



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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PARISH BALL

Saturday 18 July

Moda Events Portside

Administrator

Assistant Priest

Parish Secretary

Administrative Assistant

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 - The Ascension of the Lord - 17 May 2015

1st Reading: Acts 1:1-11; 2nd Reading: Ephesians 4:1-7, 11-13

Gospel: Mark 16:15-20



OUT OF SIGHT, NOT OUT OF TOUCH

Christianity is listed as one of the great world religions and bears resemblance to religions. Those who profess they are Christian have creeds that declare what their central beliefs are. There is structure in governance and sacred rituals. In all these things Christianity looks like one religion along with others like Judaism, Buddhism, Islam and Hinduism to name a few but there are profound and significant differences that allow to be classified more as an experience than a religion. What is central to Christianity is the believers professing that here and now they experience personal contact with Christ. No other group of believers make this claim about the person central to the faith.

No other group of believers for that matter claim that the central figure to their faith was the deity in the flesh. No other group proclaim that the central figure died but rose to life in a new, transformed way. No other group claim that the central figure is alive and active in each and every believer completing the work the central figure began. No other group has sacred writings where the central figure demands so much personal acceptance of and attachment to him as is the case with Christians.

It was an experience that brought them together and gave them the drive to get out and proclaim their belief in Christ and invite others to share that belief with them. The experience was Jesus risen from the dead. He spent time with them, sharing meals, teaching and continuing the formation he began with them before he died.

This experience is recorded in the writings sacred to the followers. What is also recorded is that there came a time when Christ risen was seen and talked to no more. The writings record the event in different ways but a number speak of Jesus being lifted up and taken from the sight of the disciples. Once again, they experienced something that confirmed they would no longer see Jesus in the flesh. Exactly what it was we do not know but there was a moment when the disciples entered the phase we are living in now.

This phase is that Jesus is out of sight but not out of touch. We can no longer see him in the flesh but he is not absent or uninterested in us. This is the phase or age of the Church. Our Lord is touching us through the sacraments and the care we have for each other. Where we gather in his name He is there. He is no longer constrained to a presence that is just his risen and glorified body. Without losing his identity or absorbing ours he is alive and active in and through us.

His words to Mary Magdalene "do not cling to me because I have not yet ascended to the Father" are words for us not to cling to what we once had whether it is the risen physical presence of Our Lord or some experience from out past. We have not be abandoned by Him but we have to look for him in the ways that He is now present. We look now with the eyes of faith.

Father Adrian Farrelly

Nepal Earthquake Appeal

Our prayers and thoughts are with the communities in Nepal, and neighbouring countries, devastated by a 7.9 magnitude earthquake on 25 April 2015. Caritas Australia staff are currently on the ground working with local partners to respond to immediate needs. We urgently need your help to provide food, shelter and clean water and to support the long-term recovery. Donate today by using the Special Appeal Envelopes available on table at church entrance or donate online at

www.caritas.org.au/nepal-earthquake



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



CARDS and HOLY GIFTS ON SALE
NOW from PIETY STALL for
FIRST HOLY COMMUNION
and other occasions.



FIRST COMMUNION

31 May 9.00am and 11.00am

14 June 9.00am and 11.00am



With great joy we welcome

Ari Bliss, Hugo Bliss,

Lachlan Bradford and

Grace Hallinan

who will be baptised this Sunday.

ST AGATHA'S PARISH BALL

Saturday 18 July 2015 - Moda Events Portside

Portside Wharf, Level 2/39 Hercules Street, Hamilton

Tickets now available for purchase on our website,
www.clayfieldparish.org.au. Easy to follow instructions.

Tickets \$85.00. Tables of ten. Tickets sold quickly last time so book in early to avoid disappointment!!

ST AGATHA'S YOUTH MINISTRY TEAM



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



ST AGATHA'S PARISH APP

Have you downloaded the parish app yet? It is now available for all devices. Fr Stephen is populating it with all the information we hope will be useful to you. As well as parish news and events we shall have links to the school and the archdiocese.

Men of the Parish—Cursillo Weekend

Come alive in your faith through a weekend away 5-8 June [from Friday evening to Monday

afternoon] at Peregrin. This Cursillo weekend has Father Adrian as Spiritual Director.

Forms on table at church entrance.



CATHOLICS RETURNING HOME GET CONNECTED

The next "Catholics Returning Home", will be held on
Monday 18 May 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

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.psoqld.catholic.net.au

**WALK
for
Little
FEET '15**

Saturday 30 May
**SPEAKING UP PEACEFULLY
FOR THE UNBORN**

For start and finishing times for the walk see:

www.walkforlittlefeet.org

ASCENSION SUNDAY IS A TIME TO REFLECT ON THE CALL TO MISSION

This weekend's Gospel from Mark is one in which we hear a statement that is often referred to as the 'Great Commission': "Go out to the whole world, proclaim the Good News to all creation." Jesus then goes on to impel the disciples to do those things we now associate with the missionary activity of the Church – standing up for the oppressed, reaching out to the homeless and underprivileged, preaching the Good News, healing the sick.

If you would like to experience first-hand what this missionary activity looks like today, and meet someone who is responding to the Great Commission, we invite you to join us for morning tea on Friday May 29, at the Clayfield offices of White Lady Funerals, from 10-11am. This small, intimate gathering will give you a wonderful insight into the work of Sr Clara in India. You will come away much more informed about the work that you are helping make possible, when you donate to Catholic Mission.

Numbers are strictly limited. To reserve your place and join us in welcoming Sr Clara to the Archdiocese of Brisbane, please ring the Brisbane office of Catholic Mission on 3336 9239 (Mon-Fri, 9am-5pm)

In our prayers we remember



Those who have died recently:

Gabor Magdics, Margaret Allton, Helen Tunny, Diana Sitano, Cathleen Comeford, Gerry Cremin, Archie Van Dongen, Fr Des McQuaid

And those whose anniversaries occur about now:

Thelma O'Hagan, Joseph Monaghan, Briget O'Brien, Jill O'Brien, Edwin Mayo, Maud Gleeson, Edmond Whalley, Hilda Whalley, deceased members of the Garden family, Peter Zuino, Andrew Collier, Ross McKenzie

Those who are sick:

Joyce Rodgers, Carmel See, Regina Hwan, Val Boevinlic, 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, Matthew Gray, Frank Wilkie, Don Martin, Patrick Gallagher, Rene Quinn, Eileen Clarke, Sandra McGregor, Rob Bruce, Mel Purwo, Kath Delahunty, Hellen Passente, Philomena L'Hiullier.

Pentecost Celebrations 24 May - 7.30pm
St Mary Magdalene Church, Cecil Road, Bardon.
Guest speaker Fr Ken Barker, Missionaries of God's Love.
Fr Ken is an inspirational speaker who has authored seven books.

LIVING BIBLICALLY IN A SECULAR WORLD - session 3

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 20 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

THE TERRACE LADIES GROUP

warmly invites you to join them for the

Terrace Past Mothers' Mass and Gathering

Sunday 14 June - Mass at 10.00am in the Chapel of the Holy Family, followed by High Tea - \$20/head
For bookings: www.terrace.qld.edu.au (College Events)

Bookings close Wednesday 10 June.

For more information contact Chris Watt
chriswatt68@gmail.com or 0408 888129

Ascension of Our Lord

*"Whoever confesses that Jesus is the Son of God,
God abides in him, and he in God."* - 1 John 4:15

Townsville St Patrick's College Past Pupils Association, Brisbane Branch, Annual Mass

Saturday 23 May 2015 at St Stephen's Cathedral at 11.30am followed by High Tea.

Enquiries: Barbara 3396 6641, Monica 3341 9197

or Web site www.spcpp.net. Past pupils & staff welcome.

A new initiative from menALIVE is "menALIVE In the City" held regularly from 5.45 until 7.30pm in the Francis Rush Centre (Beside The Cathedral of St Stephen). The next event is on Thursday 28 May with the topic: FACE THE TOUGH STUFF! Dealing with grief and sadness. This is a great opportunity for men to get together and explore the things that matter. For further information contact menALIVE on 3367 1402 or mail@menalive.org.au

The next menALIVE Catholic Man Breakfast, hosted by Archbishop Mark Coleridge, is on Thursday May 28 from 7am to 9am at Tattersall's Club, 215 Queen St. Hear Professor Greg Craven, Vice-Chancellor of ACU tell his story of "Children, Cows and Catholicism". Tickets \$45. Bookings to des@menalive.org.au or contact menALIVE on 3367 1402 or cmbs@menalive.org.au.

CORPUS CHRISTI CELEBRATION

Eucharistic Procession, Rosary, Prayers and Benediction
SUNDAY 7 June 2.00pm Ambrose Treacy College

Twigg Street, Indooroopilly

Bus leaving from St Agatha's Church - time to be advised

Bus fares: \$5.00 return or \$15 per family return.

Phone Joan 3262 1472 (or call in and see her at the Piety Stall) for details and booking.

IGNITE CONFERENCE 2015: "ONE"

24-27 September 2015 / Mueller Performing Arts Centre, Rothwell (Redcliffe)

The Ignite Conference is a national contemporary Catholic youth conference held annually in Brisbane for adults, high schoolers and children. The conference includes live bands and some of Australia's leading Catholic speakers with sessions on topics such as leadership, justice, creative arts, mission, culture and prayer.

Keynote speakers this year include Archbishop Mark Coleridge, Bishop Peter Comensoli, Steve Allgeyer and Stephen Lenahan (Life Teen USA), Sr Anastasia Reeves OP, Fr Bony Abraham MGL, Patrick Keady, NET Ministries and more, plus music led by emmanuel worship.

Brochures available on table at the back of the church or contact the Ignite Youth office on 3217 5199, email info@igniteconference.com.au.

Full information, videos and registration online at www.igniteconference.com.au

PARISH ROSTERS

Please arrange a substitute if you are unavailable on your rostered day.

6.00pm

7.00am

9.00am

5.30pm

READERS

16/17 May

Eric van der List
Phil Zammit

Andrew Douglas
Annette Riba

Peter Gilroy
Leanne O'Shea
Peter Ryan

Life Teen Mass

23/24 May

Julie-Anne Gibson
Graham Gibson

Ruby Chase
Sonia Marmotta

Timothy Macuga
(Reader Exchange - TBC)
Don Macpherson

Life Teen Mass

COMMUNION MINISTERS

16/17 May

Jan Zammit

Paulette Archer

Dorothy McSweeney

Life Teen Mass

23/24 May

Marie Ho

Lorraine Atkinson-MacEwen

Anthony Carroll

Life Teen Mass

CHILDREN'S LITURGY OF THE WORD - Prep to Grade 4 children are encouraged to participate.

Please note: any younger siblings need to be accompanied by an adult.

17 May

Julie Kordic

Ewa Marino-Cebulski

24 May

Jane Arkininstall

Maree Andrews

ORGANISTS:

16/17 May

Robyn Cuming

Mark Leung

Catriona McPherson

Life Teen Mass

23/24 May

Volunteer

Mark Leung

Jenny McKeon

Life Teen Mass

SANCTUARY CARERS:

30 May

Santina Catalano

6 June

Victor Podesta

Jane Lynn

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

MAY

Monday 18

* First Communion Workshops 3.30pm & 5.30pm in APAC.

Monday 18

* Catholics Returning Home 7.30pm Parish Office

Tuesday 19

* Finance Meeting 6pm Parish Office.

Saturday 23 & Sunday 24

* Hand-in of First Eucharist handbooks.

Monday 25

* SVDP Meeting 5pm Parish Office.

Wednesday 27 & Thursday 28

* First Communion practices 3.30pm Church

Sunday 31

* First Holy Communion Celebrations 9.00am & 11.00am

**THE CATHOLIC LEADER
COPIES ON SALE - \$2.00**

Readings - Pentecost Sunday - 24 May 2015

1st Reading: Acts 2:1-11; 2nd Reading: Galatians 5:16-25

Gospel: John 15:26-27; 16:12-15