



**St Agatha's**  
CLAYFIELD

# ST. AGATHA'S PARISH

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**Parish Priest:** Fr Anthony Mellor **Assistant Priest:** Fr Kevin Njoku  
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**Office Hours:** Monday - Friday: 8.00am to 12.30pm and 1.30 pm to 4.30pm  
(Please note: the Office is closed between 12.30 - 1.30pm)  
**Local Safeguarding Children and Vulnerable Adults Representative:** Marie Ho (0417 723 085)

## St. Agatha's Catholic Primary School

6 Hunter Lane Clayfield Qld 4011. Phone: 3326 9222  
**School Principal:** Mrs Carol Sayers **APRE:** Mr Nick Fogarty  
**Outside School Hours Care Coordinator:** Ms Harmony Domaille

## Third Sunday of Easter - 10<sup>th</sup> April 2016

### Readings

1st Reading: Acts 5:27-32, 40-41; 2nd Reading: Revelation 5:11-14; Gospel: John 21:1-19

#### WEEKDAY MASSES

**Monday 11 April:** 6.30am  
*Saint Stanislaus*  
**Wednesday 13 April:** 9am  
**Thursday 14 April:** 9am  
**Friday 15 April:** 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

#### **APRIL**

- **Monday 11:**  
School resumes
- **Wednesday 13:**  
Pastoral Council Meeting  
7pm Parish Office
- **Sunday 17:**  
Children's Liturgy 9am Mass
- **Monday 18:**  
SVDP Meeting 5pm Parish  
Office
- **Monday 25:**  
Anzac Day Mass 9am

#### FR KEVIN: MY STORY

It is good to respond to our individual vocations. Just like the biblical story of Jesse, I was born into the family of four; one girl and three boys. I am the youngest child.

My father passed on when I was still quite young, while I lost my dear Mum last year December 15, 2015; I was just three months in Australia.

At the age of twelve I entered the minor Seminary. In 1995 after spiritual year experience I applied to be sent to the Major Seminary where I obtained Bachelor's Degree in philosophy [1999]. Due to the need of the Diocese, I was sent for one-year pastoral experience. In 2004, I obtained Bachelor's degree in Theology.

After one-year internship, I was ordained a Deacon in January, 2005. In July of the same year, I was ordained a Catholic priest. Over ten years of my priestly ministry in Nigeria I had worked in four different parishes as an assisting priest and eventually as a Parish Priest in the fifth parish. However, my working in these number of parishes within ten years was as a result of my concurrent appointment as the director in charge of St Joseph's Skills Acquisition Centre in the Diocese. This is an institution where youths are being trained in different skills and empowered by Catholic Church. This enabled me to coordinate more with the youths. Also, it necessitated my obtaining a third degree in Economics (2013), which greatly assisted my work then. I was sent by the Bishop to Australia on Mission in September last year, with my arrival on the September 3, 2015. To date, this remains the longest journey that I have ever embarked upon.

I have also travelled to a few other places; the Holy Land, Egypt, as well as to United States of America. As past times, I guess I find lots of interest in lawn tennis, table tennis and soccer.

My call to the priesthood gave me a fresh breeze of the Holy spirit, the spirit of the renewal. I have always seen myself happy as a priest. I feel happier when I see my ministry as a priest relevant in the life of others. The real bad moment I ever had in my life as a priest was the passing of my mother.

However, in every situation I believe that 'The Lord is Good; All The Time'. I will forever remain grateful to the parishioners of St Anthony's and St Luke's Parish, Capalaba/Alexandra Hills. I have had a soft landing there; they first welcomed me and stood by me in my moment of grief.

I am happy to work in this parish as an associate pastor for the next three years as it is being stipulated in my appointment letter. It might surprise you to hear that everyone who heard of my appointment to this parish positively congratulated me based on the fact that I am going to work with a good Parish Priest Fr Anthony Mellor. I have also seen the wonderful parish staff as Fr Stephen earlier informed me. I guess I am looking forward to interacting with the promising and talented young of the parish and the friendly Parishioners at large.

With faith and hope in the Risen Lord, I pray that we all will work harmoniously for our salvation and to the greater glory of God. Amen.

*Fr. Kevin*

### 2016 - The Year of Mercy

**A Word of Mercy....** Many question in their hearts: why a Jubilee of Mercy today? Simply because the Church, in this time of great historical change, is called to offer more evident signs of God's presence and closeness.

*(Pope Francis)*

## Clayfield Conversations

Pope Francis' latest document, *Amoris Laetitia* (The Joy of Love) was published on Friday. It was written following the two recent Synods on the family. Joshua McElwee from the *National Catholic Reporter* offers us a sneak peak by summarising the official reading guide that was sent to all the bishops worldwide.

### **Amoris Laetitia: On Love in the Family**

A Vatican reading guide sent to Catholic bishops globally ahead of the release of Pope Francis' widely anticipated document on family life says the pontiff wants the church to adopt a new stance of inclusion towards society and to ensure its doctrines are "at the service of the pastoral mission." The guide, sent by the Vatican's office for the Synod of Bishops in preparation for the release of "*Amoris Laetitia: On Love in the Family*", explains that Francis "encourages not just a 'renewal' but even more, a real 'conversion' of language." "The Gospel must not be merely theoretical, not detached from people's real lives," states the guide. "To talk about the family and to families, the challenge is not to change doctrine but to inculcate the general principles in ways that they can be understood and practiced."

"Our language should encourage and reassure every positive step taken by every real family," it continues.

*Amoris Laetitia*, which in Latin means "The Joy of Love," is a document written by the pope following two back-to-back meetings of Catholic bishops at the Vatican in 2014 and 2015 on issues of family life. The reading guide says Francis

"wants to express himself in language that truly reaches the audience - and this implies discernment and dialogue."

Discernment, it says, "avoids taking truths and choices for granted; it has us examine and consciously adopt our formulations of truths and the choices we make."

"Like his predecessors, Pope Francis asks that as pastors we discern amongst the various situations experienced by our faithful and by all people, the families, the individuals," states the document. "Discernment ... encourages us to grow from good to better," it states. "One of the characteristics of discernment, according to St Ignatius of Loyola, is the insistence not only on taking the objective truth into account, but also on expressing this truth with a good, a constructive spirit. Discernment is the dialogue of the shepherds with the Good Shepherd in order to always seek the salvation of the sheep," it continues. The reading guide states that dialogue "means that we must not to take what we ourselves think for granted, nor what the other thinks."

"For the culture of dialogue, the inclusion of everyone is essential," the document continues. "The Pope suggests that we explicitly dwell on this way of understanding the Church, as the faithful people of God," it states. "The Pope's vision of *society* is inclusive. Such inclusion involves the effort to accept diversity, to dialogue with those who think differently, to encourage the participation of those with different abilities." Later, the document states: "Pastoral concern should not be interpreted as opposed to law."

"On the contrary: love for the truth is the basic point of encounter between the law and pastoral care," it continues. "Truth is not abstract; it integrates itself into the human and Christian journey of each believer." "Pastoral care is also not a merely contingent practical application of theology," states the document. "We are not meant to fit pastoral care to doctrine, but to preserve the original, constitutive pastoral seal of doctrine." Concluding, the reading guide says: "The language of mercy embodies the truth in life." "The Pope's concern is therefore to re-contextualize doctrine at the service of the pastoral mission of the Church," it states. Using a Greek word for the proclamation of salvation through Jesus, it states: "Doctrine should be interpreted in relation to the heart of the Christian *kerygma* and in the light of the pastoral context in which it will be applied." The reading guide ends with a quotation from the church's *Code of Canon Law*: "The salvation of souls, which must always be the supreme law in the Church, is to be kept before one's eyes."

### **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.



### **\* AGGIES YOUTH CARITAS KITCHEN**

Thank you to everyone who supported the Aggies Youth Caritas Kitchen. A total of \$480 was raised for Project Compassion.

*In our prayers we remember*



*Those who have died recently:*

Bishop Ron Mulkearns, Agnes Pini

*And those whose anniversaries occur about now:*

Herb Gosley, Hilda McCluskey, Anthony Hoskins, Agatha Archer, Paul Archer

*Those who are sick:*

Rakesh Akhil, 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, Ann Tully, 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.

**\* SHARE THE DIGNITY**

No women should suffer the indignity of choosing between eating or buying sanitary items. "*Share the Dignity*" focuses on homeless and at risk women. The Archdiocese is supporting the charity this year. If you would like to contribute to this worthy cause, we are seeking donations of sanitary products. These can be left at the Parish Office during the month of April.

**\* PARISH PLANNING - "Looking Ahead"**

This Sunday 10 April at the APAC building (St Agatha's School) - 10.30am to 12.30pm. Opportunity to gather some immediate and longer term goals and opportunities for the parish community.

**\* \* PLEASE NOTE: IMPORTANT CHANGE TO TIMETABLE \* \***

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

(For all children in Year 3 and above)

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.*

**\* \* Parent Information Evening: 3rd May, 7pm or 4th May 7pm in APAC, St Agatha's School \* \***

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

Rite of Enrolment: 7/8 May at any of the masses

Mass times: Saturday 6.00pm; Sunday 7.00am, 9.00am & 5.30pm

For further information call Jane Cameron at the Parish office: 3262 2859 or go onto our website:

[www.clayfieldparish.org.au](http://www.clayfieldparish.org.au)

**\* CATHOLICS RETURNING HOME - ST AGATHA'S CLAYFIELD**

Have you been away from the Church and you are seeking to reconnect and get an update on your Catholic faith? Perhaps you know someone who has left the Church? or just beginning to worship with us again? Please invite them to join us for 6 sessions, "Catholics Returning Home", Mondays from 9 May 7.30pm to 9pm at St Agatha's Clayfield, 52 Oriel Road. For more info please contact Lisa on 0418 734 147, or take a **green** brochure.

**\* 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. The venue for both weekends is Bribie Island Retreat and Recreation Centre, 2-12 Third Avenue, Woorim. "This course is recognised by Brisbane Catholic Education for seven hours of Professional Learning towards Accreditation to teach in a Catholic School."

**\* Catholic Man Breakfast - Thursday 14 April** - Hosted by Archbishop Mark Coleridge

The next menALIVE Catholic Man Breakfast is from 7am to 9am on Thursday 14 April at Tattersall's Club, 215 Queen St Brisbane. You can hear Denis Wagner tell his story of "Being Concretely Catholic".

Cost is \$45 per person. For more details visit [www.menalive.org.au](http://www.menalive.org.au). For bookings email [des@menalive.org.au](mailto:des@menalive.org.au).

"Peter was distressed that Jesus had said to him a third time, 'Do you love me?' and he said to him, 'Lord, you know everything; you know that I love you.' Jesus said to him, 'Feed my sheep.'" JOHN 21:17

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

**6.00pm**

**7.00am**

**9.00am**

**5.30pm**

**READERS:**

9/10 Apr	Phil Zammit Eric van der List	Anne-Marie Quinn Anne O'Connor	Angela Larosa Don Macpherson Denis Keating	Life Teen Mass
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16/17 Apr	Judy Bartels Paul Bartels	Andrew Douglas Chanelle White	Katrina Murphy Wilma O'Connell Lauren McMullan	Life Teen Mass
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**COMMUNION MINISTERS:**

9/10 Apr	Jan Zammit	Helen Roberts	Erin Bledsoe	Life Teen Mass
16/17 Apr	Eddie Foley	Michele Pink	Deborah Hall	Life Teen Mass

**ORGANISTS:**

9/10 Apr	Robyn Cuming	Mark Leung	Jenny McKeon	Life Teen Mass
16/17 Apr	Volunteer	Mark Leung	Catriona McPherson	Life Teen Mass

**ALTAR SERVERS:**

9/10 Apr	<i>School Holidays - Volunteers</i>			
16/17 Apr	Olivia Dillon Mikayla Dillon	Joey Douglas	Bart Marino Harry Lane	Eliza French

**CHILDREN'S LITURGY:**

27 Mar - 10 April *No Children's Liturgy - School Holidays*  
17 Apr Jane Cameron & Erin Bledsoe

**SANCTUARY CARERS:**

16 Apr 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 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**

\* Pope Francis asks dioceses around the world to come up with tangible ideas for permanent memorials for the Year of Mercy – what are your thoughts?

\* Care and Concern still going strong in parishes after 40 years.

**FEAST IN HONOUR OF THE MARTYRED THREE SAINTS**

*Alfio, Filadelfo and Cirino*

Holy Cross Church, Woolloowin

Sunday 1 May 2016

9:30am Solemn Mass

12:00pm Food stalls and entertainment

2:00pm Exit of the Saints and street procession

3:30pm Entertainment continues

**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*



**PALMS AUSTRALIA**  
*Fulfilling International Mission for Skilled Volunteers*

Communities in East Timor, PNG, Kenya, Kiribati, Samoa and elsewhere are asking for volunteers to assist mentor local workers and so assist poverty reduction. They believe this approach promotes self-reliant, sustainable development and have asked Palms Australia to recruit, prepare and support those who volunteer.

Want to know more? Information session will be held on Saturday 16 April, 3.30pm at Brisbane Square Library (266 George Street).

RSVP to [joey@palms.org.au](mailto:joey@palms.org.au) or call 02 9518 9551

**LITTLE WHITE BOOKS**

\$4.00 each

for sale at Piety Staff

**Readings - Fourth Sunday of Easter - 17 April 2016**

**1st Reading: Acts 13:14, 43-52; 2nd Reading: Revelation 7:9, 14-17; Gospel: John 10:27-30**