



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

Ms Sarah Daws



Jesus Communion Mission

Administrator

Executive Assistant

Administrative Assistant

Parish Office Hours

School Principal

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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

15 January - 2nd Sunday in Ordinary Time Year B

1st Reading: 1 Sam 3:3-10,19; 2nd Reading: 1 Cor 6:13-15,17-20; Gospel: John 1:35-42



This Sunday, in our 2012 undertaking to deepen our understanding of our faith, we consider the second sacrament of initiation, confirmation (baptism is the first and Eucharist the third; more about it next Sunday).

Why is it called confirmation? It is called Confirmation because it confirms and strengthens baptismal grace. In the Eastern churches it is called chrismation after the oil (chrism) that is used (Compendium n. 266).

The essential rite of Confirmation is the anointing with Sacred Chrism (oil mixed with balsam and consecrated by the bishop at the mass of the oils close to Easter) which is done by the laying on of the hand of the minister who pronounces the sacramental words proper to the rite. In the west this

anointing is done on the forehead of the baptized with the words. "Be sealed with the gift of the Holy Spirit (Compendium n. 267).

The effect of confirmation is a special outpouring of the Holy Spirit like that of Pentecost. This outpouring has a permanent effect on our soul (the Catechism speaks of impressing an indelible character) and produces a growth in the grace of baptism. It anchors the recipients more deeply in divine sonship and daughtership, binds them firmly to Christ and the Church and reinvigorates the gifts of the Holy Spirit in the soul. It gives special strength to witness to the Christian faith (Compendium n. 268).

Fr Adrian Farrelly

SPECIAL APPEAL THIS WEEKEND

THE LITTLE KING'S MOVEMENT FOR THE HANDICAPPED was founded in 1968 under the umbrella of the Franciscan Missionaries of Mary. Once a year this movement conducts a Door Knock and Church Appeal with the blessing of the Archbishop. 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 our services are increasing. The Movement, though based on Catholic beliefs, is truly ecumenical, and all members and people with disabilities are welcomed and respected for their own beliefs. There is no charge for any of the services provided by the Movement. Envelopes for this appeal can be found on church pews.

This weekend we warmly welcome back to our parish

Fr Anthony Ekpo who will preside at our Masses.



Youth Happenings
 NEDYM - North East Deanery Youth Ministry

SPIRITUALITY IN THE PUB

"FINDING TIME FOR GOD IN OUR BUSY LIVES"

MONDAY 30TH JANUARY 2012

**Royal English Hotel
 - In the Bistro -
 Nundah Village - 7.00PM**

**Guest Speakers
 Watch This Space**

OPEN TO ANYONE 18 AND OVER

Meals available

Spirituality in the Pub will be happening on the 4th Monday of every month

**For further details on all events contact:
 Deanery Youth Co-ordinator:
 Narelle Guyder, Mob 0419-661-744
 Email narelle@nedym.com**

With great joy we welcome into the Catholic Church Community:



Noah Doxey
 Emma Corrigan
 Howard Creevey

who will be Baptised this Sunday

USED STAMPS - Josephite Mission in Peru.

Many thanks to all who have donated used stamps for the Josephite Mission in Peru.

Sr Helen Saunders expresses her thanksOn behalf of Mary MacKillop International Mission Fund Australia, I thank you for your generous support in supply and assisting with used stamps. During 2011 we raised approximately \$6,200.00 Our best effort so far! From 2011 till now our total has exceeded \$30,000.00. May God's blessings, through the intercession of Saint Mary MacKillop, be yours in abundance..

Keep up the good work! Stamps to be left at the Piety Stall.

**ST AGATHA'S FEASTDAY
FEBRUARY 5**

St Agatha – Patron Saint of Breast Cancer

On the weekend of **February 4/5**, all Masses at St Agatha's will have special blessings for those who have been affected by breast cancer.

To ensure the blessing ceremony is done as sensitively as possible we are looking for persons who have been affected by breast cancer.

If you are willing to participate in the organisation of the Masses and blessing, please contact the parish office on 32622859 or Robyn on 32623664 or 0414861988.

Sacramental Program—2012

Confirmation and First Holy Communion

For children in Grade 3 or older who have celebrated their First Penance/Reconciliation

ENROLMENT WEEKEND: 4/5 February at all masses

Saturday 6.00pm; Sunday 7.00am, 9.00am & 5.30pm
 Enrolment forms will be available from the church in mid January

PARENT'S MEETING: St Agatha's Church

**Monday, 6 February 7.00pm or
 Wednesday, 8 February 7.00pm**

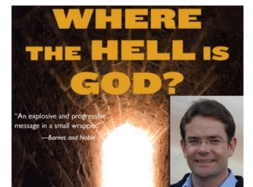
(N.B. Parents need only attend 1 of these sessions)

For further information call Jane Cameron at the parish office: 32622859

Richard Leonard SJ: Where the Hell is God?

Where: St Agatha's

**When: 23 February, 2012 –
 Thursday, 7pm**



Richard Leonard SJ is a Jesuit priest. He holds a PhD in cinema studies and is currently the director of the Australian Catholic Film Office, a consultant to the Australian Catholic Bishop's Media Committee, and a film critic for all the major Catholic newspapers of Australia. He is a well credentialed lecturer around the world and a highly regarded speaker who draws a large and varied audience. In addition to his extensive cinema knowledge, he is an author. Richard will take us on a personal journey sharing insights on how we can understand the presence of God when confronted with tragedy and suffering. He will be drawing from his recent book, "Where the hell is God?"

A VOCATION VIEW: A good Vocation prayer to say every day, is found in today's first Scripture Reading: 'Speak, Lord for your servant is listening.' Just try it with sincerity starting today.

In our prayers we remember



We pray for those who have died:

Helen Smith, Eileen Spensley, John Bunker, Cecelia McNamara, Kelly Stewart, Damian Cullen, Neil Hinson.

And for those whose anniversaries occur about now:

Christian Thomson, Joan Ryan, Bel Meyer, Patrick Craven, Moya Merric, Eric O'Hagan, Verlie Just, Robert Needham, Tom McCormack, Ismael Limas, Restituta Limas, Vita Limas, John O'Brien, Craig Andrews.

Those who are sick:

Aubrey Jude, Lola Hackett, Patricia Evans, Benedetta De Santi, Pam Farr, Dennis Farr and William Mitchell, Patricia Woolhouse, Sue Hall, Judy Freeman, Jan Heslewood, Johnathon Adams, Rosaria Tieppo, Jennifer Baker, Monica Hay, Maia Balsillie, Ryan Masterson, Pamela Bright, Charles Kannengiesser, Ronald McCann, Alison Doust, Garry Ahern, Jonathan O'Brien, Alma Kaus, Peter Wood, Andrea Collis, Gabrielle Greathead, Vera Jokic, Chas Hudson, Don Morrison, Rosina Waugh, Tim Devlin, Sr Mary McDonald, Loretta Giles.

You will note a number of names which have been on the sick list for many months have been removed. If you would like to have a name put back on please contact the parish office. Also a reminder to let us know when names are no longer required to be shown on the list.



Welcome Lucius Edomobi .

Lucius a seminarian who spent time with us in 2010 has been granted a pastoral appointment to St Agatha's parish for 2012. This is a formation phase on his journey to the diaconate and ordination to the priesthood later this year.

We assure Lucius of our prayers and every assistance during his time with us.

Christian One Liners

Give God what's right
not what's left.

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God didn't promise a calm passage.  
He promised a safe landing.

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Man's way leads to a hopeless end
God's way leads to an endless hope.

Two Catholic Pilgrimages for 2012:

The Religions of Asia (May, 2012) This pilgrimage tour of Malaysia will be departing Sydney on Monday 7th May (2012), and returning on Friday May 18. This 12 Day pilgrimage journey will be a very Catholic tour with daily Mass, prayer and spiritual input. Its primary focus will be to view and better understand the various non-Christian religions present in Malaysia, but also incorporating Catholic sites and shrines. There will be visits to shrines of Islam, Buddhism, Daoism, Hinduism, Sikhism and perhaps Shamanism-Animism. This pilgrimage will lead to a deeper knowledge and respect for the various religions of man in his quest for God, as well as a deeper appreciation of Jesus Christ as the only name by which we are saved (Acts 4: 12). The tour will be led by Father Ted Tyler, parish priest of Upper Blue Mountains, as the Spiritual Chaplain, as well as Father Jan Bieniek CSMA, parish priest of Clovelly, as the Group Leader. For further information or details please contact Father Ted at frejtyler@live.com or at P.O. Box 526 Katoomba 2780, for further details.

Pilgrimage to Turkey and Greece: Abraham, Peter, Paul, Andrew and the Early Church (September 2012). This pilgrimage will leave Australia on Monday 24th September 2012 and return on 12th October, and will visit places of great spiritual significance in the Scriptures and the early Church. In Turkey we shall visit Haran and Urfa (Abraham), Antioch (Peter, Paul and Barnabas), Tarsus and parts of Cappadocia (Paul), Constantinople-Byzantium (early Ecumenical Councils). We shall then cross over to visit Thessalonika, Athens and Corinth (St Paul), Patras (St Andrew), as well as places of great secular significance such as Delphi, the tomb of Philip of Macedon, the birthplace of Aristotle, and the great Athenian centres of ancient culture and philosophy. The pilgrimage is being led by Father Ted Tyler, parish priest of Upper Blue Mountains (diocese of Parramatta), and some very experienced local guides. If you are interested, contact Father Ted at frejtyler@live.com or at P.O. Box 526, Katoomba NSW 2780, for further information and details.

RETREAT FOR YOUNG MEN 18-30 - Theme: "Wisdom" - will be held on the weekend of 10-12th February, 2012 at the Presentation Spirituality Centre, 26 Kooralgin St, Manly; lead by Frs Dom Murphy OP and Paul Rowse OP (Dominicans). Cost: \$200 (all inclusive) \$180 if registered by 25/1//12.

For information please contact: Br James Baxter OP email james.baxter@op.org.au

The CATHOLIC LEADER resumes publication this weekend

On sale \$2.00

PARISH ROSTERS

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

	6.00pm	7.00am	9.00am	5.30pm
<u>READERS</u>				
14/15 January	Jack Williamson Eddie Foley	Mark Burton Shelley Wellington	Peter Ryan Angela McFarlane Cecily Dobson	Life Teen Mass
21/22 January	Judy Bartels Paul Bartels	Andrew Douglas Blue Doyle	Denis Keating Tanya Mulcahy Tim Hancock	Life Teen Mass
<u>COMMUNION MINISTERS</u>				
14/15 January	Peter Bowden	Blue Doyle	Dorothy McSweeney	Life Teen Mass
20/21 January	Marie Ho	Angelo Gumirato	Ariane Ryan	Life Teen Mass

Gift Bearers will be arranged by the Communion Minister, except for the Young Parishioners' Mass and special masses.

CHILDREN'S LITURGY

Children's Liturgy will resume 29 January

ORGANISTS:

14/15 January	Catriona McPherson	Mark Leung	Teresa Fuller
22/21 January	Eithne Stafford	Mark Leung	Sr Marguerite

SANCTUARY CARERS

14/15 January	Beverley O'Brien
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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.

Note: All Readers and Children's Liturgy Team Members are asked to pick up their copy of *Break Open the Word* for Year B. Books (with your name on them) are available on table in church foyer.

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

A list of Mass times for neighbouring churches is on the Notice Board in the foyer. Copies are available from the Parish Office.

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 9.00 am Mass.

We celebrate baptism on the 3rd and 4th Sundays of the month. For further information and bookings, 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: clayfld@bne.catholic.net.au

Parish Calendar

January

Wednesday 18

- **Liturgy Meeting**
5.30pm Parish Office

Thursday 19

- **RCIA Parish Office**

Tuesday 24

- **St Agatha's School**
Year begins

Thursday 26

- **Australia Day Mass**
9.00am followed by
Morning Tea.

MARRIAGE ENCOUNTER 2012

World Marriage Day is being celebrated on Sunday 12 February at St Michael's Catholic Church, 250 Banks St, Dorrington with a Mass commencing at 2pm followed by afternoon tea. Please bring a plate to share.

Readings - 22 January - 3rd Sunday in Ordinary Time Year B
1st Reading: Jonah 3:1-5,10; 2nd Reading: 1 Cor 7:29-31; Gospel: Mark 1:14-20