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ST AGATHA'S PARISH

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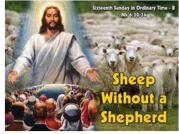
Fr Stephen Jeon Mrs Rosemary Greer Mrs Jane Cameron

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 **Outside School Hours Care Coordinator** Ms Harmony Domaille

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 - Sixteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time - 19 July 2015 1st Reading: Jeremiah 23:1-6; 2nd Reading: Ephesians 2:13-18; Gospel: Mark 6:30-34



PASTORAL CARE OF GOD'S PEOPLE

The last canon in the Code of Canon Law, the primary law book of the Church, states that the salvation of souls is the supreme law of the Church. The rescue, the salvation, of individuals is what is to guide all the activities of the Church. What we are to be rescued from is, for the most part, ourselves. We make ourselves and our happiness the measure of what is right and acceptable.

Jeremiah, six centuries before Christ, challenged the leaders of the people to change their ways or see the nation collapse. Because of their self-indulgence they had mislead the people and allowed them to be scattered, taken into exile by the Assyrians or the Babylonians, two of the dominant powers in the region at that time. Jeremiah judged them criminally negligent shepherds who had betrayed the trust God showed them by allowing them to be leaders of the people. They had the role of king, not for their own glory and grandeur, but to show God's loving care for the people.

Jeremiah's words, as the bible always does, are not just words for times past but have application right here and now in the 21st century. Political leaders can be targeted for failure to care well for their people, but the bishops of our church likewise must heed the cry of Jeremiah. The scourge of priests abusing youngsters was allowed to gain hold and spread because of inaction and turning a blind eye to what was happening by the very ones to whom the flock of Christ was entrusted. Appallingly at times some were themselves offenders. They knew what was right but chose to do the opposite. No doubt they justified their actions in some way, but still harm was done and evil flourished.

We can have grown up in well-functioning families or in dysfunctional ones where domestic violence, drug and alcohol abuse, racism and sexism poisoned the air we breathed. These circumstances have their impact on us but never deprive us of our free will. We can come to know what is true and good even in the poorest conditions. We can see the darker side of those who as parents are charged with care but still not lose our freedom to choose what is good and right and reject what is wrong.

Jesus saw the people of his own day looking like sheep without a shepherd and set about caring for them in teaching, delivering and healing. All of us, bishops, priests, parents, teachers, are to see the plight in which people are and do something to rescue them from harm and lead them in ways that help them grow and flourish.

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.



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.





Enquiries to the parish office on 3262 2859

facebook.com/aggiesyouth

ALTAR SERVING TRAINING

Fr Stephen will be running an Altar serving training session on Friday 7 August at 3.30pm in the Church for those children who are interested. 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.

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WINTER APPEAL

The St Agatha's SVDP is conducting its Winter Appeal. The Conference visits people in a large area from Pinkenba to Bowen Hills, assisting families and single people, seeking food, clothing, and financial assistance. Any donations will be gratefully appreciated. Please use the envelopes provided at the back of the church.

If paying by cheque, please make payable to the 'St Agatha's Clayfield SVDP Conference". Thank you on behalf of the people that SVDP assist.



With great joy we welcome Laura Wilson

who will be baptised this Sunday.

ST RITA'S COLLEGE, CLAYFIELD OPEN DAY AND CARNIVAL - Sunday 26 July from 10:00am

Prospective parents and students are warmly invited to attend the St Rita's College OPEN DAY and Carnival on Sunday 26 July. Open Day is a great opportunity to discover the education St Rita's can provide for your daughter. Tours of the College are offered from 10:00am to 11:30am. We welcome you to stay on for the St Rita's Carnival. Carnival – St Rita's annual grand traditional fair – is one of the premier community events of the Parents & Friends Association offering stalls, rides, food and entertainment to put smiles on the faces of all ages. Carnival is held from 10:00am to 3:00pm. Visit the College Website: www.stritas.qld.edu.au for more information and to Register for Open Day 2015. Enquiries to: enrolments@stritas.qld.edu.au

NET MINISTRIES PARISH ENCOUNTER DAY / SUNDAY 23 AUGUST

WHO AM I?



Dealing with issues of self-worth, personal confidence and acceptance is common among all people. The "Self Image" Encounter Day helps young people come to a greater awareness of their goodness and uniqueness as God's sons and daughters. The day will be filled with energy, thought provoking discussion and opportunities to explore this topic.

If you are in grades 6,7,8 or 9 please come along!

AT: Presentation Centre, St Agatha's Primary School

TIME: 10am to 1.00pm / LUNCH INCLUDED / COST: FREE

Register at: https://www.stickytickets.com.au/24986 OR use forms available on table in church foyer.

CHECK OUT Aggies Youth: facebook.com/aggiesyouth

ST AGATHA'S PARISH SACRAMENTAL PROGRAM

Beginning next year, 2016, there is a new program for preparation and celebration of the sacraments. Year 3 children, 8 years old or older will prepare and celebrate Confirmation in 2016. That group will prepare and receive their First Holy Communion in 2017. In 2018 they will prepare and celebrate Reconciliation.

ENROLMENT WEEKEND FOR ALL 3 SACRAMENTS WILL BE 6/7 FEBRUARY 2016 AT ANY OF THE MASSES.

> NB: There will be no preparation for and celebration of the Sacrament of Reconciliation for Year 2 children in 2015.

This preparation and celebration will be when they are in grade 5 after they have been confirmed (2016) and made their first Holy Communion (2017).

The 2016 preparation timetable and enrolment forms will be on our website from November 2015. www.clayfieldparish.org.au or contact the parish office on 3262 2859

In our prayers we remember

Those who have died recently:

Pamela McBride, Judith McGeary, Alf Kamols, Fr John Clancy, Gertie Clarke, Terry Tierney, Kosa Saric

And those whose anniversaries occur about now:

Santo & Giuseppa Catalano, Emily Sherman, Lionel Orr, Edna Taylor, Ray Hall, Mona Moynihan

Those who are sick:

Paul White, Edward Clark, Cajetan Goves, Alexandra Barlow, Joshua Statis, Maria Da Grava, 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, 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.

YOUTH AND VOCATIONS EXPO

The annual Youth and Vocations Expo will be held at St Stephen's Cathedral, 249 Elizabeth St, Brisbane, on Sunday 2 August, starting with Young Adults Mass at 12pm to be celebrated by The Most Reverend Archbishop Mark Coleridge. Hosted by St Stephen's Cathedral Young Adults Ministry and Vocation Brisbane, the Expo will have a wide variety of display stalls attended by around 30 Catholic ministries and organisations. The afternoon will be filled with live music, food, games, guest speakers and multicultural performances, all dedicated towards immersing and educating young adults in vocation discernment: whether it be Priesthood, Religious Life, Marriage or Single Blessedness. All welcome.

VOCATIONS NOVENA (V9) PRAYER CAMPAIGN 2015

NINE WEEKS OF PRAYER FOR VOCATIONS IN THE ARCHDIOCESE OF BRISBANE 14 June - 9 August 2015

Please keep Vocations in your prayers over these weeks with these words..... At the sight of the crowds Jesus' heart was moved

> For they were like sheep without a shepherd Jesus said, "The harvest is ready" "But the labourers are few"

Ask the Lord to send out labourers for harvest.

O Lord we pray that young men will answer the call to become priests in Your harvest And shepherds for your people. Amen.



An exhilarating Sunday afternoon programme of great choral music by this outstanding choir and soloists. Sandgate Town Hall, Seymour Street, Sandgate Sunday 26 July / 3.00pm Tickets available from: 4MBS Ticketing 3847 1717 or www.4mbs.com.au

General Admission \$30.00 / Concession \$25.00

Full time students \$15.00 / Children \$15.00

IGNITE YOUNG ADULTS WEEKEND / One.Life

Ignite Youth are holding a Young Adults retreat. Who: School leavers - 25 years old / When: 24-26 July Where: Mt Tamborine Convention Centre, Mt Tamborine Cost: Students \$130 | Regular \$150

For more details or to register:

www.igniteyouth.com/youngadults / P: 3217 5199 E: youngadults@igniteyouth.com / facebook.com/igyouth

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.



FULFILLING INTERNATIONAL MISSION FOR SKILLED VOLUNTEERS

Communities in East Timor, PNG, Kenya, Kiribati, Samoa and elsewhere are asking for volunteers to assist mentor local workers and so assist poverty reduction. They believe this

proach promotes self-reliant, sustainable development and have asked Palms Australia to recruit, prepare and support those who volunteer.

More information: please contact christine@palms.org.au or call 02 9518 9551

SOLEMNITY OF ST MARY OF THE CROSS MACKILLOP

On Saturday 8 August 2015, His Excellency Archbishop Adolfo Tito Yllana, Apostolic Nuncio to Australia will celebrate the 10am Mass at the Cathedral of St Stephen for the Feast Day of our Archdiocesan Patron, Saint Mary MacKillop.

Morning tea is available after the Mass. RSVP: by 29 July to rsvp@bne.catholic.net.au Early arrival for any parishioners who wish to attend would be advisable.



PARISH ROSTERS

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

6.00pm 7.00am 9.00am 5.30pm

READERS

18/19 July **Ann Goves** Jeanine Bygott **Don Macpherson** Life Teen Mass

> **Ryan Smethurst Andrew Douglas** Angela Larosa

Tanya Mulcahy

Dianne Eden Marie Ho **Katrina Murphy** Life Teen Mass 25/26 July

Wilma O'Connell Marian Nolan Nick Eden

Peter Ryan

COMMUNION MINISTERS

18/19 July **Eddie Foley** Michele Pink **Anthony Carroll** Life Teen Mass 25/26 July Jan Zammit Volunteer Erin Bledsoe 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.

Ewa Marino-Cebulski 19 July Anna Coronis

Jane Cameron Erin Bledsoe 26 July

ORGANISTS:

18/19 July Robyn Cuming Mark Leung Jenny McKeon Life Teen Mass 25/26 July Volunteer Mark Leung **Robyn Cuming** Life Teen Mass

SANCTUARY CARERS:

1 Aug 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

Before most masses Rosary:

WEEKDAY TIMETABLE

Monday 6.30 am Mass: Mass: Wednesday 9.00 am Thursday 9.00 am Mass: Friday 9.00 am Mass:

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 vou 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

JULY

Tuesday 21

* Finance Meeting 6pm Parish Office.

Monday 27

* SVDP Meeting 5pm Parish Office

THE CATHOLIC LEADER COPIES ON SALE - \$2.00

In this week's issue

- * Millions flock to see, hear and follow Pope Francis on his tour through Ecuador, Bolivia and Paraguay where he delivered important messages for local communities and for the rest of the Church.
- * Archbishop Coleridge addresses falsehoods in debate about same-sex marriage
- * A mother tells how she and other parents battled for 20 years to achieve a permanent home for their daughters with disabilities.
- * Pope's encyclical on the environment inspiring leaders on world stage.

Readings - Seventeenth Sunday in Ordinary Time - 26 July 2015 1st Reading: 2 King 4:42-44; 2nd Reading: Ephesians 4:1-6; Gospel: John 6:1-15