



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
Outside School Hours Care Coordinator: Ms Harmony Domaille

Fifth Sunday of Easter - 24th April 2016

Readings

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

WEEKDAY MASSES

Monday 25 April: 9am
Anzac Day
Wednesday 27 April: 9am
Thursday 28 April: 9am
Saint Peter Chanel
Friday 29 April: 9am
Saint Catherine of Siena

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

MAY

- **Tuesday 3rd:**
* Youth Ministry Meeting 7pm
Parish Office
- * Parent Formation
(Preparation for the Sacrament of Confirmation) 7pm APAC
- **Wednesday 4th:**
* Parent Formation
(Preparation for the Sacrament of Confirmation) 7pm APAC
- **Thursday 5th:**
Mother's Day School Mass 9am
- **Saturday 7th & Sunday 8th:**
Rite of Enrolment
(Sacrament of Confirmation)
- **Sunday 8th:**
P26 Mass 9am

Dear sisters and brothers,

Following our parish meeting two Sundays ago, various proposals have been discussed. One proposal is in regard to Mass times. Our Saturday night Mass usually has our lowest number of attendees, with the Sunday night Mass gathering a few more. An option I proposed during last Saturday night's Mass was to consider moving that particular Mass to an earlier time of 5pm to cater to our elderly parishioners and our younger families. A number of parishes in the Archdiocese have moved to an earlier Saturday evening Mass which is usually well attended.

I propose to hold an indicative vote during next Saturday night's Mass (30 April) to determine whether a majority would support a trial of moving the 6pm Saturday night Mass to 5pm commencing the first Saturday in July until the end of the year. While some have suggested a "winter" time (5pm) and a "summer" time (6pm), Queenslanders are famous for rejecting "daylight saving". My inclination is to select one time to minimise confusion and so be consistent throughout the whole year. Others have suggested 5:30pm, but Hendra parish has a Saturday night 5:30pm and it is better to provide an alternative time to our neighbouring parish.

So the proposal is this:

- to hold an indicative vote next Saturday night during Mass to determine whether the people are in favour of a trial of a 5pm Mass;
- the trial would last from the first Saturday in July until the end of the year;
- if there is not a regular attendance of around 100 people towards the end of the trial, another indicative vote would be held to determine whether we revert to 6pm or continue with 5pm;
- Saturday evening Reconciliation would be at 4:30pm.

As I have said, I have no strong opinion one way or another. Changing times is a risk for various reasons, but as I said last week, I don't believe that we can continue to do the same old things in the same old way. I understand that there are implications for rosters and ministries, but I hope that these can be overcome. I am happy to accept whatever the indicative vote suggests, and so it is over to you to look for change or to support what is already in place. Only those at Saturday night Mass next week will vote. (Maybe this will ensure a big crowd!). Elections seem to be in the air.

Fr. Anthony

2016 - The Year of Mercy

A Word of Mercy....Here, then, is the reason for the Jubilee: because this is the time for mercy. It is the favourable time to heal wounds, a time not to be weary of meeting all those who are waiting to see and to touch with their hands the signs of the closeness of God, a time to offer everyone, everyone, the way of forgiveness and reconciliation. (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 (continued from last week):

3. ***Divorced and remarried Catholics need to be more fully integrated into the church.*** How? By looking at the specifics of their situation, by remembering "mitigating factors," by counselling them in the "internal forum," (that is, in private conversations between the priest and person or couple), and by respecting that the final decision about the degree of participation in the church is left to a person's conscience (305, 300). (The reception of Communion is not spelled out here, but that is a traditional aspect of "participation" in church life.) Divorced and remarried couples should be made to feel part of the church. "They are not excommunicated and should not be treated as such, since they remain part" of the church (243).
4. ***All members of the family need to be encouraged to live good Christian lives.*** Much of *Amoris Laetitia* consists of reflections on the Gospels and church teaching on love, the family and children. But it also includes a great deal of practical advice from the pope, sometimes gleaned from exhortations and homilies regarding the family. Pope Francis reminds married couples that a good marriage is a "dynamic process" and that each side has to put up with imperfections. "Love does not have to be perfect for us to value it" (122, 113). The pope, speaking as a pastor, encourages not only married couples, but also engaged couples, expectant mothers, adoptive parents, widows, as well as aunts, uncles and grandparents. He is especially attentive that no one feels unimportant or excluded from God's love.

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>.

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.**

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.

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.

TWO-MINUTE HOMILIES

Priests from around the Archdiocese are preparing "Two Minute Homilies" and uploading them on social media platforms on a weekly basis now. To view or listen to a podcast please visit <http://brisbanecatholic.org.au/multimedia/two-minute-homilies/> at your leisure.

"I give you a new commandment: love one another. As I have loved you, so you also should love one another." JOHN 13:34

In our prayers we remember



Those who have died recently:

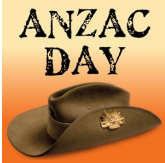
Alan Bryan, Laurie Moloney, Norbert Byrne, Bishop Ron Mulkearns

And those whose anniversaries occur about now:

Jim See, Lily Chin, Sid Tynan, Mary McBride, Bell & Ray Logan, Herb Gosley

Those who are sick:

Maureen Sherriff, Rakesh Akhil, Dell McHugh, Trevor Elms, Fr Michael Cooney, Craig Gerran, Ken Kipping, Paddy Ryan Snr, Adele Walker, Paul White, Edward Clark, 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.



**YEAR OF MERCY PARISH SEMINAR WITH NOTED
MISSIOLOGIST FR STEPHAN BEVANS, SVD**

Saturday 30 April 9am-1pm

Aspinall Centre - St Bernard's Parish Hall, 4 Klumpp Rd
Upper Mt. Gravatt. No cost, morning tea provided.

RSVP: eadmin@bne.catholic.net.au by

Tuesday 26 April. Hosted by Evangelisation Brisbane.



With great joy we welcome

Eloise, Imogen & Thomas Michels,

George & Eliza Thomson,

Eva Anderson, William Jacks, Vincent Latham,

Elijah Bonke, Eamon Cathcart

and Emily Nelson

who will be baptised this weekend.

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

**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.



ST RITA'S COLLEGE CONCERT

St Rita's College would like to invite the St Agatha's community to an evening of choral and woodwind music. The concert will be held in St Agatha's Church on Thursday 5 May, 6:30pm finishing at approximately 7:30pm. Featuring the three choirs of St Rita's as well as the Clarinet Ensemble, the concert will make use of the beautiful acoustics of the church. Entry fee - gold coin donation. Everyone is most welcome.

ST AGATHA'S PARISH P26 MASS - SUNDAY 8 MAY, 9.00am

All children in Grades Prep to Year 6 are invited to participate in our next P26 Mass which will be at 9.00am on Sunday 8 May. At the Mass, children are asked to do the readings, bring the gifts to the Altar, collecting, altar serve and welcome people as they arrive. If your child/children would like to participate please phone the Parish office on 32622859 or email: clayfield@bne.catholic.net.au by no later than Tuesday 3 May. It also happens to be Mothers Day and Rite of Enrolment weekend for the children going through the Sacramental program so we will most definitely be having a morning tea afterwards. Everyone most welcome!

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

6.00pm

7.00am

9.00am

5.30pm

READERS:

23/24 Apr	Katrina Murphy Eddie Foley	Kirsty Stevens Annette Riba	Trish Ryan Jane Arkinstall Peter Ryan	Life Teen Mass
30 Apr/1 May	Graham Gibson Julie-Anne Gibson	Rafael Chase Ruby Chase	Michael Crutcher Eileen Duncan Heidi Cooper	Life Teen Mass

COMMUNION MINISTERS:

23/24 Apr	Marie Ho	Lorraine Atkinson-McEwan	Anthony Carroll	Life Teen Mass
30 Apr/1 May	Trish Hickey	<i>Volunteer</i>	Michele Pink	Life Teen Mass

ORGANISTS:

23/24 Apr	Robyn Cuming	<i>Volunteer</i>	Catriona McPherson	Life Teen Mass
30 Apr/1 May	<i>Volunteer</i>	Mark Leung	Catriona McPherson	Life Teen Mass

ALTAR SERVERS:

23/24 Apr	<i>Volunteer/s</i>	Max Van Balen Georgia Van Balen	Xavier Coorey Kate Taylor	Caitlin Marshall
30 Apr/1 May	Phoebe McGuire Isabella McGuire		Alyssa Godinho Stella Pampellone	Josephine Warda

CHILDREN'S LITURGY:

24 Apr			Julie Kordic & Ewa Marino-Cebulski	
1 May			Jane Arkinstall & Giulia Coorey	

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 3rd and 4th Sundays of the month.

For bookings and further information, please phone the parish office on 3262 2859.

CORPUS CHRISTI CELEBRATION

Procession, Rosary, Prayers and Benediction lead by Bishop Oudeman
Sunday 29 May 2.00pm
St Stephen's Cathedral,
Elizabeth Street, Brisbane.
\$5.00 return or \$15 per family return.
Phone Alzira (*West Chermside*)
3359 4605 for details and booking.

THE CATHOLIC LEADER COPIES ON SALE - \$2.00

* Two-page spread on Anzac Day.
* Pope Francis calls on Europe to be 'the homeland of human rights'.

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

HELP AT HOME MERCY COMMUNITY SERVICES, AGED CARE.

Are you interested in finding out how you or an older loved one can get some extra help around the home? Then come along to a short talk by Mercy Community Services to hear how our Home Care services can help people to maintain their independence and continue living in their own home longer. These services include domestic and personal care, transportation, social support, health and nursing. Friday 29 April at 9:45am, after the 9:00am Mass at Nundah Parish Nolan Hall, 16 Leslie Street, Nundah (next to St Joseph's Primary School). Morning Tea provided.

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.

Readings - Sixth Sunday of Easter - 1 May 2016

1st Reading: Acts 15:1-2, 22-29; 2nd Reading: Revelation 21:10-14, 22-23; Gospel: John 14:23-29