



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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Parish Office Hours

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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 - Twenty-Fifth Sunday in Ordinary Time - 20 September 2015

1st Reading: Wisdom 2:12, 17-20; 2nd Reading: James 3:16-4:3; Gospel: Mark 9:30-37



I am the greatest!

This is what the disciples were arguing about as they walked along. Jesus was talking about suffering and dying and rising again but, as they had no clear idea what he was talking about, they stuck with something that seemed more important to them. Jesus was the messiah so there would be a new kingdom of God and they would be the inner circle, the trusted lieutenants. They would have power and the respect that comes with the holders of power.

Was it only the men in the group who were arguing or were the women who accompanied Jesus and provided for him out of their own resources in on the argument?

As I thought about this incident I was not surprised that members of a group would be jockeying for position or proclaiming that they were better than any of the others. What intrigued me and still does intrigue me is what criteria were they using to support their claim about who was the greatest. Jesus had sent them out to cast out demons, heal the sick and announce the nearness of the kingdom of God. Were they comparing scores about the number of demons cast out, the number of sick healed, the size of the crowd they preached to? If it wasn't something as crass as that were they arguing who was closest to Jesus, who was his favourite? You can hear them saying in the way children do: he loves me more than you. He listens to me more than you. He chose me before he chose you. He wants us to fish for people so as a fisherman I am better.

Whatever were the criteria for their comparisons, they were motivated by selfishness and ambition. They were like children squabbling among themselves. The argument showed they were centred completely on themselves. In terms of the mission that they would be called on to fulfil after Jesus was gone this type of thinking had to be eradicated smartly.

Jesus enlisted the help of a child. Was this little one part of the family with whom they were staying over night? Was he or she a child of one of the disciples? Did their families travel with them? The defusing message Jesus delivered to the disciples was that anyone who welcomes a child like this welcomes Jesus himself. Children in the time of Jesus were important for what they would provide in the future after they had grown and were able to support aging parents, but as children they had little value. They were to be seen and not heard. No one spoke then of children having rights. But Jesus identifies himself with one without value and without power and commands his friends to see the world in a new way. Those judged without power or worth are the ones He identifies with.

It is a command that we disciples in the 21st century still need to hear and take to heart. Our greatness is to be measured by the service we give to those judged by society to be without value. Those who in a consumer society live by planned obsolescence find themselves all too easily judging human beings by the same yardstick—you have gone past your use-by date so can be disposed of or your views are not worth taking into account. As we do here in our parish we are stewards placed here to serve others with our time, treasure and talent. Greatness is measured not by what we grasp to ourselves and the trappings of power we adorn ourselves with, but by the life-giving service we show others.

Fr Adrian Farrelly

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 docketts to the parish office.

See notice board for menu suggestions.

Enquiries to the parish office on 3262 2859



BIG FAREWELL BASH FOR FR ADRIAN

Come along and say farewell

Enjoy a Spit Roast Meal and Desserts

NO COST!

BYO Drink and picnic blanket/chair

Presentation Centre St Agatha's School

Friday 30 October 2015 - 7pm

IMPORTANT: FOR CATERING PURPOSES PLEASE REGISTER ON STICKY TICKETS.

<https://www.stickytickets.com.au/30263>

Thank you for the many individuals who made a gift to the **Annual Catholic Campaign**. Each and every contribution is important and makes a difference. If you have not yet had an opportunity to make a gift, please join us in supporting vital ministries throughout the Archdiocese through a monthly donation. You can find a giving envelope at the back of the Church.



2015 ANNUAL

CATHOLIC CAMPAIGN

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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.



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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.



With great joy we welcome
Thomas Crowe
who will be baptised this Sunday.



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

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.

New enrolment date to be confirmed.

Enrolment forms will be available in 2016.

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)



Fr Joseph Vattaparambil CMI has been appointed Parish Priest of Victoria Point.

Fr Francis Canh Nguyen has been appointed Chaplain in Residence at Villa La Salle Southport.

Next Sunday, 27 September we celebrate Social Justice Sunday. This year's Social Justice Statement is titled:
'For Those Who've Come Across the Seas: Justice for refugees and asylum seekers'.

The Statement addresses the divisive national debate over asylum seekers, especially those who arrive by boat. It reminds all Australians of the need to welcome and comfort those who have fled here from terror and danger, and to live out the example of Jesus, who never turned his back on those who were lost or suffering. For further details about the Social Justice Statement, visit the Australian Catholic Social Justice Council website (www.socialjustice.catholic.org.au) or call (02) 8306 3499.

In our prayers we remember



Those who have died recently:

Henry Weld, Aileen Ryan, Rene Quinn, Gregory O'Shea, Anne Longmore, Thomas Przeor, Veronica Buchanan, Sidney Playford, Mike O'Kane, John Wilson, Edwina Blanshard, Colette Bourke, Hans Cierlitz, Kev Sorohan, Christopher Pietersz

And those whose anniversaries occur about now:

Robert and Francis Maguire, Ernie and Nancy Long

Those who are sick:

Ken Kipping, Robert Renew, Melda Power, Bill Heap, Ben Kennedy, Rosaria Fazio, Paddy Ryan Snr, Adele Walker, Paul White, Edward Clark, Cajetan Goves, Alexandra Barlow, Joshua Stasis, Maria Da Grava, Joyce Rodgers, Carmel See, Regina Hwan, Val Boevinlic, Deanne Du Bour, Melissa Waka, David King, Agnes Tam, Denis Lau, Kerri Smith, Gerry Maller, Ann Tully, Louise Horrocks, Nola Palm, 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.



GOLDEN WEDDING ANNIVERSARY CELEBRATION



Couples celebrating their Golden (or more) Wedding Anniversary and their family and friends, are invited to Mass with Bishop Brian V. Finnigan at the Cathedral of St Stephen on Saturday 3 October 2015 at 10.00am. The

Mass will be followed by morning tea in the Hanly Room of the Francis Rush Centre.

RSVP cathedral@bne.catholic.net.au or 3324 3030 by Friday 25 September 2015.

THE COMMUNITY LEADER AWARDS 2015

hosted by the Catholic Leader

You are invited to propose a candidate or candidates for

The Community Leader Awards 2015

Goals are to showcase the outstanding quality and diversity of our community, in addition to providing recognition to the hard workers whom everyday are making the difference to Australian life and to humanity at large. Each parish is invited to nominate parishioners (lay or religious) to represent their local community.

The last date for submission of nominations is 9 October 2015.

The form can be filled out on the award website (<http://www.theleaders.com.au/>). Copies of the nomination form can be found at the back of the church.

If you need additional information, please contact 3336 9381 or email morellid@catholicleader.com.au.

Winners will be announced on Thursday November 12 from 6:30pm at the Francis Rush Centre, Brisbane. Join special guests Archbishop Mark Coleridge, sponsors and the Catholic Leader team for a spectacular night of celebration (to book your event ticket go to www.theleaders.com.au or call 3336 9381).

Father Liam Lawton / Australian Tour 2015 APPEARING AT ST AGATHA'S CHURCH

Friday 13 November / 7.00pm - 9.30pm

Book online @ www.ministryhub.com.au

Flyers available at the back of the church.

\$45pp/Concession \$35pp

ALL HALLOWS' PAST PUPILS ANNUAL MASS

The All Hallows' Past Pupils' Association is hosting their Annual Mass and Biennial Meeting in All Hallows' Chapel on Saturday 31 October at 10.30am followed by Morning Tea in Loretto Hall. To assist catering it is essential to book.

Cost towards morning tea is \$15.00 per person and bookings can be made online at www.ahs.qld.edu.au (go to Events). RSVP no later than Tuesday 27 October, 2015. For further enquiries please contact Lenore Thompson on 3831 5632 or email Lenore.Thompson@qld.edu.au. Limited parking is available at the school.

70 YEAR REUNION

All Hallows' Junior Class of 1945 are holding their 70 Year reunion in conjunction with the Annual Past Pupils' Mass in the Chapel on Saturday 31 October 10.30am followed by Morning Tea in Loretto Hall. To assist catering it is essential to book. Cost for this reunion is \$25.00 per person. To register please contact Marjorie Jell on 3379 1315.

Limited parking is available at the school.

THE QUEENSLAND CHOIR - *Voices of Spring* / Sunday 11 October at 3.00pm

Celebrate the coming of Spring with the Queensland Choir in an afternoon of joyous music.

Chermside Kedron Community Church, 590 Gympie Rd (Cnr. Gympie & Rode Roads), Chermside

Tickets: \$30 (concession \$25) / Children/Full Time Students \$15

4MBS Ticketing 3847 1717 or on-line at www.4mbs.com.au

From all at Caritas Australia, thank you to everyone who generously donated to Project Compassion 2015. A total of \$3,507 was raised from Clayfield Parish.



Jesus teaches us that we are called to serve one another. Sacrifice is not a word that many people like to hear. We think it means that we must give up something that we want. However, the literal meaning of sacrifice is

"to make holy," from the words "sacer" = sacred and "facere" = to make.

In other words, we make our lives holy by sharing our gifts in the service of God.

PARISH ROSTERS

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

6.00pm

7.00am

9.00am

5.30pm

READERS

19/20 Sept

Marie Ho
Eddie Foley

Nick Eden
Dianne Eden

Volunteer
Trish Ryan
Jane Arkinstall

Life Teen Mass

26/27 Sept

Judy Bartels
Paul Bartels

Chanelle White
Aleira Egan

Heidi Cooper
Michael Crutcher
Eileen Duncan

Life Teen Mass

COMMUNION MINISTERS

19/20 Sept

Trish Hickey

Blue Doyle

Erin Bledsoe

Life Teen Mass

26/27 Sept

Ann Goves

Lorraine Atkinson-MacEwen

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.

20 Sept

No Children's Liturgy - School Holidays

27 Sept

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ORGANISTS:

19/20 Sept

Volunteer

Volunteer

Robyn Cuming

Life Teen Mass

26/27 Sept

Robyn Cuming

Mark Leung

Jenny McKeon

Life Teen Mass

SANCTUARY CARERS:

3 Oct

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

SEPTEMBER

Monday 21

* SVDP Meeting 5pm Parish Office

Monday 21 - Monday 5 October

* School holidays

Wednesday 23

* RCIA 7pm Parish Office

Sunday 27

* Social Justice Sunday

THE CATHOLIC LEADER COPIES ON SALE - \$2.00

In this week's issue

* Archbishop Coleridge speaks about his decision for archdiocese to resettle at least 100 Syrian refugee families.

* Church welcomes Royal Commission's recommendation for \$4 million national redress scheme for abuse victims.

* Archbishop stresses message that child protection is everyone's business.

* Do you know someone you can nominate for The Catholic Leader Community Leader Awards?

Readings - Twenty-Sixth Sunday in Ordinary Time - 27 September 2015

1st Reading: Numbers 11:25-29; 2nd Reading: James 5:1-6;

Gospel: Mark 9:38-43, 45, 47-48