our Lord commands us to love, then we must be able to do it. Or to put it another way, love is something we can control.

What are we doing when we love? We treat the other with a care, tenderness, dignity that we choose to show them. We act from within ourselves. We choose to do this for no other reason other than we choose to do it. We could choose not to show kindness, understanding, patience but we do. We are not being forced to act in this way. We use our freedom. We do not act in these ways because we want others to do it to us. This is not a "you scratch my back, I'll scratch yours" way of operating. We do it because we choose to do it.

Yes, Our Lord wants us to love because when we do our humanity, our likeness to God flowers. We are saved from the destructive powers we set loose if we choose not to love. The rightness of this way of acting registers in our innermost self. We feel good. The reason we feel good is that we are acting in harmony with our human nature. Other ways of acting put us at odds with our nature, what we were made to be.

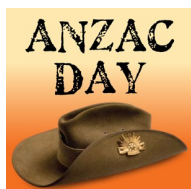
As with love, so too with mercy. Our Lord's sermon on the mount rang out clearly that those who showed mercy would be blessed, happy, at peace with themselves and in union with God. The suffering Jesus endured which we lived through with him on Good Friday was brought about by merciless behaviour. Those who used him as an object for mockery, cruel fun put aside any thought that this was a fellow human being. The authorities threw him not to the wolves but to human beings who wanted him dead and for those who followed him to think twice about remaining loyal to him and his way of life. Their plans failed because even dying on the cross he treated those nearby with mercy and love. He did not rail against his fate but prayed for them and forgave them.

We have, along with the first disciples, breathed in his Spirit and breathe it out in our daily lives bringing something unearned into the lives of ourselves and others simply because what we have received freely, we freely choose to share with others.

St John Paul II designated the second Sunday of Easter as universal feast for divine mercy. He was influenced by the private revelations of a Polish religious sister whom he canonised, Faustina. Those revelations manifest what is central to our faith whose central feast is Easter and the resurrection of the Lord from death to the fullness of living. This act is not earned. This is divine mercy.

Our prayer today is that the hearts and minds of those who act without mercy will respond to the grace God offers them. That acts of violence whether they are in battle zones around the world or in our homes will be seen as disfigurement of our shared humanity and be replaced by acts of kindness, tenderness, love and mercy.

Fr Adrian Farrelly



ANZAC DAY MASS - Saturday 25 April - 9.00am
Morning tea will be provided following the Mass.
Parishioners are asked to bring a plate to assist with catering or
donation of food for the morning tea.



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



[facebook.com/aggiesyouth](https://www.facebook.com/aggiesyouth)

DATE CLAIMER

Saturday 18 July 2015

St Agatha's Parish Ball - Moda Events Portside

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."

PRIVACY ACT

The privacy of all individuals with whom St Agatha's Parish interacts is very important to us and we are committed to protecting all personal information we collect and hold.

Our Privacy Policy is available at www.bne.catholic.net.au or on request.

TOWARDS HEALING INFORMATION

A protocol for addressing complaints of abuse against Catholic Church Personnel

Brochures available at the back of the church.

For more information on the Towards Healing process go to the Queensland Professional website at:
www.psqld.catholic.net.au

FIRST HOLY COMMUNION CARDS AND GIFTS



LITTLE WHITE BOOKS (Easter) \$4.00 each

available for sale at the Piety Stall.



EASTER RAFFLE WINNERS

Catherine Bourke, Lexene, Dover family

Thank you to everyone who purchased tickets.

A total of \$1,070.00 was raised.

PLANNED GIVING ENVELOPE USERS PLEASE COLLECT YOUR NEW PACKET

Celebrating and sharing stories of
'GOOD WOMEN'

Venue: Lourdes Hill College
86 Hawthorne Road, Hawthorne
Wednesday 6 May 2015 at 7.00pm
\$20.00 at the door or
charitydos.com.au/?eventid=8564
Carol: 0408 735 720

Email: womensforumbrisbane@gmail.com for information on guest speakers and entertainment for the evening.

Facebook: Brisbane Women's Forum



ANZAC DAY MASS - CATHEDRAL OF ST STEPHEN Saturday 25 April at 8.00am.

All are welcome to celebrate the 100th anniversary of this solemn day in the life of our Country through the Annual ANZAC Day Mass which will be celebrated by Archbishop Mark Coleridge at the Cathedral of St Stephen. On this day we welcome many veterans and their families as well as dignitaries from government and defence services.

The car park will be open until 1.00pm to allow people to attend the Civic Ceremony.

SAFEGUARDING CHILDREN AND VULNERABLE ADULTS

The Archbishop has approved the new Archdiocesan Safeguarding Children and Vulnerable Adults policy. Training in this policy is mandatory and part of our strategy for educating and reducing risk for all people, our volunteers as well as those whom we serve. All parishioners who work with or have contact with children, young people or vulnerable adults are invited to attend training in this policy and the associated procedures.

Another opportunity to undertake training will be offered on **Friday 22 May, at 9:30 – 12:30pm at Nolan Hall, St Joseph's Primary School, Nundah.** Car parking is available in 65 Bage Street and Nolan Hall is accessible from here. Please advise the parish office 3262 2859 if you can attend this workshop.

In our prayers we remember

Those who have died recently:

Mary Mason, Rev. Ann Buchanan, Lina Yang, Monica Stewart

And those whose anniversaries occur about now:

Edith Farrelly, Joan Fitz-Herbert, Monsignor John English, Sid Tynan, Anthony Hoskins, Judy Power, Hilda McCluskey, Thomas Bishop, Koolsum Mohamed, Lal Mohamed, Clyde Mohammed

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



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.



THE LITTLE KING'S MOVEMENT FOR THE HANDICAPPED

Thank you to everyone who donated to the 2015 Appeal. This year a total of \$1,998.10 was raised from the parish.

HAVE YOU RECENTLY MOVED? HAS YOUR PHONE NUMBER CHANGED? EMAIL ADDRESS CHANGED?

If you have answered yes to any of these questions, could you please contact the parish office, either by phone 3262 2859 or email: clayfield@bne.catholic.net.au, so that we can update our parish records. Thank you.

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 15 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



WORLD YOUTH DAY 2016 INFORMATION NIGHTS

If you're interested in going to World Youth Day 2016 in Poland, please go along to one of the information nights this April.

Logan: Sunday 12 April

6:30 pm at St Maximillian Kolbe Parish Hall

Brisbane City: Tuesday 14 April

7 pm at Francis Rush Centre, Cathedral Place

For more information contact: wyd2016@bne.catholic.net.au

THANK YOU

Caritas Australia would like to
THANK YOU for supporting Project Compassion. If you still have your Project Compassion box or set of envelopes at home, please return them next week or visit www.caritas.org.au to make your donation online.

Thank you for supporting programs around the world that provide vulnerable people with the skills and opportunities they need to establish sustainable food sources for life.



A VOCATION VIEW

Easter: resurrection and new life; to be begotten by God. A new life, achieved from a conquered tomb. Meaning for life for people for thousands of years. Nothing more secure, nothing more lasting. "As the father sent me, so I am sending you..."

To talk to someone about your vocation, contact the Vocation Brisbane.

3336 9392 E: vocation@bne.catholic.net.au

W: www.catholicpriesthood.com



FIRST COMMUNION

31 May 9.00am and 11.00am

14 June 9.00am and 11.00am

On a lighter note...

Six-year-old Angie and her four-year-old brother Joel were sitting together in church. Joel giggled, sang, and talked out loud. Finally, his big sister had had enough. "You're not supposed to talk out loud in church." "Why? Who's going to stop me?" Joel asked. Angie pointed to the back of the church and said, "See those two men standing by the door? They're hushers."

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>				
11/12 Apr	Phil Zammit Eric van der List	Blue Doyle Sister Cecily Foster	Angela McFarlane Tanya Mulcahy Katrina Murphy	Life Teen Mass
18/19 Apr	Marian Nolan Eddie Foley	Chanelle White Andrew Douglas	Wilma O'Connell Peter Ryan Trish Ryan	Life Teen Mass
<u>COMMUNION MINISTERS</u>				
11/12 Apr	Jan Zammit	Volunteer	Erin Bledsoe	Life Teen Mass
18/19 Apr	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.

12 Apr *No Children's Liturgy - School Holidays*
19 Apr *No Children's Liturgy - School Holidays*

ORGANISTS:

11/12 Apr	Volunteer	Mark Leung	Jenny McKeon	Life Teen Mass
18/19 Apr	Volunteer	Mark Leung	Robyn Cuming	Life Teen Mass

SANCTUARY CARERS:

18 Apr 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

APRIL

Monday 13

* SVDP Meeting 5pm Parish Office

Saturday 25 - Anzac Day

* Mass 9am (followed by morning tea)

Monday 27

* Catholics Returning Home 7.30pm Church

THE CATHOLIC LEADER COPIES ON SALE - \$2.00

In this week's issue:

- * Pope Francis encourages Christians to "bend down" with humility during Easter message in St Peter's Square.
- * New Catholics baptised and welcomed into the Church at Easter Vigil Mass.
- * Grovely primary school teacher prepares to cross treacherous 96km Kokoda Track to raise money for charity.

Readings - Third Sunday of Easter - 19 April 2015

1st Reading: Acts 3:13-15, 17-19; 2nd Reading: 1 John 2:1-5;

Gospel: Luke 24:35-48