



**St Agatha's**  
CLAYFIELD

# ST. AGATHA'S PARISH

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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)  
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## St. Agatha's Catholic Primary School

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**School Principal:** Mrs Carol Sayers **APRE:** Mr Nick Fogarty  
**Outside School Hours Care Coordinator:** Ms Harmony Domaille

## Fourth Sunday of Easter - 17<sup>th</sup> April 2016

### Readings

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

#### WEEKDAY MASSES

**Monday 18 April:** 6.30am  
**Wednesday 20 April:** 9am  
**Thursday 21 April:** 9am  
**Friday 22 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 18:**  
SVDP Meeting 5pm Parish Office

• **Monday 25:**  
Anzac Day Mass 9am

#### **MAY**

• **Tuesday 3:**  
\* Youth Ministry Meeting  
7pm Parish Office  
\* Parent Formation  
(Sacrament of Confirmation)  
7pm APAC

• **Wednesday 4:**  
Parent Formation (Sacrament of Confirmation) 7pm APAC

Dear sisters and brothers,

There is always plenty to talk about when families and communities get together. So it was last Sunday when a good number gathered for our parish planning day. Excellently facilitated by Cathy See, we looked ahead and imagined what our parish community might be like in two years ahead. I was delighted by the energy and quality of conversation. As a back-drop to all this, the centenary of the first Mass celebrated in the parish will be commemorated in September, 2018. This anniversary will help concentrate our efforts.

Part of the process last Sunday was to acknowledge our current strengths and challenges, and to envisage what possibilities the future holds for us. As a result of these discussions, we identified four priorities:

- Developing our community's vision and clearly articulating St. Agatha's mission;
- Promoting community engagement;
- Supporting and sustaining parish ministries;
- Establishing a communications and social media plan for outreach and evangelisation.

These priorities will form the basis for a road map into the future and shape our key initiatives. As a first step along this road map, I discussed with the Pastoral Council members a more focussed title for its activities. In the coming months, we will change the name of the Pastoral Council to Community and Mission Council. During this time, the current council will develop a clear vision statement about this dual focus of "community" and "mission". The Community and Mission Council will aim to enhance and enrich community life through faith formation, connecting with the school community, enriching sacramental formation, encouraging social gatherings, supporting our youth ministry, and fostering of community relationships. It will also strengthen broader outreach through a clear communication strategy, develop opportunities for evangelisation and community service, and promote our commitment to social justice. The Community and Mission Council will be seeking nominations in coming months. I will also be seeking to establish a small committee that will explore options for enhancing our community and gathering spaces, but I will have more to say on that in coming weeks. I am grateful to the Pastoral Council for organising last Sunday's gathering and to those who attended. The true mark of the success of such days is our ability to translate our words into actions, and this requires the participation and contribution of the whole parish community. It is exciting to dream. It is more exciting to see these dreams come to birth. God is the greatest dreamer there is, and as a community of faith, our task is to be open to the impossible dreams that God breathes into life through us. May St. Agatha, our patron, pray for us as we move into God's future.

*Fr. Anthony*

### 2016 - The Year of Mercy

**A Word of Mercy....**This is a time for the Church to rediscover the meaning of the mission entrusted to her by the Lord on the day of Easter: to be a sign and an instrument of the Father's mercy. This is a Holy Year to experience strongly within ourselves the joy of having been found by Jesus, the Good Shepherd who has come in search of us because we were lost. (Pope Francis)

## Clayfield Conversations

Over the next couple of weeks, we will take a closer look at Pope Francis' latest document, *Amoris Laetitia* (The Joy of Love). Fr. James Martin SJ of *America* magazine guides us through the top ten points of *Amoris Laetitia*.

### **Top Ten Takeaways from *Amoris Laetitia***

Pope Francis's groundbreaking new document *Amoris Laetitia* ("The Joy of Love") asks the church to meet people where they are, to consider the complexities of people's lives and to respect people's consciences when it comes to moral decisions. The apostolic exhortation is mainly a document that reflects on family life and encourages families. But it is also the pope's reminder that the church should avoid simply judging people and imposing rules on them without considering their struggles.

Using insights from the Synod of Bishops on the Family and from bishops' conferences from around the world, Pope Francis affirms church teaching on family life and marriage, but strongly emphasizes the role of personal conscience and pastoral discernment. He urges the church to appreciate the context of people's lives when helping them make good decisions. The goal is to help families—in fact, everyone—experience God's love and know that they are welcome members of the church. All this may require what the pope calls "new pastoral methods" (199). Here are ten things to know about the pope's groundbreaking new document.

1. ***The church needs to understand families and individuals in all their complexity.*** The church needs to meet people where they are. So pastors are to "avoid judgements which do not take into account the complexity of various situations" (296). People should not be "pigeonholed or fit into overly rigid classifications leaving no room for personal and pastoral discernment" (298). In other words, one size does not fit all. People are encouraged to live by the Gospel, but should also be welcomed into a church that appreciates their particular struggles and treats them with mercy. "Thinking that everything is black and white" is to be avoided (305). And the church cannot apply moral laws as if they were "stones to throw at people's lives" (305). Overall, he calls for an approach of understanding, compassion and accompaniment.
2. ***The role of conscience is paramount in moral decision making.*** "Individual conscience needs to be better incorporated into the church's practice in certain situations which do not objectively embody our understanding of marriage" (303). That is, the traditional belief that individual conscience is the final arbiter of the moral life has been forgotten here. The church has been "called to form consciences, not to replace them" (37). Yes, it is true, the Pope says, that a conscience needs to be formed by church teaching. But conscience does more than to judge what does or does not agree with church teaching. Conscience can also recognize with "a certain moral security" what God is asking (303). Pastors, therefore, need to help people not simply follow rules, but to practice "discernment," a word that implies prayerful decision making (304).

*To be continued next week....*

### **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>.

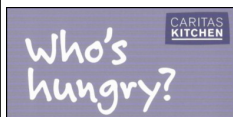
### **\* DINNER ROSTER LifeTeen Mass - Sunday 5.30pm**

**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 Tuesday 3 May 7pm, Parish Office.



### **\* 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:*

Laurie Moloney, Norbert Byrne, Bishop Ron Mulkearns

*And those whose anniversaries occur about now:*

Sid Tynan, Mary McBride, Bell & Ray Logan, Herb Gosley

*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.



**ANZAC DAY MASS - Monday 25 April - 9.00am**

Morning tea will be provided following the Mass.

Parishioners are asked to bring a plate to assist with catering.



**\* THE LITTLE KING'S MOVEMENT FOR THE HANDICAPPED**

Thank you to everyone who donated to the 2016 Appeal.

This year a total of \$1,718.10 was raised from the parish.

**\* 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.

**\* \* 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."

*"The disciples were filled with joy and the Holy Spirit." Acts 13:52*

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

**6.00pm**

**7.00am**

**9.00am**

**5.30pm**

**READERS:**

16/17 Apr	Judy Bartels Paul Bartels	Andrew Douglas Chanelle White	Katrina Murphy Wilma O'Connell Lauren McMullan	Life Teen Mass
23/24 Apr	Katrina Murphy Eddie Foley	Kirsty Stevens Annette Riba	Trish Ryan Jane Arkinstall Peter Ryan	Life Teen Mass

**COMMUNION MINISTERS:**

16/17 Apr	Eddie Foley	Michele Pink	Deborah Hall	Life Teen Mass
23/24 Apr	Marie Ho	Lorraine Atkinson-McEwan	Anthony Carroll	Life Teen Mass

**ORGANISTS:**

16/17 Apr	<i>Volunteer</i>	Mark Leung	Catriona McPherson	Life Teen Mass
23/24 Apr	Robyn Cuming	Mark Leung	Catriona McPherson	Life Teen Mass

**ALTAR SERVERS:**

16/17 Apr	Olivia Dillon Mikayla Dillon	Joey Douglas	Bart Marino Harry Lane	Eliza French
23/24 Apr	<i>Volunteer/s</i>	Max Van Balen Georgia Van Balen	Xavier Coorey Kate Taylor	Caitlin Marshall

**CHILDREN'S LITURGY:**

17 Apr	Jane Cameron & Erin Bledsoe
24 Apr	Julie Kordic & Ewa Marino-Cebulski

**SANCTUARY CARERS:**

7 May	Victor Podesta & Jane Lynn
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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**

\* Full coverage of Pope Francis' The Joy of Love document on marriage and family issues  
\* Your Choice magazine gives parents a guide to selecting a Catholic school for their children

**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*

**WORLD DAY OF PRAYER FOR VOCATIONS**

The World Day of Prayer for Vocations coincides with Good Shepherd Sunday on April 17. It's a day when we as a Church community remember the Lord's instruction to "Pray the Lord of the harvest to send labourers into his harvest" (Mt 9:38; Lk: 10:2). We especially pray for our youth and young people as they consider the call to Ordained, Married, Single or Religious Life. You can find more resources at the Vocation Brisbane website: [www.vocationbrisbane.com](http://www.vocationbrisbane.com).

*Prayer cards are available at the back of the church.*

*Pray the 'Group Prayer for 2016 Year of Mercy'*

**Readings - Fifth Sunday of Easter - 24 April 2016**

**1st Reading: Acts 14:21-27; 2nd Reading: Revelation 21:1-5; Gospel: John 13:31-35**