



# 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**

**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 - Eighteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time - 2 August 2015**

**1st Reading: Exodus 16:2-4, 12-15; 2nd Reading: Ephesians 4:17, 20-24;**

**Gospel: John 6:24-25**



## OUT WITH THE OLD, IN WITH THE NEW

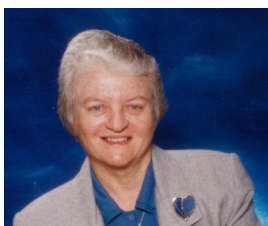
Often, when talking with couples journeying to their wedding day, I ask is it possible to turn love off and on. Almost universally I am told “no”. “Even when you have had an argument there is still something there.” But , says I, if that is true then your love is not something you can control so it makes no sense to promise that you will love and honour each other for the rest of your lives. Because, logically, if love is not something you can do or not do, then you cannot promise to do this (love) each and every day. We have very interesting discussions!!

The love we are talking about is not an emotional reality, a feeling of love and attraction and belonging. The love that powers a marriage down the years, a love that allows someone to love an enemy should the occasion arise (Jesus never asks us to put ourselves in harm’s way when he commands us to do good to those who hate us) is a decision, a dedication, a commitment to do good for the other person regardless of whether their behaviour warrants it or not.

This power of self-direction is what underpins St Paul command to us to put on a new self created in God’s way. We can choose how we wish to act. This is the basis of moral behaviour. Discussion about behaviour will often contain statements that say “this is how God made me therefore this is how I act.” I am attracted to those of the opposite sex, I am attracted to those of the same sex, I am attracted to youngsters, therefore I must be allowed to pursue my attractions. And the answer is no. We are not compelled to follow our attractions. We still have to judge what is correct and what is not and act in accordance with that decision. As Paul says we must aside our old self which gets corrupted by following illusory desires.

What we use to choose what is good for ourselves and for others is the person of Jesus himself. The bible and our rules and regulations will never be complete enough to give us an answer to every situation we shall face in life. What God wants us to do is to treasure our union with Jesus, God’s Word in flesh. Jesus is what we look like when we put on a new self. We remain ourselves but now there is a nourishment that flows from us which feed the hungers and slake the thirsts of those in our lives and ourselves included. Forsake Christ and we are prey to hungers and thirsts that will disfigure ourselves and find us using people for our own desires.

*Father Adrian Farrelly*



This weekend at the 6.00pm, 7.00am and 9.00am Masses we welcome **Noela Blackmore** who will speak about the **Catholic Mission Church Appeal**. Noela is a Franciscan Associate being connected with the Sisters at Kedron. Noela has never directly been on *mission* (ie. in what is termed overseas *mission* countries), but she has always been a great supporter of Catholic Mission. Noela’s experience is vast and she is passionate about *mission*. She has taught about mission, organized school collections, worked with a Sister of Mercy friend in Guatemala; and has been involved in prison ministry. Noela is currently working with ACU.

At the 5.30pm Mass we welcome **David McGovern** who is the Queensland Regional Director for Catholic Mission.



## 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 NEXT MEETING**

**Tuesday 4 August / Parish Office - 7.00pm**

**If you have any questions or ideas please contact**

**Anne O'Connor on 3256 6013 or 0419 796 988.**

### **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](mailto:clayfield@bne.catholic.net.au) or by phone, 3262 2859.

### **ST AGATHA'S PARISH P26 CHILDREN'S MASS - Sunday 9 August 9.00am**

To all the children in our parish from Prep to Year 6, you are invited to participate in our P26 Mass.

At the Mass the young people do the readings, bring the gifts to the altar, take up the collections, serve, and welcome people as they arrive giving them a copy of the newsletter. If your child would like to participate please phone the Parish office with your preferences on 3262 2859 or email us at [clayfield@bne.catholic.net.au](mailto:clayfield@bne.catholic.net.au) by no later than

Monday 3 August so there is time to organise the Mass.

### **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](http://www.clayfieldparish.org.au) or contact the parish office on 3262 2859



## **THIS WEEKEND IS THE ANNUAL CATHOLIC MISSION CHURCH APPEAL**



An initial hearing, or reading, of the Gospel for this weekend, could suggest that Jesus is engaging in the same sort of obfuscation favoured by politicians. He seems unwilling to answer the various questions put to him by those in the crowds. But, in fact, Jesus is giving them answers of such depth and insight that we, like them, can miss their significance. He is not just claiming to be able to meet our physical or emotional needs – He also offers to address our spiritual needs. Against the backdrop of the Catholic Mission appeal, this is a fitting Gospel to hear proclaimed.

Missionaries like Sr Rose, in places like Madagascar, help meet the spiritual appetites of entire communities, as well as the practical needs. With your generosity, they are able to provide water pumps and toilets, as well as the "Living Water" mentioned in our appeal theme. On behalf of all those who will have needs met, thank you for your support.

**Please use the envelopes provided on  
the church seats.**

### **FEAST OF THE ASSUMPTION of the BLESSED VIRGIN MARY**

Holy Day of Obligation

Saturday 15 August

Mass at 9.00am

### **ST AGATHA'S SCHOOL CLAYFIELD HAS VACANCIES IN YRS 5 & 6 FOR 2016**

For all enquiries please contact the Enrolment Secretary  
Ph: 3326 9222 or email [wkwhite@bne.catholic.edu.au](mailto:wkwhite@bne.catholic.edu.au)

### **MULTICULTURAL MASS**

Sunday August 30 / 2:30 pm / Cathedral of St Stephen, 249 Elizabeth Street, Brisbane  
Followed by food and cultural presentations on Cathedral grounds.

## In our prayers we remember

### Those who have died recently:

Jean Conroy, Marie MacGinley, Fr Gregory Jordan, Tom Meates, Mal Condon

### And those whose anniversaries occur about now:

John Dethlefs, John & Claire Collins, Daniel, Margaret & Mary Collins, Frank & Jean York, Mick & Gloria Slatham, Laurence & Eileen Quinlan, Fr Tom Gard, Shawn Macgroarty, Vincent Trovato, Peita Dodson

### Those who are sick:

Paddy Ryan Snr, Adele Walker, 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, 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.



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

## 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.*



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### 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.



### POSITION VACANT

Boutique Coordinator, St Rita's College

St Rita's College has available the part time position of Boutique Coordinator. Previous retail and/or merchandising experience is beneficial. Please log onto the St Rita's College website and go to Our Community/Employment for full details.

<http://www.stritas.qld.edu.au/contact/Pages/Employment.aspx>

### AUSTRALIAN HOMESTAY NETWORK

If any family is registered with the Australian Homestay Network, could you please contact the Parish Office 3262 2859. Thank you.



### HOLY CROSS CATHOLIC PRIMARY SCHOOL WOOLLOOWIN

40 Morris Street, Woolloowin  
3857 2443

Save the dates:

**Sunday 13 September 2015**

Feast Day Pilgrimage and Celebration

**Saturday 24 October 2015**

Past and Present Parents' Reunion (18+ event)

Vocation Brisbane is offering a discernment weekend to young men considering the calling to priesthood. The Quo Vadis weekend provides men with an experience of seminary life, input and formation from the Vocations team and time for personal discernment and reflection.

Details: Quo Vadis Discernment Weekend / 28-30 August / Venue: Holy Spirit Seminary, Banyo  
Contact [burnsa@bne.catholic.net.au](mailto:burnsa@bne.catholic.net.au) or 1300 133 544.

## PARISH ROSTERS

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

**6.00pm**

**7.00am**

**9.00am**

**5.30pm**

### READERS

1/2 Aug

Ryan Smethurst  
Ann Goves

Aleira Egan  
Sr Cecily Foster

Trish Ryan  
Jane Arkinstall  
Heidi Cooper

Life Teen Mass

8/9 Aug

Phil Zammit  
Eric van der List

Anne O'Connor  
Anne-Marie Quinn

St Agatha's P26 Mass

Life Teen Mass

### COMMUNION MINISTERS

1/2 Aug

Marie Ho

Paulette Archer

Michele Pink

Life Teen Mass

8/9 Aug

Jan Zammit

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.*

2 Aug

Monica McBride

Mel Ryan

9 Aug

No Children's liturgy - P26 Mass

### ORGANISTS:

1/2 Aug

Robyn Cuming

Mark Leung

Catriona McPherson

Life Teen Mass

8/9 Aug

Volunteer

Mark Leung

Robyn Cuming/  
Paul Fiumara

Life Teen Mass

### SANCTUARY CARERS:

8 Aug

Santina Catalano

Maria Fistrovic

15 Aug

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 3<sup>rd</sup> and 4<sup>th</sup> 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](mailto:clayfield@bne.catholic.net.au)*

### Parish Calendar

#### **AUGUST**

#### **Tuesday 4**

\* Youth Ministry Meeting 7pm  
Parish Office

#### **Sunday 9**

\* P26 Mass 9am

#### **Monday 10**

\* SVDP Meeting 5pm Parish Office

#### **Saturday 15 & Sunday 16**

\* Visit from Fr Sholto Douglas  
OMI

#### **Wednesday 19**

\* Pastoral Council Meeting  
7pm Parish Office

#### **Sunday 23**

\* Net Ministries Parish  
Encounter Day 10am to 1pm.

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

**In this week's issue**

- \* National Vocations Awareness Week feature.
- \* When is the best age to marry?
- \* World Youth Day registrations open.

**Readings - Nineteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time - 9 August 2015**

**1st Reading: 1 Kings 19:4-8; 2nd Reading: Ephesians 4:30-5:2;**

**Gospel: John 6:41-51**