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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. Mrs Carol Sayers **APRE**: Mr Nick Fogarty Outside School Hours Care Coordinator Ms Harmony Domaille

**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-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



#### IS MY LIFE IN GOD'S PERSPECTIVE?

I listened recently to a meditation/reflection on Christ crucified. (as an aside, if you have not already done so, listen to Archbishop Coleridge's latest presentation on Living Biblically in a Secular World – it will bring alive the impact of the crucifixion in a new way). The painting being used by the speaker was a very graphic representation of Jesus dead on the cross. This was different to the usual

depiction where the Lord hangs there as if asleep with neat holes in hands, feet and side. This painting portrayed very well a man who had breathed his last, his mouth open as death claimed him. His whole body displayed the marks of scourging with whips and his head disfigured with a crown of thorns.

This death is acclaimed by the Lord's disciples in all ages as a victory but how? Jesus on the cross possessed none of the realities we desire to have for fulfilment and success. These realities are four: power, pleasure, wealth and honour. We think if we have even one of these we shall be happy but it isn't true. The reason I say this is that Jesus on the cross had none of them and he is success and fulfilment par excellence. Nailed to the cross he was powerless. Definitely he did not experience pleasure. Stripped bared he had no wealth. Mocked and ridiculed by the onlookers he had no honour. How was this success, victory?

The one thing he possessed when all else was gone was the knowledge he did his Father's will. When we think seriously about it that is all that matters. The big four we think are essential are only for this life here and now. We shall leave all of them behind. The only ultimately transportable reality is ensuring our will and God's will are synchronised. That is happiness, success and victory.

The man who asked Jesus what he had to do to inherit eternal life was told to keep the commandments with Jesus listing a sample. The man had kept all those his whole life long. Jesus lovingly scrutinises him and sees that his life is dominated by his wealth so, targeting that, tells him to assist the poor and come and follow him. The man walks away sad because he cannot imagine himself without his wealth. He cannot see who depriving himself of something will bring him what he wants. Yet that is exactly the road to follow for him and for us.

Jesus may target something else in us but while we cling to what we think is important and essential for success and fulfilment and not have God in the picture we shall never reach our goal. Fr Adrian Farrelly.

Next weekend 17/18 October, both Fr Adrian and Fr Stephen will be away. Fr John Sullivan will preside at the 6.00pm, 7.00am and 9.00am Masses and Fr Ormond Rush at the 5.30pm Mass.



# 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.



#### ST AGATHA'S YOUTH MINISTRY TEAM

Enquiries to the parish office on 3262 2859

If you have any questions or ideas please contact Anne O'Connor on 3256 6013 or 0419 796 988.





facebook.com/aggiesyouth

## 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

PLEASE REGISTER BY MONDAY 19 OCTOBER 



#### 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.







Daily Mass Book 2016 - for sale at Piety Stall \$17.00 each

# **2016 Columban Art Calendars** - for sale at Piety Stall \$9.00 each

The Calendar has been produced by St Columbans Mission Society for over 90 years and has provided important funding for the work of the missionaries in over 16 countries. You will find beautiful traditional religious artwork and helpful liturgical information in the calendar. The calendars are great Christmas gifts for family and friends.



# INTERNATIONAL DAY OF THE GIRL CHILD - 11 OCTOBER



The United Nations' International Day of the Girl Child promotes girls' human rights, highlights gender inequalities that remain between girls and boys and addresses the various forms of discrimination and abuse suffered by girls around the world. For more information and resources please visit: http://www.un.org/en/events/girlchild/

#### \* ALTAR SERVING TRAINING

Fr Adrian will be running an Altar serving training session on Wednesday 14 October at 3.15pm 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.

#### \* THANK YOU

Thank you to the generous parishioners who donated towards the bus fare for two young people to attend the Ignite Conference. Following is a thank you letter from one of the attendees:

Dear Sponsors,

Thank you for giving me the opportunity to go to the Ignite Conference in Brisbane. I really enjoyed my time there and I'm really looking forward to going back next year. I learnt so much and had so much fun, it was the highlight of my holidays. The rallies were definitely the best part, we all screamed our throats hoarse so I came home with a cold, but it was worth it! I would highly recommend the conference to any young people struggling with their faith. So again thank you for giving me the opportunity to go to Brisbane, I would go back in a heartbeat. Yours Sincerely, Catherine

# In our prayers we remember

# Those who have died recently:

Melda Power, Joan Lister, Otto Wüest, Jean West

# And those whose anniversaries occur about now:

Ray and Joan Thompson, Kate O'Shea, May Schuh, Merv Devlin

# Those who are sick:

Craig Gerran, Ken Kipping, Robert Renew, 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.

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

Pope Francis has stressed the need to pray for the Synod on the Family. 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. Go to: www.brisbanecatholic.org.au and read Archbishop Mark Coleridge's daily blogs "On The Road Together".

#### \* 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.

#### \* 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 <a href="www.ahs.qld.edu.au">www.ahs.qld.edu.au</a> (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.

#### \* 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  $\sim$  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

## \* OVERSEAS VOLUNTEER OPPORTUNITIES

Communities in East Timor, Ethiopia, Kenya, Kiribati, PNG, Samoa and elsewhere are asking for volunteers to assist mentor local workers and so assist poverty reduction. They believe this approach promotes self-reliant, sustainable development and have asked Palms Australia to recruit, prepare and support those who volunteer. 2016 positions close soon! Please contact <a href="mailto:palms@palms.org.au">palms@palms.org.au</a> or call 02 9518 9551



\* THE CAMP HILL PARISH invites applications for the part time position of Children's Ministry Coordinator (Commencing January 2016 – Part-time 15 hours per week). For job description and other information contact the Camp Hill Parish on 3398 1154 or email: <a href="mailto:stthomas@bne.catholic.net.au">stthomas@bne.catholic.net.au</a>.
Applications close Friday 13 November.

"It is easier for a camel to pass through the eye of a needle than for one who is rich to enter the kingdom of God." (Mark 10:25)

PARISH ROSTERS

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

6.00pm 7.00am 9.00am 5.30pm

READERS

10/11 Oct Ryan Smethurst Rafael Chase St Agatha's P26 Mass Life Teen Mass

Ann Goves Ruby Chase

17/18 Oct Phil Zammit Chanelle White Denis Keating Life Teen Mass

Eric van der List Anne O'Connor Don Macpherson Angela Larosa

**COMMUNION MINISTERS** 

 10/11 Oct
 Marie Ho
 Volunteer
 Anthony Carroll
 Life Teen Mass

 17/18 Oct
 Jan Zammit
 Helen Roberts
 Michele Pink
 Life Teen Mass

<u>CHILDREN'S LITURGY OF THE WORD</u> - Prep to Grade 4 children are encouraged to participate.

Please note: any younger siblings need to be accompanied by an adult.

11 Oct No Children's Liturgy - P26 Mass 18 Oct Jane Cameron Erin Bledsoe

**ORGANISTS:** 

10/11 Oct Volunteer Mark Leung Robyn Cuming / Life Teen Mass

Paul Fiumara

17/18 Oct Robyn Cuming Mark Leung Jenny McKeon Life Teen Mass

**SANCTUARY CARERS:** 

17 Oct Beverley O'Brien
31 Oct Santina Catalano

<u>Volunteers needed.</u> 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

# Parish Calendar

# **OCTOBER**

#### Monday 12

\* SVDP Meeting 5pm Parish Office

#### Wednesday 14

- \* Altar Serving Training 3.15pm Church
- \* RCIA 7pm Parish Office

# Friday 30

\* Fr Adrian's Farewell Bash 7pm Presentation Centre

#### Saturday 31 & 1 November

\* Fr Adrian's last weekend

# THE CATHOLIC LEADER COPIES ON SALE - \$2.00

#### In this week's issue

- \* Papua New Guinea food crisis leaving thousands hungry across the country.
- \* Synod on the family begins in Rome with Pope Francis encouraging bishops to help save souls.
- \* Catholic Foundation making \$140,000 available for youth grants.
- \* Pope Francis makes pleas for death row inmates in US.

Readings - Twenty-Ninth Sunday in Ordinary Time - 18 October 2015 1st Reading: Isaiah 53:10-11; 2nd Reading: Hebrews 4:14-16; Gospel: Mark 10:35-45