



St Agatha's
CLAYFIELD

ST. AGATHA'S PARISH

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First Sunday of Lent - 14th February 2016

Readings

1st Reading: Deuteronomy 26:4-10; 2nd Reading: Romans 10:8-13; Gospel: Luke 4:1-13

WEEKDAY MASSES

Monday 15 Feb: 6.30am
Wednesday 17 Feb: 9.00am
Thursday 18 Feb: 9am
Friday 19 Feb: 9am

SUNDAY MASSES

Saturday 6.00pm
(1st Rite of Reconciliation:
Saturday 5pm - 5.30pm)
Sunday 7.00am
9.00am
5.30pm

Rosary before Mass

Parish Calendar

FEBRUARY

- Friday 19 Feb:
Stations of the Cross 8.30am
- Sunday 21 Feb:
Children's Liturgy 9am
- Monday 22 Feb:
SVDP Meeting 5pm Parish Office

1st Sunday of Lent

"I have now brought you the first fruits of the products of the soil which you, O Lord, have given to me." (Deuteronomy 26:10)

Dear sisters and brothers,

Thank you again to all who were part of last Sunday's Installation Mass. It was important to me that it was a celebration of this community because the true strength of the Church rests with the gifts of all baptised. I look forward to journeying with you through the years ahead to build up the Church and serve God's Kingdom in our part of the world.

Now to more practical matters. Starting this week (Monday), repair work will be carried out of the church roof. Tiles and roofing were damaged during the hail storm in November 2014. This repair work will require scaffolding being placed around the church for two-to-three weeks. As a consequence, external access around the church will be restricted at certain times. This may include the pathway between the church and presbytery which leads up to the school, but this will be only for short periods for safety reasons. This will also mean that the side-door of the church (presbytery side) may not be accessible during those periods. Special arrangements will be in-place during school drop-off and pick-up times, with a supervisor to be on-site to monitor safety. I know that these measures will cause some inconvenience but public and workplace safety are paramount. Please co-operate with all safety measures and directions, as this will ensure that the repairs are expedited smoothly and with minimal disruption. I will keep you updated as the repairs proceed.

This Sunday, at 3pm at the Cathedral, the Rite of Election is celebrated. This is an important step for those preparing to be initiated at the Easter Vigil. Tina Locantro and Indianna Wort will be welcomed as members of the Elect. This means that they, along with a couple of hundred others across the diocese, are moving into their final stage of preparation. Also we acknowledge those who are baptised in other traditions and those who will complete their Catholic initiation at the Easter vigil or during the Easter season. Please continue to pray for James Kelaher, Cate Barrett, Sam Toohey who will be received into the Church and Kelli Paton and Jarred Moss who will complete their Catholic initiation. They are a sign to us of the vitality of the Church and the rich calling of faith. May we be a sign to them of the joy, friendship and consolation which comes from being a follower of Christ.

Fr. Anthony

2016 - The Year of Mercy

A Word of Mercy.... The Church is a mother because she always generates new sons and daughters in faith; the Church is a mother also because she nurtures faith; and the Church is a mother also because she offers God's forgiveness, regenerating new life, the fruit of conversion. (Pope Francis)

Clayfield Conversations

This week's *Clayfield Conversations* is an extract from Archbishop Mark Coleridge's Lenten Message for 2016. Full copies are available near the front door of the church.

The Door Wide Open

In recent times we've heard a lot of talk about the need for reform and innovation in Australia – reform of the tax system usually and innovation across the board, turning good ideas into good business. Through Lent we see that each of us needs reform with an element of innovation, and that's what the Sacrament of Mercy is about. But it's not just individuals who need reform and innovation; so too does the Church. This was what Pope John XXII meant when he spoke of *aggiornamento* at the Second Vatican Council. He intended a reform that would enable a new evangelisation. The reform would have one eye firmly fixed on the ways of early Christianity and the other eye no less firmly fixed on the reality of now.

At the heart of the Council's teaching was a vision of the synodality of the Church, which was also central to the recent Synods on marriage and the family. When Pope Francis spoke at the last Synod about the synodality of the Church, he saw it as something applying to all of the Church all of the time, not just some of the bishops some of the time. He went on to say that a synodal Church had to be a listening Church, a people journeying with ears wide open. It has to be a Church listening above all to the voice of the Holy Spirit who speaks in ways that need to be discerned. Part of that discernment is patience, waiting for the Spirit to speak from the silence. Then it requires understanding of what we hear, because the Spirit doesn't always speak in ways we expect or grasp immediately. Finally, it calls for obedience, a willingness to act on what we hear, even if it seems strange or too demanding.

We must also listen anew to each other, aware that the Spirit doesn't always speak through the people we expect. The Spirit doesn't always speak through the leaders, but may speak through the least, those who inhabit not the centre but the periphery. The Spirit may speak through people with a different accent or from a different culture, people who can be hard to understand and who leave us asking what it is they're really saying. The Spirit may speak through people whom we find difficult or with whom we disagree, but to whom we need to listen if we really are journeying together.

The Church must also learn more of what it means to listen to the voice of the world, without ever becoming worldly – indeed to listen to the voice of the world in order *not* to become worldly. The world can certainly learn from the Church, but so too the Church can learn from the world. The prime dialogue is between God and the world, not God and the Church. God has a Church for the sake of the world. That's why the dialogue between the Church and the world – with the mutuality it implies – really does matter. If the Church can't listen to the world, to its deepest groanings, then it's unlikely that we'll be listening to the real God.

* 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. If you would like to help with music or singing just talk to the musicians. Enjoy supper and friendship after Mass. **Visit Aggies Youth:** <https://www.facebook.com/aggiesyouth>.



* DINNER ROSTER LifeTeen Mass - Sunday 5.30pm

PLEASE NOTE: OUR DINNER ROSTER FOR 2016 HAS CHANGED.

We will be providing dinner on the 1st and 3rd Sundays of the month commencing on 7 February.

HELP NEEDED: If you can assist with this ministry by providing dinner for 40-60 people please write your name on the roster in the Church foyer. The key to this ministry is "keep it simple". Sausage sizzles and spaghetti bolognese are always welcome! Costs can be reimbursed with presentation of docket to the Parish office. 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. Next Youth Ministry meeting Thursday 3 March, 7pm Parish Office.

* **CURSILLO WEEKENDS** - A Cursillo Experience is an opportunity to encounter Christ and journey along with others in developing a deeper relationship with God. There are talks and discussions as well as time for personal reflection and also fun. There will be a ladies weekend on 22-25 April 2016 (with Fr Adrian Farrelly as the priest for that weekend) and a weekend for men 29 April - 2 May 2016. Cursillo weekends can be a life changing experience. For more information please contact Coralie on 0405 007 970 or Michael on 0427 555 776.

In our prayers we remember



Those who have died recently:

Vince Sciacca

And those whose anniversaries occur about now:

Helen Richards, Phyllis Sullivan, Anne Nimmo, Daphne Mellor

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, 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.



*** FIRST SUNDAY OF LENT**

Like many families in her remote village, Doney and her family have often gone months without enough to eat. But with the support of Caritas Australia and local partner CADECOM, the people of Doney's community have learned to harness their strengths. Today they are building new livelihoods, improving health and growing literacy to create paths towards a better future.

CELEBRATING 50 YEARS OF
**PROJECT
COMPASSION**

Please donate to Project Compassion 2016 and help people in remote areas of Malawi harness their strengths and pave the way towards a thriving future. You can donate through Parish boxes and envelopes, which are available on the pews and on table at church entrance. www.caritas.org.au/projectcompassion 1800 024 413.

*** ST AGATHA'S PARISH SACRAMENTAL PROGRAM - 2016**

Under new Archdiocesan Policy, the Sacraments will be celebrated over a 3 year period with Confirmation in year 3, First Holy Communion in Year 4 and Reconciliation in Year 5.

You need to enrol in 2016 for all 3 Sacraments.

ENROLMENT WEEKEND: 7/8 May at any of the Masses -

Saturday 6.00pm; Sunday 7.00am, 9.00am & 5.30pm

**PARENT'S MEETING: Monday 9 May, 7.00pm or Tuesday 10 May, 7.00pm at St Agatha's Church
(N.B. Parents need only attend 1 of these sessions)**

For further information call Jane Cameron at the Parish office: 3262 2859

*** ALTAR SERVING TRAINING**

An Altar serving training session will be held on Friday 26 February at 3.15pm in the Church. If your child is in grade 3 to 6 and has been Confirmed, and 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.

*** ST AGATHA'S SCHOOL - PREP 2017**

If you have a child born between 1/7/11– 30/6/12, they are eligible to commence Prep in 2017. If you have not already let us know details of your child, please email the Enrolment Secretary on wkwhite@bne.catholic.edu.au with your name, contact email, contact phone number and your child's name and date of birth.

Sibling Applications for Prep 2017 close on 12 February, 2016. Application forms are in the process of being emailed out. Applications close for Prep 2017 on **24 March 2016**, interviews usually take place in April/May, and placements offered in June.

*** A GOOD READ FROM THE ST AGATHA'S LIBRARY**

"The Name of God is Mercy" by Pope Francis is available to be borrowed from the St Agatha's Library. All Modern Catholics look to our present Pope, Pope Francis, with hope and longing for a truly inspiring spirituality which might help us negotiate our troubled world. This book is a good start.

From the earliest days of his papacy Pope Francis has preached many times on God's attribute of mercy which he considers to be central to his being and his message, even to his expectation of his relationship with us, his people.

This book is a conversation of Pope Francis with a Vatican reporter, Andrea Tornelli, in which he gives a background to his announcement of this year as the Holy Year of Mercy. It is a very comforting volume for us to read and think about. It contains the words: "Mercy is the first attribute of God. The name of God is Mercy. There are no situations we cannot get out of. We are not condemned to sink into quicksand."

Highly recommended by a thoughtful parishioner.

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>				
13/14 Feb	Marian Nolan Ryan Smethurst	Annette Riba Anne-Marie Quinn	St Agatha's P26	Life Teen Mass
20/21 Feb	Eric van der List Phil Zammit	Helen Roberts Ken Roberts	Denis Keating Angela Larosa Don Macpherson	Life Teen Mass
<u>COMMUNION MINISTERS:</u>				
13/14 Feb	Marie Ho	Kate Duffield	Deborah Hall	Life Teen Mass
20/21 Feb	Jan Zammit	Paulette Archer	Anthony Carroll	Life Teen Mass
<u>ORGANISTS:</u>				
13/14 Feb	<i>Volunteer</i>	<i>Volunteer</i>	Robyn Cuming/ Paul Fiumara	Life Teen Mass
20/21 Feb	Robyn Cuming	Mark Leung	Jenny McKeon	Life Teen Mass
<u>ALTAR SERVERS:</u>				
13/14 Feb	Olivia Dillon Mikayla Dillon	Joey Douglas	St Agatha's P26	Eliza French
20/21 Feb		Max Van Balen Georgia Van Balen	Bart Marino	Caitlin Marshall
<u>CHILDREN'S LITURGY:</u>				
14 Feb			<i>No Children's Liturgy - P26 Mass</i>	
21 Feb			Julie Kordic & Ewa Marino-Cebulski	
<u>SANCTUARY CARERS:</u>				
20 Feb	Beverley O'Brien			

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 3rd and 4th 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

AUSTRALIAN CATHOLICS MAGAZINE

(Summer issue 2016)

is now available.

Please take a copy home.

WORLD DAY OF PRAYER

"Receive children. Receive me."

Friday 4 March 2016

St John's Anglican Church

12 Burilda Street, Hendra

10.00am.

Everyone welcome.



THE CATHOLIC LEADER COPIES ON SALE - \$2.00

* Archbishop Coleridge urges Catholics to immerse themselves in the Year of Mercy.

* Catholic Mission lends a hand in getting kids back to school.

CHILDREN'S LITURGY

We are seeking volunteers to assist with this most rewarding ministry. The ministry is open to all over the age of 18. (A blue card will be organised for you if you do not already have one).

Each session is run by two adults, one to facilitate and the other to assist. You will only be needed once or twice a term and not at all in school holidays.

Session content is provided along with any other support required. If you are interested please contact the Parish Office on 3262 2859 or email us at clayfield@bne.catholic.net.au.

Readings - Second Sunday of Lent - 21 February 2016

1st Reading: Genesis 15:5-12, 17-18; 2nd Reading: Philippians 3:17-4:1; Gospel: Luke 9:28-36