



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.

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Jesus Communion Mission

Administrator

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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

Readings - 8 January - The Epiphany of the Lord Year B

1st Reading: Isaiah 60:1-6; 2nd Reading: Ephesians 3:2-3,5-6; Gospel: Matthew 2:1-12



Epiphany of the Lord

The men coming from the East to see the newly born Jesus are part of the gospel in miniature. The Word of God became flesh to draw everyone to know God and commit themselves to him. These men from present day Jordan and Iran saw a star and interpreted it to mean that God had done something new in human affairs. They set out on a journey making sure they brought gifts to mark the occasion. They tracked the star and were delighted with it, but once with Mary and Joseph in Bethlehem, it was the child who was their focus of attention.

Last week at all the masses I proposed that in 2012 the adults of St Agatha's commit themselves to deepening their understanding of their faith in whatever way possible:

attending talks on the faith, teaching in the newsletter, homilies to mention a few. Many are facing adult questions and situations with a grade 2 understanding of what Catholics believe.

Starting today we shall look at the seven sacraments starting with baptism. Doing one sacrament per week will take us to Lent (Ash Wednesday is ??).

What is a sacrament? The sacraments, instituted by Christ and entrusted to the Church, are efficacious (they actually do what they signify) signs perceptible to the senses. Through them divine life is bestowed upon us (Compendium of the Catholic Catechism, n. 224).

What is baptism? Baptism is the first sacrament of initiation. It is called baptism because of the central rite with which it is celebrated. To baptize means to immerse in water. The baptised are immersed in the death of Christ and rise with him as new creatures (Compendium of n.252).

In what does the essential rite of baptism consist? The essential rite of this sacrament consists in immersing the candidate in water or pouring water over his or her head while invoking the name of the father and the Son and the Holy Spirit (Compendium, n. 256).

What are effects of Baptism? Baptism takes away original sin, all personal sin and all punishment due to sin. It makes the baptized person a participant in the divine life, a share in the priesthood of Christ and provides the basis for communion with all Christians. It bestows the theological virtues and the gifts of the Holy Spirit. A baptized person belongs forever to Christ.

What is the meaning of the name received at Baptism? The name is important because God knows each of us by name, that is, in our uniqueness. Preferably the names should be that of a saint who officer the baptised a model of sanctity and an assurance of his or intercession before God.

Next week: Confirmation.

Fr Adrian Farrelly

CONGRATULATIONS. St Agatha's parishioners celebrate with Bartholomew Horsten and his family as he receives his First Holy Communion at the 9am Mass this Sunday. We offer our prayers and blessings for Bartholomew and his family on this special day..

In our prayers we remember



We pray for those who have died:

Cecelia McNamara, Kelly Stewart, Damian Cullen, Neil Hinson, Cody Ross.

And for those whose anniversaries occur about now:

Robert Needham, Tom McCormack, Ismael Limas, Restituta Limas, Vita Limas, John O'Brien, Craig Andrews, Andrew and Rosemary Chan, Sally Meehan, Peter Fardoulis, Helen Vescey-Dalos, Stan McKenzie, Reilly and Pitt Family, Peter, Noel and Eve Turnbull, Emerita Socorro, Carmel and Allan Burke, Marjorie, Tom and John Geddes.

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

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>				
7/8 January	Ann Goves Marie Ho	Mary Kelaher Aleira Egan	Jill Weld Jane Arkinstall Trish Ryan	Life Teen Mass
14/15 January	Jack Williamson Eddie Foley	Mark Burton Shelley Wellington	Peter Ryan Angela McFarlane Cecily Dobson	Life Teen Mass
<u>COMMUNION MINISTERS</u>				
7/8 January	Trish Hickey	Jan Corser	Cecily Dobson	Life Teen Mass
14/15 January	Peter Bowden	Blue Doyle	Dorothy McSweeney	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:

7/8 January	Teresa Fuller	Mark Leung	Catriona McPherson	Life Teen Mass
14/15 January	Catriona McPherson	Mark Leung	Teresa Fuller	Life Teen Mass

SANCTUARY CARERS

7/8 January	Santina Catalano, Maria Fistrovic
14/15 January	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.

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.

ST VINCENT DE PAUL. The Parish Conference offers its sincere thanks to the parishioners who donated generously to the Christmas Appeal, allowing the Conference to maintain its assistance to the poor and needy.

The Conference also thanks parishioners who left material gifts under the Giving Tree. These gifts enable the Conference to distribute 25 hampers.

In addition, the students of St Agatha's school made up 14 large hampers which were distributed. The Conference is sure that the recipients appreciate the generosity of the students, their parents and the teachers.

To add to the spirit of giving, Aviation High at Hendra continued its charity work by handing 21 hampers of the Conference.

These hampers were delivered to those who had special needs. The Conference extends sincere thanks to Aviation High.



5.30PM LIFE TEEN MASS

SUPPERS 2012

HELP BUILD OUR COMMUNITY SPIRIT

By joining the roster for evening supper by adding your name and contact details to the chart on table in front foyer.

Costs incurred are reimbursed
Contact Narelle 0419 661 744
for further details

Readings - 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