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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. APRE: Mr Nick Fogarty Mrs Carol Sayers **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 - 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



THE UNOBTRUSIVENESS OF GOD'S SPIRIT

I am puzzled by many things in life but one that I find truly puzzling concerns the Spirit of God.

We believe that in response to the **request** of our parents (if we were baptised as infants) or our own request if baptised at some older age, God the Father filled us with the Holy Spirit. The baptising minister says as much: "God the Father of our Lord Jesus Christ has freed you from sin (original sin if an infant), given you a new birth by water and the Holy Spirit and welcomed you into his holy people. He now anoints you with the chrism

of salvation. As Christ was anointed priest, prophet and king so may you live always as a member of his body, sharing everlasting life." This is not play acting. This is not an empty ritual. This is a statement of fact. The one baptised has changed and changed dramatically.

The Father only acts on our request or the request of those like parents. The Holy Spirit does not take up residence in us by forced entry like a home invasion. God the Father loves us and because we asked we receive.

Where then is the seat of my puzzlement you may ask? It is here. If the Holy Spirit is indeed at home in me, why is that presence not more obvious? Today's first reading about God sharing the spirit that was with Moses with the seventy others makes it clear that people were aware that the spirit had come to these leaders. Eldad and Medad who were not with the others at the sharing were seen and heard prophesying. It was obvious something had happened to them. Similarly with the Pentecost event in St Luke's gospel it was clear the spirit had come upon the disciples. So what about us? Have we truly received the Spirit?

Indeed we have and the presence of the Spirit is obvious but not in a headline making way. St Paul tells us what to look for to verify the presence of the Spirit. He says the fruit of the Holy Spirit is: love, joy, peace, patience, kindness, generosity, faithfulness, gentleness and self-control. Whenever you see these realities you know the Spirit is present and acting through the person who cooperates with the Holy Spirit. The lack of showiness can be disappointing because we want people to notice us and acclaim us but that is not how the Spirit works.

This week concentrate on allowing these fruits to flourish in you. They are the way to the salvation of our societies.

CURSILLO WEEKEND

The 3 day Cursillo live-in for women will be held at Glendalough. 102 Lakewood Drive Peregian Beach from Friday night October 2 to Monday afternoon October 5. Conducted by a team of lay women. Fr Nev Yun is the Spiritual Director for the 3 days. For more information contact Rhonda Porteous: 3209 6443 or Rosemary Haydock: 0431 464 211.

Cursillo is a lay movement of the Church that focuses on helping each person to discover themselves, their relationship with Christ and with 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/aggiesvouth

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.

Enquiries to the parish office on 3262 2859

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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BIG FAREWELL BASH FOR FR ADRIAN

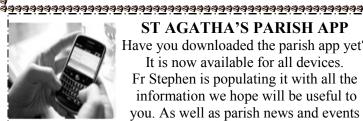
Come along and say farewell Enjoy a Spit Roast Meal and Desserts

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



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

September 27, 2015

"Anyone who gives you a cup of water to drink because you belong to Christ, amen, I say to you, will surely not lose his reward." (Mark 9:41)

This 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.

Statements, prayer cards and brochures can be found at the back of the church.

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. For more information contact Jane at the Parish Office on 3262 2859.

Lourdes Hill College Past Pupils Association Memorial Mass - All family and friends of past students are invited to attend / Venue: Our Lady of Lourdes Chapel ~ Lourdes Hill College / Date: Saturday 7 November 2015 Time: 10am (Morning tea to follow meeting) / Enquiries: Loreto Lotz 0412769708 / Marilyn Loth 0422854737



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.



With great joy we welcome: Rory McGuigan, Clayton O'Keefe, Vivienne Hall, Poppy Jacobs, Massimiliano Lanza-Volpe, Georgina Neil and Alarna Sheather who will be baptised this weekend.



In our prayers we remember

Those who have died recently:

Maureen Murphy, Josie Feldman, Jacob de Vries, Elaine Presswood, Henry Weld, Aileen Ryan, Rene Quinn, Gregory O'Shea, Anne Longmore, Thomas Przeor, Veronica Buchanan, Sidney Playford, Mike O'Kane

And those whose anniversaries occur about now:

Kath and Arthur Bassingthwaite, William Hinson, Ken Russell, Robert and Francis Maguire

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 Statis, 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.

- * CATHOLIC PSYCHIATRIC PASTORAL CARE invites you to a Mass to celebrate Mental Health Week Friday 9 October 2015 at 1.00pm / St Patrick's Hall Fortitude Valley / Corner of McLachlan and Morgan Streets Light refreshments will follow Mass. Limited parking is available in church grounds.
- * 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

* 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 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



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

PARISH ROSTERS

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

5.30pm 6.00pm 7.00am 9.00am

READERS

26/27 Sept **Judy Bartels** Chanelle White Heidi Cooper Life Teen Mass

> **Paul Bartels** Michael Crutcher Aleira Egan

Eileen Duncan

3/4 Oct **Graham Gibson Sr Cecily Foster Tim Hancock** Life Teen Mass

> Julie-Anne Gibson Volunteer **Peter Gilroy** Leanne O'Shea

COMMUNION MINISTERS

26/27 Sept **Ann Goves** Lorraine Atkinson-MacEwen Erin Bledsoe Life Teen Mass 3/4 Oct **Eddie Foley Kate Duffield** Michele Pink 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.

No Children's Liturgy - School Holidays 27 Sept No Children's Liturgy - School Holidays 4 Oct

ORGANISTS:

26/27 Sept Robyn Cuming Volunteer Jenny McKeon Life Teen Mass 3/4 Oct **Robyn Cuming** Mark Leung Catriona McPherson Life Teen Mass

SANCTUARY CARERS:

Victor Podesta 3 Oct Jane Lvnn 10 Oct Santina Catalano Maria Fistrovic

> **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

SEPTEMBER

Wednesday 30

* RCIA 7pm Parish Office

OCTOBER

Monday 5

* Parish Office closed

Tuesday 6

* School resumes

Monday 12

* SVDP Meeting 5pm Parish Office

THE CATHOLIC LEADER COPIES ON SALE - \$2.00

In this week's issue

- * Archdiocese welcomes two more Nigerian priests.
- * A nun's kindness to a 12-year-old leads to the young one's lifetime commitment to religious life.
- * Guidance on how the tough times in marriage are meant to deepen
- * Syrian Catholics in Brisbane hoping and praying their relatives may be among refugees welcomed to archdiocese.

Readings - Twenty-Seventh Sunday in Ordinary Time - 4 October 2015 1st Reading: Genesis 2:18-24; 2nd Reading: Hebrews 2:9-11; Gospel: Mark 10:2-16