



# 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.*

School Principal Mrs Carol Sayers *APRE:* Mr Nick Fogarty

Outside School Hours Care Coordinator Ms Harmony Domaille



Synod on the Family

**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 - 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**



What do you want me to do for you? Mark 10:36

## GOOD NEWS BEATS BAD NEWS

St Mark begins his gospel with these words: "The beginning of the good news of Jesus Christ, the Son of God." It is a stark opening and immediately addresses a situation that prompted Mark to write the gospel. That situation was the persecution of the followers of Jesus by the emperor Nero (the one who reportedly played the violin while the city burned around him).

His persecution of the Christians saw them being torn apart by lions and other wild animals as entertainment for the spectators at the Coliseum alongside gladiators fighting each other to the death. This would be around 65AD which is when the gospel of Mark was written.

Mark begins by stating he is writing about the good news of Jesus Christ because what was happening to members of the Church in Rome was anything but good news. Many, understandably, were renouncing the faith. Imagine yourself converting from paganism to belief in Christ drawn to these people by the love they showed each other and the beauty of the teaching of Jesus. Suddenly at the whim of the emperor you find you are part of a group that somehow has incurred the wrath of the emperor. You face the very real possibility of being killed for what you believe.

Again and again Mark shows the disciples of Jesus failing to see that following Jesus is not a choice that will protect you from suffering anymore than Jesus himself was protected from suffering. Mark is saying to his friends in the community of believers in Rome: what we are experiencing in our suffering at the hands of Nero is what Jesus suffered. Jesus did give his life as a ransom for the freedom of others in the way that even today we see people held in hostage situations being freed because someone else offers to take their place. St Maximilian Kolbe did this in the concentration camp where he was starved to death in place of a young married man with family.

Mark wrote to help his friends understand that even in the face of persecution and death what they believed about Jesus, the life they lived was good news not bad news. He was saying a life lived in humble service of others was better than a life where you can ride rough shod over others and have them at your beck and call (this is what James and John were desiring with the request to sit at his right and left hand). That kind of life is centred just on yourself and your importance rests on how many bow and scrape before you. Whereas with service of others because of the new life you have in Christ you need no bolstering of your ego because what can be better than knowing Jesus gave his life for you to be free and that you are loved by the Father and Spirit is at home in you.

*Fr Adrian Farrelly*

**HAPPY BIRTHDAY FR STEPHEN FOR TUESDAY 20<sup>th</sup>**



This weekend we welcome **Fr John Sullivan** who will preside at the 6.00pm, 7.00am and 9.00am Masses and **Fr Ormond Rush** who will preside 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/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



## 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.

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

October

Month of the  
Holy Rosary



October is  
Breast Cancer  
Awareness  
Month



\* **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.



\* **FATHER ADRIAN'S LAST WEEKEND**

On the weekend of Saturday 31 October/Sunday 1 November, it will be Fr Adrian's last weekend. After all the Masses that weekend there will be a cake and tea/coffee. To assist with catering we ask Parishioners to bring a plate to share for the 6.00pm, 7.00am and 9.00am Masses only. Thank you!

\* **NOVEMBER MASS ENVELOPES** are available from table in church foyer or Piety Stall. Please print the names of those who you wish to be remembered and place the envelope on the collection plate or hand into the parish office. The names of your deceased will be placed in a Remembrance Book that will be on the altar for all Masses during the month of November. **NOVEMBER A special time to pray for our loved ones who have died.**



\* **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](http://www.ministryhub.com.au)

Flyers available at the back of the church. \$45pp/Concession \$35pp



With great joy we welcome **Harry Caughey, William Flack, Elsie Gordon, Vivienne Macann and Henry Richardson** who will be baptised this Sunday.



*"For the Son of Man did not come to be served, but to serve and to give his life as a ransom for many." (Mark 10:45)*

## *In our prayers we remember*



### *Those who have died recently:*

Kevin Bartholomew, Louie Limas, Marion Taylor, Melda Power, Joan Lister

### *And those whose anniversaries occur about now:*

Fausto Rada, Ray and Joan Thompson, Kate O'Shea

### *Those who are sick:*

Fr Michael Cooney, 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](http://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.

### **\* HANDS OF THE WORLD FAIR TRADE ARTISANS' MARKET**

Cathedral of St Stephen Francis Rush Centre Elizabeth Street Brisbane  
Friday 30 October 3pm to 7pm / Saturday 31 Oct / Sunday 1 Nov / Monday 2 Nov 9.00am till 5.00pm  
Weavings from Ecuador; paper repurposed from Thailand; Christmas baubles from India; basketry from Bangladesh; ceramics; glass; folk art; embroidered silk shawl from Kashmir; timber toys from Rajasthan; cards from Senegal  
Benedictines; Ethiopian textiles; wool and cotton garments from Kenya; rugs from Nepal, will be gathered for delectation and delight for four days from 30 October.

### **\* 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](http://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](mailto: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.

### **\* 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 [palms@palms.org.au](mailto:palms@palms.org.au) 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: [stthomas@bne.catholic.net.au](mailto:stthomas@bne.catholic.net.au). Applications close Friday 13 November.

*If you held a mirror up to your life, would it reflect God's love and grace? If you are struggling with this, try changing your attitude from "I want more" to "thank you God for everything you have given me, I have enough to share".  
This change in perspective will bring you joy through service to others.*

## PARISH ROSTERS

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

**6.00pm**

**7.00am**

**9.00am**

**5.30pm**

**READERS**

17/18 Oct

Phil Zammit  
Eric van der List

Chanelle White  
Anne O'Connor

Denis Keating  
Don Macpherson  
Angela Larosa

Life Teen Mass

24/25 Oct

Marie Ho  
Marian Nolan

Annette Riba  
Kirsty Stevens

Tanya Mulcahy  
Peter Ryan  
Wilma O'Connell

Life Teen Mass

**COMMUNION MINISTERS**

17/18 Oct

Jan Zammit

Helen Roberts

Michele Pink

Life Teen Mass

24/25 Oct

Trish Hickey

*Volunteer*

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.*

18 Oct

Jane Cameron

Erin Bledsoe

25 Oct

Monica McBride

Mel Ryan

**ORGANISTS:**

17/18 Oct

Robyn Cuming

Mark Leung

Jenny McKeon

Life Teen Mass

24/25 Oct

*Volunteer*

Mark Leung

Robyn Cuming

Life Teen Mass

**SANCTUARY CARERS:**

31 Oct

Santina Catalano

Jane Lynn

7 Nov

Victor Podesta

**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**

**OCTOBER**

**Wednesday 21**

\* RCIA 7pm Parish Office

**Monday 26**

\* SVDP Meeting 5pm Parish Office

**Friday 30**

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

**Saturday 31 & 1 November**

\* Fr Adrian's last weekend

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**In this week's issue**

- \* Priest and his flock still celebrating 'miracle' of Cowboys' grand final win.
- \* Snapshot of how synod is progressing.
- \* Catechist offers tips on helping kids behave in Mass.
- \* Feature on World Mission Sunday and Church's faith in action.
- \* Archbishop Coleridge calls for 'pastoral creativity' at synod on the family.

**Readings - Thirtieth Sunday in Ordinary Time - 25 October 2015**

**1st Reading: Jeremiah 31:7-9; 2nd Reading: Hebrews 5:1-6;**

**Gospel: Mark 10:46-52**