



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.

Administrator

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Synod on the Family

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-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



Loneliness is a scourge of our Western developed cultures. Pope Francis recently made a comparison between corner stores and supermarkets. In the supermarket we are swamped with products that aim to satisfy our every wish and desire. The corner store has nowhere near the range of products. However, at the corner store, the storekeeper knows us by name as we do the storekeeper. In the corner store recognition and trust travel hand in hand. In the supermarket we walk alone and self-serve ourselves even at the checkout.

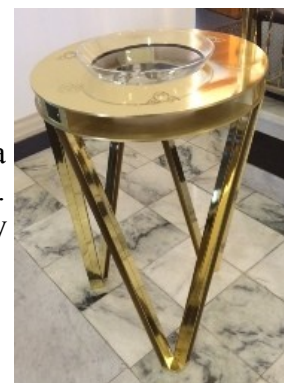
In the story of creation the biblical author addresses the scourge of loneliness. Human beings are created in two stages as it were. God fashions the man part from the soil and breathes life into him. The man names all the creatures God likewise forms from the soil but none of these other creatures have the power of speech and the capacity to love and be loved. So God creates the woman part of humanity, not from the soil but from a rib of the man. On seeing the new creation there is instant recognition of complementarity and identity. Here is the helpmate longed for. From then on a man and a woman will leave the fundamental relationship of child to parent and unite with the other and the two will become one body. With this union, humanity flowers fully.

Jesus returns to this account of creation answering the question about the law permitting divorce. He acknowledges that Moses allowed the practice but says God's original intention was that a man and woman, once married, are not to be divided. In their love and care for each other the ongoing creation of each other as persons continues as does the creation of new life as a result of their lovemaking.

In our society, tragically, divorce rates for first marriages are high with rates for second and third marriages being higher again. The church recognises that in some situations divorce must be sought for the civil effects it produces but the Church does not accept a family law decree can dissolve the bond created by God in response to the promises made by the bride and groom at their wedding: "I shall be true to you... I shall love and honour you." Promises are to be kept not trashed or treated with indifference. Our personal well-being and that of our children depends on our keeping our promises. Our Lord promised that He would be with us always and not leave us as orphans alone and unloved. Marriage lived out in the hurly burly of everyday life is the proclamation that what Our Lord promised is possible. *Fr Adrian Farrelly*

Baptismal Font

St Agatha's has a new baptismal font. The font is dedicated to Erno Peter Vescey-Dalos a long time parishioner who died in 2013 and who left a very generous bequest to the parish. The font is modelled on the font in Mary MacKillop Memorial Chapel in North Sydney and made by WJ Sanders, Sydney.



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.

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>



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.

October

Month of the
Holy Rosary



October is
Breast Cancer
Awareness
Month



ST AGATHA'S YOUTH MINISTRY TEAM YOUTH MINISTRY MEETING

TUESDAY 6 OCTOBER - 7pm Parish Office

If you have any questions or ideas please contact

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

* ST AGATHA'S PARISH P26 CHILDREN'S MASS / Sunday 11 October - 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, collecting, serve on the altar, welcome people as they arrive giving them a copy of the newsletter or sing in the junior choir. 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 by no later than Wednesday 7 October 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.

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.

* NEEDED: 8 x \$50 DONATIONS

Youth Supervisor, Moira Kent in Blackall fell ill and could not drive two young people to last week's Ignite Conference. She paid the \$438 fares but cannot afford it. I am putting in \$50 and am looking for 8 companions - *Fr Adrian*. The two young people will be very grateful for any help given.

* NEW YOUTH VENTURE

The Order of St Lazarus of Jerusalem, an ecumenical order, is dedicated to care of the sick. To share the vision and work, they are proposing to establish a section for young people (17 yrs up) called "Friends of the Order". Information and application forms are on the back table.

* 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.

27th Sunday in Ordinary Time

"So out of the ground the Lord God formed every beast of the field and every bird of the air, and brought them to the man to see what he would call them; and whatever the man called every living creature, that was its name." (*Genesis 2:19*)

In our prayers we remember

Those who have died recently :

Joan Lister, Otto Wüest, Jean West, Maureen Murphy, Josie Feldman, Jacob de Vries, Elaine Presswood, Henry Weld

And those whose anniversaries occur about now:

May Schuh, Merv Devlin, Kath and Arthur Bassingthwaite, William Hinson, Ken Russell

Those who are sick:

Craig Gerran, 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.



ON THE JOURNEY TOGETHER – THE SYNOD ON THE FAMILY - Archbishop Mark Coleridge

I have arrived in Rome for the Synod of Bishops on the Family in the Modern World. I've worked very hard to prepare for it and, now that I'm here, I'm looking forward to it very much.

People keep asking me what do you think will happen at the Synod? All I can say is: "I'm not sure". I think we could be in for surprises. The Holy Spirit is like that.

No one saw the Second Vatican Council coming and I hope, at least, we're in for a few surprises at this Synod. Because, if we just say the same things in the same way, why bother with having two Synods as Pope Francis has decided we'll have?

We're on a journey together and it's a journey of discovery. It's not just about marriage and the family. That's where the rubber hits the road. But it's also about the Church and how the Church relates to the modern world. Because in some ways we're drifting apart. And that's not the Catholic way. The Catholic way is to engage.

So, how can we as the Church engage the modern world and how seriously can we as the Church take history and all that history throws up to us? So, there are big questions caught up in this Synod but there are also those intimate questions concerning marriage and the family.

So I invite all of you to surround us Bishops here in Rome with your prayer through the next three weeks.

*** SYNOD ON THE FAMILY - OCTOBER 2015**

Pope Francis has stressed the need for prayer to prepare for the forthcoming Synod. The Synod has to involve the whole Church, and prayer is one vital way of being involved. Prayer cards are available at the back of the church.

*** THE COMMUNITY LEADER AWARDS 2015** hosted by the Catholic Leader

Only **one week** to nominate 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. 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).

*** 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

*** 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

Congratulations to the following couples who were married in St Agatha's Church in September:

Vaibhav Gupta and Hillary O'Sullivan; Darrin Davis and Kelly Farrell; Andre Pritchard and Connie Wong; Michael Cahill and Angela Custance.



PARISH ROSTERS

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

6.00pm

7.00am

9.00am

5.30pm

READERS

3/4 Oct	Graham Gibson Julie-Anne Gibson	Sr Cecily Foster Andrew Douglas	Tim Hancock Peter Gilroy Leanne O'Shea	Life Teen Mass
10/11 Oct	Ryan Smethurst Ann Goves	Rafael Chase Ruby Chase	St Agatha's P26 Mass	Life Teen Mass

COMMUNION MINISTERS

3/4 Oct	Eddie Foley	Kate Duffield	Michele Pink	Life Teen Mass
10/11 Oct	Marie Ho	Volunteer	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.

4 Oct	No Children's Liturgy - School Holidays
11 Oct	No Children's Liturgy - P26 Mass

ORGANISTS:

3/4 Oct	Robyn Cuming	Volunteer	Catriona McPherson	Life Teen Mass
10/11 Oct	Volunteer	Mark Leung	Robyn Cuming / Paul Fiumara	Life Teen Mass

SANCTUARY CARERS:

10 Oct	Santina Catalano	Maria Fistrovic
17 Oct	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 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

OCTOBER

Monday 5

- * Parish Office closed

Tuesday 6

- * School resumes
- * Youth Ministry Meeting 7pm Parish Office

Wednesday 7

- * RCIA 7pm Parish Office

Monday 12

- * SVDP Meeting 5pm Parish Office

Wednesday 14

- * Parish Pastoral Council Meeting 7pm Parish Office

THE CATHOLIC LEADER COPIES ON SALE - \$2.00

In this week's issue

- * Pope Francis winning hearts in US – following his words and deeds.
- * 1300 young Catholics from across Australia and New Zealand gather in Brisbane for celebration of faith.
- * Archbishop Coleridge previews the synod on the family on eve of his departure for Rome.

Readings - Twenty-Eighth Sunday in Ordinary Time - 11 October 2015

1st Reading: Wisdom 7:7-11; 2nd Reading: Hebrews 4:12-13;

Gospel: Mark 10:17-30