



St Agatha's
CLAYFIELD

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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Third Sunday of Lent - 28 February 2016

Readings

1st Reading: Exodus 3:1-8, 13-15; 2nd Reading: 1 Corinthians 10:1-6, 10-12; Gospel: Luke 13:1-9

WEEKDAY MASSES

Monday 29 Feb: 6.30am
Wednesday 2 Mar: 9am
Thursday 3 Mar: 9am
Friday 4 Mar: 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

MARCH

- **Thursday 3**
Youth Ministry Meeting 7pm
Parish Office
- **Friday 4:**
Stations of the Cross 8.30am
- **Monday 7:**
SVDP Meeting 5pm Parish
Office
- **Tuesday 8:**
Finance Meeting 6pm Parish
Office
- **Wednesday 9:**
Pastoral Council Meeting
7pm
- **Sunday 13:**
P26 Mass 9am

Dear sisters and brothers,

You may have noticed on the banner of the newsletter, a new addition to the list of names and responsibilities. Some time ago, Fr Adrian appointed Marie Ho to be the parish's "Local Safeguarding Children and Vulnerable Adults Representative". Under Archdiocesan policy, every parish is required to have such a representative. Marie will be responsible for ensuring that the parish and all its volunteers are aware of the importance of safeguarding children and vulnerable adults, promoting safe practice, including what is inappropriate and appropriate behaviour, and, with our Parish Leadership, assisting in the administration of the Archdiocesan Safeguarding Children Policy. We are reminded, particularly in these days of the Royal Commission, that creating an environment in which everyone feels safe and protected is a responsibility of us all. We all need to look out for another one. I am sure that you will support Marie in her role as our local representative. I am very grateful to Marie to accepting this responsibility.

On another note, I realised very quickly upon my arrival here in the parish that Fr Stephen was a much-appreciated presence in our community. Sadly for us, after consultation with his bishop, Fr Stephen has decided to return to Korea. His final Sunday here at St Agatha's will be Easter Sunday. Fr Stephen has a very easy style and engages warmly with this community, and this is a great gift that he has shared with us. We will organise a time to farewell Fr Stephen, but in the meantime, I am sure that you will offer him your own words of appreciation and support. There is no truth in the rumour that Stephen is joining the international tennis circuit as Roger Federer's doubles partner. Let us keep Stephen in our prayers as he prepares to return to his home. While Fr Stephen is irreplaceable, Archbishop Mark Coleridge will appoint a new Associate Pastor in the near future.

The repair work to the roof is now mostly complete and, as you can see, the scaffolding has been removed from the side of the church. Thank you to the school and parish community for your patience while these disruptions were in place. There is still more repair work to be carried out at the back of the church, but that should not be disruptive. This year is a leap year, so make sure that you make the most of the extra day of Lent on Monday (29th)!

Fr. Anthony

2016 - The Year of Mercy

A Word of Mercy.... To be a Christian means to do: to do the will of God, and on the last day - because all of us will have one - that day what shall the Lord ask us?

Will God say: "What have you said about me?" No. God shall ask us about the things we did. (Pope Francis).

This week's *Clayfield Conversations* by Ellena Savage, and examines the work of Harper Lee, who died last week. Lee wrote the beloved classic, *To Kill A Mockingbird*. Lee's second published novel, but written prior to *Mockingbird*, was released last year. It was titled *Go Set A Watchman*. Published in *Eureka Street*, Savage's reflection is worth a thought.

Harper Lee and the Death of Moral Certainty

Scout Finch, the kid heroine of *To Kill a Mockingbird*, was born colour blind. This is how she says it when she's 26 and goes by her adult name Jean Louise. She says it like this right after she's discovered that Atticus Finch, the rock of her life, is not the sturdy monolith she had counted on. He's frail and movable and, to his devoted daughter, suddenly, profoundly disappointing. Flannery O'Connor was right when she said that *To Kill a Mockingbird* was a good novel — for children. 'When I was 15 I would have loved it,' she wrote to a friend. O'Connor's own stories, steeped in the mud of a gothic, Catholic uncertainty, could never be classed as morally sure. Accordingly, her stories did not tap into the desires of the masses the way *Mockingbird* did. She didn't make it into the required reading lists set for every 15-year-old English student over the next 50 years. *Mockingbird* is a fable of...utopian promise. Sixty years on, racial equality has not been substantiated here or in the States, and the institutions that this worldview rests on, and which Atticus Finch epitomises — justice (the law), knowledge (education), pragmatism (capitalism), and moderation (protestant ethics) — have proven to be woefully underequipped to incite material change. Enter *Go Set a Watchman*, Lee's second published novel, which was released late last year. It was slated as a sequel to *Mockingbird* but was in fact an early draft of the novel — the prose is less assured, and the structure fairly clunky and shapeless. But, the moral muck! In this incarnation, set 20 years after *Mockingbird*, Jean Louise comes back home to Maycomb from New York. 'She wondered why she never thought her country beautiful,' Lee writes of Jean Louise's passage back home. Home won't be beautiful, we discover, until Jean Louise learns to unpack her childish beliefs in her father's moral certainty. In *Watchman*, Atticus is kind, yes, moderate, yes, thoughtful, sure: but he is also wrong. In his old age, he has stretched his pragmatic moderation to favour Jim Crow's segregation laws. In *Mockingbird*, the Maycomb County courthouse is a site of Atticus' impassioned pleas to equality: 'Gentlemen, if there's one slogan in this world I believe, it is this: equal rights for all, special privileges for none.' In *Watchman*, it's the meeting place for white segregationists (including Atticus) to collectively convince themselves of their divine right to lead, to dictate how far civil rights will extend. The interesting parallel between the novels is that *Mockingbird's* Atticus is *Watchman's* Atticus — the character's trajectory is clear, and this is shocking only because of the vaunted place *To Kill a Mockingbird* enjoys in its many readers lives. Atticus Finch was godly. How can he be complicit, too? *Watchman* is titled after a passage in Isaiah, verse six: 'For thus the Lord said unto me, Go, set a watchman, let him declare what he seeth.' With this, Lee infers that you need to have some distance to really see. And that someone needs to be keeping watch. Lee's death might have gone completely unnoticed if *Go Set a Watchman* had been released instead of *To Kill a Mockingbird* back in 1960. She might never have won the Pulitzer, sold 40 million copies of her first novel, or gotten onto year ten reading lists, because *Watchman* tells the story of hard truths, rather than the ones our hearts wish to believe in. That we're complicit when we think we're not; that we never really have the distance to be our own watchmen.

* 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.

* **AGGIES YOUTH DATE CLAIMER - Sunday 13 March**

After 5.30pm Mass join us for a special Supper to support the Caritas Lenten Appeal.

In our prayers we remember



Those who have died recently:

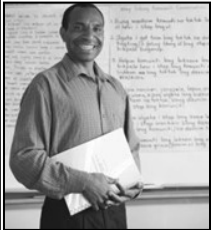
Patricia Hailey, Paul Jackson

And those whose anniversaries occur about now:

Les McSweeney, Margaret Bowden, Thomas McVeigh

Those who are sick:

Dell McHugh, 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.



*** THIRD SUNDAY OF LENT**

Generational poverty has led to many challenges in Dominic's community in Papua New Guinea, including gender inequality, alcohol abuse and violence. Since receiving training in the Caritas Australia supported Community Conversations program, Dominic has learnt communication and problem solving skills to lead his community towards a more peaceful, prosperous future.



Please donate to Project Compassion 2016 and help empower communities in Papua New Guinea to lead their own development and create more harmonious futures. You can donate through Parish boxes and envelopes, which are available on the pews and on table at church entrance.



* With great joy we welcome ***Jasper Belyea, Mitchell Belyea, Harry Belyea*** and ***Christopher Prak*** who will be baptised this Sunday.



*** 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

*** 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. Applications for Prep 2017 Non Siblings close on 24 March 2016, interviews usually take place in April/May, and placements offered in June. **Sibling Applications for Prep 2017 closed on 12 February, 2016. Sibling interviews are currently taking place.**

*** BROCHURES AVAILABLE**

Towards Healing and Professional Standards Office (Catholic Church Queensland) brochures are available on table at the church entrance.

*** LENTEN TALK** by Rob Cosgrove - Thursday 3 March 2016 at 6.30pm in the Parish Hall at Hendra:

"You are invited to an engaging, inspiring and challenging presentation on the Jubilee of Mercy."

Rob Cosgrove from Evangelisation Brisbane will be presenting a Lenten talk "*The Face of Mercy –*

The practical version" illuminating Pope Francis' document for the year. If you can't commit to anything else in Lent, this would be something that would be good to reflect on. All very welcome.

A VOCATION VIEW: Each Lent should bring us closer to our God.

There is no failure, except that of no longer trying. You can still follow Jesus more closely.

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

	6.00pm	7.00am	9.00am	5.30pm
READERS:				
27/28 Feb	Judy Bartels Paul Bartels	Mark Burton Jeanine Bygott	Lauren McMullan Katrina Murphy Wilma O'Connell	Life Teen Mass
5/6 Mar	Eddie Foley Marie Ho	Rafael Chase Ruby Chase	Peter Ryan Trish Ryan Jane Arkinstall	Life Teen Mass
COMMUNION MINISTERS:				
27/28 Feb	Trish Hickey	Paulette Archer	Michele Pink	Life Teen Mass
5/6 Mar	Ann Goves	Deborah Hall	Erin Bledsoe	Life Teen Mass
ORGANISTS:				
27/28 Feb	Robyn Cuming	Mark Leung	Catriona McPherson	Life Teen Mass
5/6 Mar	Robyn Cuming	Mark Leung	Jenny McKeon	Life Teen Mass
ALTAR SERVERS:				
27/28 Feb	Harry Lane		Xavier Coorey Kate Taylor	Volunteer
5/6 Mar	Phoebe McGuire Isabella McGuire		Alyssa Godinho Stella Pampellone	Ella Shepherd
CHILDREN'S LITURGY:				
28 Feb			Jane Arkinstall & Jane Cameron	
6 Mar			Katrina Murphy & Eleonora Kowitz	
SANCTUARY CARERS:				
5 Mar	Victor Podesta & Jane Lynn			

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

The **Aspley Parish** invites applications for the part time position of **Sacramental Coordinator** (2 days per week, 4 hours per day) (Flexible with days of the week) Initial enquiries can be made to the parish office, telephone 3862 9402. Full position description is available from the Parish Priest phone 3862 9402 or email aspley@bne.catholic.net.au. Commencement date ASAP. applications close 31 March 2016.

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.

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**

Be yourself - no matter what other people think. God made you the way you are for a reason. Besides, an original is always worth more than a copy!!

Readings - Fourth Sunday of Lent - 6 March 2016

1st Reading: Joshua 5:9-12; 2nd Reading: 2 Corinthians 5:17-21; Gospel: Luke 15:1-3, 11-32