



# ST. AGATHA'S PARISH

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## St. Agatha's Catholic Primary School

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School Principal: Mrs Carol Sayers APRE: Mr Nick Fogarty

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## Fifth Sunday in Ordinary Time - 7th February 2016

### Readings

1st Reading: Isaiah 6:1-8; 2nd Reading: 1 Corinthians 15:1-11; Gospel: 5:1-11

#### WEEKDAY MASSES

Monday 8 Feb: 6.30am

Wednesday 10 Feb:  
(Ash Wednesday):  
6.30am and 9.00am

Thursday 11 Feb: 9am

Friday 12 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

• Monday 8 Feb:  
SVDP Meeting 5pm Parish Office

• Wednesday 10 Feb:  
Ash Wednesday Masses  
6.30am and 9am

Pastoral Council Meeting 7pm

• Friday 12 Feb:  
Stations of the Cross 8.30am

• Sunday 14 Feb:  
P26 Mass 9am

• Sunday 21 Feb:  
Children's Liturgy 9am

Sisters and brothers,

The word “installation” conjures up all kinds of images. One of the definitions of “installation” is “putting into place”. Setting aside the fact that many people have wanted to “put me in my place” over the years, a ritualised installation of a new parish priest, as we celebrate this Sunday, acknowledges the many connections of our ecclesial relationships. The ritual of installation doesn’t focus solely upon the role of the parish priest. The role of pastor of any community is multi-layered. As an ordained minister, the priest is called to be a witness to the Living Word. Preaching is worthless without seeing that Word alive in the life of the one who preaches. The pastor leads the community of faith which God gathers together, and, with the whole Church, calls forth the Holy Spirit to make present again the life of Christ in all its force and power. This is what the sacramental life of the Church is all about. At the same time, Clayfield, or any parish community, isn’t a community complete in itself. Our Catholic memory reaches deep into human history; our Catholic hope anticipates an eternal future. Every Catholic liturgy stretches our imagination beyond time and place, beyond the people that we can see and know, beyond our sense of “now”. We share a deep communion with other human beings, across the world and across the ages.

That is why Archbishop Mark Coleridge is here today. The bishop is the sign of unity with the Universal Church; universal in place (throughout the world) and universal in history (throughout time). As an ordained minister, I participate in the bishop’s ministry as a co-worker. As baptised people, we collectively participate in the Church’s mission. The ministry and mission of the Church, is in turn, nothing less than a participation in the mission of Jesus Christ. Ministry exists for one purpose: to serve the mission of the Church which is a sign of the greater mission of God. All of these bonds of communion are seen in a clearer light today, but these bonds are realised every time we are gathered together. God has drawn us together. May God continue to light the way ahead for us. May we all be willing to offer our gifts, and our very being, to respond to what God is doing among us. *Fr. Anthony*

#### WELCOME - ARCHBISHOP MARK COLERIDGE

At the 9.00am Mass this weekend we welcome Archbishop Mark on the occasion of the Installation Mass for Fr Anthony.

#### 2016 - The Year of Mercy

A Word of Mercy.... We could say that the day of our Baptism each one of us is given another name alongside the one we receive from our mother and father, and this name is ‘Christopher’, which means ‘Christ-bearer’. The Christian is a bearer of Christ.... But the mercy we receive from the Father is not given to us as a private consolation, but rather makes us instruments to enable others to receive the same gift. There is a wonderful circularity between mercy and mission. (Pope Francis)

## **Clayfield Conversations**

*Clayfield Conversations* is a new addition to the newsletter. Each week, we will print a short reflection on spirituality, Church or current events as food for thought and reflection. This week Lent begins on Ash Wednesday.

Prayer, fasting and almsgiving are the three pillars of Lent.

This reflection by Margaret Ryan helps to reframe our understanding of fasting.

### **Lenten Fasting: Don't Just Use Your Stomach**

"Oh no! Not Lent again!" I heard an older friend say recently. I recall something of the same dread I felt as a young person. I remember we were encouraged to mortify (put to death) our bodies and physical desires, to engage in fasting from foods and in various forms of sacrifice. At that stage, many of us believed a sackful of good deeds might persuade God to forgive and love us. We probably also half-believed that our bodies and natural appetites were themselves evil. Later we came to understand that God can't be manipulated and in any case God has always loved us first, fully and unconditionally, not needing to be persuaded. As well, human beings are created in God's image and humanity was changed forever by the incarnation and birth of Christ. Because of God's love and gifts, it is we who wish to respond to God in thanks, and to seek to get closer to our God: creator, shepherd, potter, lover...

Lent offers us opportunities to focus on and rearrange our spiritual priorities. We can come to see more clearly how we are living our daily lives. We can step back from our often busy lives, and look more closely at how we are relating to God, to observe who we are becoming. Traditionally, the Church has suggested three principal ways to help us return to God with all our heart: prayer, almsgiving and fasting. Of the three, fasting seems least understood and least practised. Not everyone can fast from food (e.g., those with particular physical conditions). If fasting can be understood as something more than just denying ourselves food, it can be a source of rich spiritual growth.

Fasting needs to include not just the stomach, but the mind and heart. Fasting is a spiritual discipline that can direct our attention to the deeper things in life. It is never undertaken for its own sake. Fasting can free us from addictions, illusions, prejudices, busyness and materialism. It can clear away the inner clutter (voices, fears, wounds), strengthen our gratitude, increase our self-control, help us re-arrange our priorities, alert us to what needs to be changed in our lives and unite us with the suffering of the world. In Lent we can fast from (give up) in order to feast on (take up) things:

- Give up some work/TV time and spend it with loved ones, the sick/"shut-ins", a Lenten discussion group, scripture or quality reflection time.
- Leave aside the smart phone or internet and talk to real people
- Use public transport instead of the car
- Give up words of criticism, negativity, gossip and take up words of affirmation, gratitude, kindness.
- Give up apathy and indifference and become involved in a social justice or charitable project.
- Give up some food or drink, be more conscious of our spiritual hunger and thirst and donate to the world's hungry the money saved.
- Give up rushing through food and become aware of God's creativity, abundance and variety in taste and goodness
- Give up hardened or prejudiced hearts and pray to forgive people who have hurt us.

Swap anger for patience, self-concern for compassion, suspicion for truth, loneliness for hospitality, spiritual lethargy for exercise, pretence for sincerity, aggression for friendship and busyness for silence/stillness. Have a festive fast!

### **\* 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 dockets 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.



**\* PROJECT COMPASSION SUNDAY -** Please take home a box and/or a set of Lenten donation envelopes and support Caritas Australia as we celebrate 50 years of Project Compassion. You will be helping to empower the world's poorest people with vital learning and renewed hope. [www.caritas.org.au/projectcompassion](http://www.caritas.org.au/projectcompassion) 1800 024 413.

## In our prayers we remember



### Those who have died recently:

Sr Pat Cluston, Josephine Podesta

### And those whose anniversaries occur about now:

Helen Richards, Phyllis Sullivan, Anne Nimmo, Daphne Mellor, Duncan Ferrie

### 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 Delahunt, Hellen Passente, Philomena L'Huillier.



**As Father Anthony is officially installed as our Parish Priest today,  
let's welcome him to our Parish Community in prayer.  
Father Anthony this is our prayer for you.**



We thank you, our Lord God, for bringing Father Anthony to St Agatha's Parish.

We ask you Lord, to take care of Father Anthony in his spiritual duties, with the grace that you pour out through him when he ministers the sacraments.

We ask you to guide him and keep him safe as he goes about his many duties within the Parish and outside the Parish

May he find the strength and insights to continue to be your shepherd of your flock, in faith and in truth.

May he share his strengths and insights for the benefit of the community with an open heart, and that we may grow through his commitment

We ask you Lord, as our Eternal Priest, to shine on Father Anthony as he takes on the role of our Parish Priest.

Amen

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

## **PARISH ROSTERS**

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

**6.00pm            7.00am            9.00am            5.30pm**

### **READERS:**

<b>6/7 Feb</b>	<b>Jack Williamson Ann Goves</b>	<b>Anne O'Connor Kirsty Stevens</b>	<b>Tim Hancock Peter Gilroy Leanne O'Shea</b>	<b>Life Teen Mass</b>
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<b>13/14 Feb</b>	<b>Marian Nolan Ryan Smethurst</b>	<b>Annette Riba Anne-Marie Quinn</b>	<b>St Agatha's P26</b>	<b>Life Teen Mass</b>
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### **COMMUNION MINISTERS:**

<b>6/7 Feb</b>	<b>Eddie Foley</b>	<b>Helen Roberts</b>	<b>Erin Bledsoe</b>	<b>Life Teen Mass</b>
<b>13/14 Feb</b>	<b>Marie Ho</b>	<b>Kate Duffield</b>	<b>Deborah Hall</b>	<b>Life Teen Mass</b>

### **ORGANISTS:**

<b>6/7 Feb</b>	<b>Mark Leung</b>	<b>Mark Leung</b>	<b>St Agatha's musicians &amp; choir</b>	<b>Life Teen Mass</b>
<b>13/14 Feb</b>	<b>Volunteer</b>	<b>Volunteer</b>	<b>Robyn Cuming/ Paul Fiumara</b>	<b>Life Teen Mass</b>

### **ALTAR SERVERS:**

<b>13/14 Feb</b>	<b>Olivia Dillon Mikayla Dillon</b>	<b>Joey Douglas</b>	<b>St Agatha's P26</b>	<b>Eliza French</b>
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### **CHILDREN'S LITURGY:**

<b>7 Feb</b>	<b>No Children's Liturgy - Installation Mass</b>
<b>14 Feb</b>	<b>No Children's Liturgy - P26 Mass</b>

### **SANCTUARY CARERS:**

<b>13 Feb</b>	<b>Santina Catalano &amp; Maria Fistrovic</b>
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### **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.

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

- \* Find out what two young men did to win Young Australians of the Year award.
- \* Millions starving in Africa as famine kills crops and shatters lives.
- \* Pope Francis wants you to live your faith through works of mercy in Lent.
- \* Stanthorpe community remembers the life of teenager Sophie Gasparin.

### **AUSTRALIAN CATHOLICS MAGAZINE**

(Summer issue 2016)  
is now available.

Please take a copy home.

### **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*

### **LITTLE BLACK BOOKS (Lent) - \$4.00 each**

*Six-minute reflections on the weekday Gospels of Lent.*  
This Little Black Book is your companion for Lent.  
Available for sale at the Piety Stall.

### **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 - First Sunday of Lent - 14 February 2016**

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