



# ST AGATHA'S PARISH

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**Parish Priest**

Fr Anthony Mellor

**Assistant Priest**

Fr Stephen Jeon

**Parish Secretary**

Mrs Rosemary Greer

**Administrative Assistant**

Mrs Jane Cameron

**Parish Office Hours**

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

St Agatha's Primary School  
commences on  
Wednesday 27 January



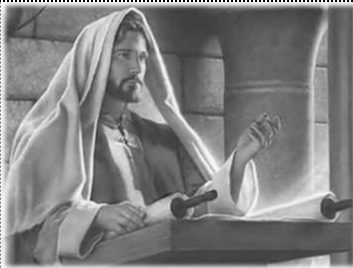
## A PRAYER FOR A CHILD

Come Gracious Spirit, Heavenly Dove,  
With light and comfort from above.  
Be Thou our Guardian, Thou our Guide,  
Stay close by every child's side. Amen!

**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 - Third Sunday in Ordinary Time - 24 January 2016

**1st Reading: Nehemiah 8:2-6, 8-10; 2nd Reading: 1 Corinthians 12:12-30; Gospel: Luke 1:1-4, 4:14-21**



The slow and easy days of the summer holidays are coming to an end. Australia Day (or maybe the finals of the Australian Open tennis) unofficially marks the end of the summer break. This week our children will begin or return to school, and the familiar rhythm of weekly activities re-commences. On Tuesday, Australia Day, we have a brief pause before the full speed of 2016 comes zooming towards us.

It wasn't until I lived overseas that I realised how Australian I was. Our view of the world is particular. And many travellers will know the joy of returning "home" despite the richness of encountering other places and people. Whether born here or having chosen

to live here, we celebrate Australia as our "home"; that place where we feel most ourselves, a place of familiarity, ease and peacefulness. We look on this place with affectionate eyes because it is home.

It is for this reason that we need to be careful not to allow Australia Day to become a kind of parody, a celebration of Australian superficiality. By the end of Australia Day, a lot of jingoistic things will be said, meaningless sentiments will find their way into many a public speech, and the word "lucky" will be repeated unthinkingly over and over again. When Donald Horne wrote that Australia was "a lucky country" in 1964, he didn't intend it as a statement of privilege but as an indictment of a country that had achieved significant social prosperity with so little ambition or creativity. Over half a century on, "the lucky country" is a badge worn with pride, oblivious to its original stinging claim.

If we were to look at our nation through realistic eyes rather than dreamy affection, we will see beyond the things that we appreciate and value – and beyond those things that we wish were true. To stop there is to sell our nation short. We will notice the places where our nation is hurting. We will see those who have been left behind or left out of our prosperity. We will see the pain of the First Peoples of this land and acknowledge the urgent task of recognition and reconciliation needed to heal the wound of dispossession. We will become uneasy and disconcerted by a rise of racist attitudes and signs of disharmony and remind ourselves how important it is that we all work together to maintain a multicultural society where all can find a place. We will recognise our insecurities and consider fairer and more just ways of responding to refugees and asylum seekers, and particularly children. We will look to the land and explore ways of living more sustainably in such a diverse environment. We will ask ourselves what it means to be "Australian" in a globalised world.

Maintaining and enhancing the common wealth of our society has very little to do with luck. It has to do with considering the task of citizenry, and embracing our social responsibility towards the common good. In amongst all the green and gold and fireworks, we will also celebrate Australia Day as followers of Jesus Christ. In this regard, our first task is thankfulness, not for our luck or good fortune, but in acknowledgement and appreciation of the gifts given to us by God. Our second task is to re-commit ourselves to the Christian vision of the common good by attending to our communal responsibility of using the gifts of God as the true foundation of the "Great Southern Land of the Holy Spirit".

Enjoy Australia Day and come gather together for Mass at 9am.

Fr Anthony

## Australia Day - Tuesday 26 January

**Mass will be celebrated at 9.00am.**

**Followed by morning tea. All welcome!**

**Please bring a plate to assist with catering.**



## 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



### 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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You are invited

To

Fr Anthony's Installation Mass

by Archbishop

Mark Coleridge

Sunday 7 February

at the 9.00am Mass.



### PARENT'S PRAYER

All praise to You, Lord Jesus: Bless our family, and help us to lead our children to You. Give us light and strength, and courage when our task is difficult. Let Your Spirit fill us with love and peace, so that we may help our children to love You. All glory and praise are Yours, Lord Jesus, for ever and ever. Amen.

### A PRAYER FOR OUR TEACHERS

Dear God, thank you for the amazing teachers who have given their lives to serve our children. As they prepare for the new year, fill them with strength to lead, grace to guide and hope to thrive in their classroom. Bless them beyond measure for their willingness to pour into the next generation through education. Amen!

### \* THE LITTLE KINGS'S MOVEMENT - SPECIAL COLLECTION - This weekend

The Little King's Movement once a year conducts a Door Knock and a Parish Appeal. The Movement caters for people with disabilities in social and spiritual activities. There is no Government funding and the Movement is staffed by volunteers. Each year the calls for their services are increasing. The Movement, though based on Catholic beliefs is truly ecumenical, and all members are welcomed and respected for their own beliefs. There is no charge for any of the services provided by the Movement. **Envelopes available on the seats.**

### \* HAND-in-HAND

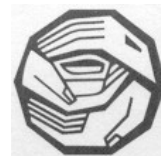
The Summer 2015 edition of Hand-in-Hand is now available. Copies available on table in church foyer. Please take a copy home and feel free to take extra copies for your family, friends and neighbours.

### \* FRANKLY MAGAZINE - for sale at the Piety Stall for \$5.00 each.

Offering informative and engaging articles by quality writers in Australia and overseas, FRANKLY has been designed to engage with ordinary people on topics that are relevant to their everyday lives. Some topics include: *Life Matters, Parenting, Relationships and Money.*

### \* THANK YOU

The Clayfield Conference of St Vincent De Paul would like to thank all Parishioners, for their generous support of the 2015 Christmas Appeal. The food donations were used in hampers delivered to needy people before Christmas. The monetary donations will go towards assisting people who call on us during 2016.



The Clayfield Conference of St Vincent de Paul meet at 5.00pm every second Monday (except Public Holidays) at the Parish Office. New members are always welcome to attend the meetings. Next meeting will be held this Monday 25 January.



With great joy we welcome **Stella Di Lizio and Gabriella McKinnon**, who will be baptised this Sunday.

*In our prayers we remember*



*Those who have died recently:*

Rosemarie Young

*And those whose anniversaries occur about now:*

Craig Andrews, Restituta and Ismael Limas

*Those who are sick:*

Trevor Elms, Fr Michael Cooney, Craig Gerran, Ken Kipping, Paddy Ryan Snr, Adele Walker, Paul White, Edward Clark, Cajetan Goves, Alexandra Barlow, Joshua Stasis, Joyce Rodgers, Carmel See, Regina Hwan, Val Boevinlic, Deanne Du Bour, Melissa Waka, Agnes Tam, Kerri Smith, Gerry Maller, Ann Tully, Louise Horrocks, Nola Palm, Matthew Gray, Frank Wilkie, Don Martin, Patrick Gallagher, Rene Quinn, Eileen Clarke, Rob Bruce, Mel Purwo, Kath Delahunty, Hellen Passente, Philomena L’Hiullier.



Catholic Mission, the official church agency for Mission and Evangelisation is looking to recruit more Mission Ambassadors in 2016. Our volunteer Ambassadors visit other parishes, as part of our appeal campaigns, to speak about the missionary work of the Church, in Australia and overseas. They are trained, they are passionate and they are equipped with the necessary information to share with their fellow Catholics.

If you think you might have the skills and desire to help make a difference, by “bringing good news” to the parishes of your diocese; if the “Spirit of the Lord” is upon you; if you want to help us “proclaim release to the captives”, offer “recovery of sight to the blind” and help set the oppressed free, then we would love to hear from you.

In the Year of Mercy, join with us to make it available to all! Simply send an email to [ajimenez@catholicmission.org.au](mailto:ajimenez@catholicmission.org.au) or text our Regional Diocesan Director David McGovern on 0431 481 731. Please include your first name, so David knows who he is speaking too when he calls you back, for a confidential, no-obligation chat about what it means to be a Mission Ambassador for Catholic Mission.

**\* CANALI HOUSE**

Canali House offers a live-in discernment program for men considering the priesthood. Offering affordable accommodation that is central and accessible by public transport, the program focuses on preparing the residents for leadership in the Church. To enquire about the program or to register interest, please contact the Vocation Brisbane office – 1300 133 544 or [vocations@bne.catholic.net.au](mailto:vocations@bne.catholic.net.au); or visit our website [www.vocationbrisbane.com](http://www.vocationbrisbane.com).

**\* INTERNATIONAL WOMEN’S DAY BREAKFAST - Friday 4 March 2016**

St Rita’s College Alumnae cordially invite Past Pupils and Friends to the International Women’s Day Breakfast / Brisbane Marriott Hotel / 7.00am for 7.30am / Cost \$65 per person.  
To purchase tickets - in Google search type *trybooking St Rita's College Alumnae 2016*.

A VOCATION VIEW: The word of God becomes the flesh of God when YOU live it in your life.  
Believe what you read; live what you believe. Be Christ to another.

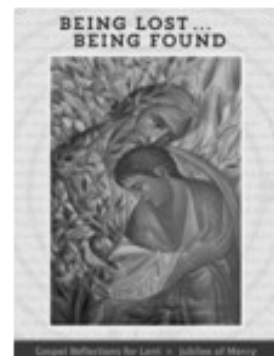
**LENTEN REFLECTION GROUPS (10 February - 26 March)**

“*Being Lost... Being Found*” is the title of this year’s Lenten program. The group will meet once a week on a day and time to be decided. Please complete and hand in the tear off slip indicating your interest.

With that information gathered we shall organise days and times. Each meeting runs for 80 minutes.

I am interested in the Lenten program:

Name: \_\_\_\_\_  
Email: \_\_\_\_\_  
Phone: \_\_\_\_\_  
Day Preferred: \_\_\_\_\_  
Time Preferred: \_\_\_\_\_



## PARISH ROSTERS

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

	<b>6.00pm</b>	<b>7.00am</b>	<b>9.00am</b>	<b>5.30pm</b>
<b><u>READERS</u></b>				
<b>23/24 Jan</b>	Graham Gibson Julie-Anne Gibson	Nick Eden Dianne Eden	Peter Ryan Trish Ryan Jane Arkinstall	Life Teen Mass
<b>30/31 Jan</b>	Marie Ho Eddie Foley	Helen Roberts Aleira Egan	Heidi Cooper Michael Crutcher Eileen Duncan	Life Teen Mass
<b><u>COMMUNION MINISTERS</u></b>				
<b>23/24 Jan</b>	Ann Goves	Lorraine Atkinson-MacEwen	Anthony Carroll	Life Teen Mass
<b>30/31 Jan</b>	Trish Hickey	Deborah Hall	Michele Pink	Life Teen Mass
<b><u>CHILDREN'S LITURGY OF THE WORD</u></b> - Prep to Grade 4 children are encouraged to participate. <i>Please note: any younger siblings need to be accompanied by an adult.</i>				
<b>31 Jan</b>	Monica McBride	Mel Ryan		
<b><u>ORGANISTS:</u></b>				
<b>23/24 Jan</b>	Volunteer	Mark Leung	Robyn Cuming	Life Teen Mass
<b>30/31 Jan</b>	Robyn Cuming	Mark Leung	Jenny McKeon	Life Teen Mass
<b><u>SANCTUARY CARERS:</u></b>				
<b>30 Jan</b>	Santina Catalano			
<b><u>Volunteers needed.</u></b> These important ministries need more volunteers. Please contact 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*

### **JANUARY**

#### **Monday 25**

\* SVDP Meeting 5pm Parish Office

#### **Tuesday 26**

\* Australia Day Mass 9pm

#### **Wednesday 27**

\* St Agatha's School resumes  
\* RCIA re-commences 7pm Parish Office

### **THE CATHOLIC LEADER COPIES ON SALE - \$2.00**

- \* Marists Brothers to explore new ministries on the edge of society.
- \* Pro-lifers taking to Brisbane streets in March to protect life.
- \* Middle East archbishop thanks Brisbane parishioners for their prayers and fasting.
- \* Pope Francis advocating a new humanism of work.
- \* Entire communities being starved as aid convoys denied access across Syria.
- \* Share house from heaven for young Brisbane Catholics.

**Readings - Fourth Sunday in Ordinary Time - 31 January 2016**

**1st Reading: Jeremiah 1:4-5, 17-19; 2nd Reading: 1 Corinthians 12:31-13:13; Gospel: Luke 4:21-30**