



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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Sixth Sunday of Easter - 1st May 2016

Readings

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

WEEKDAY MASSES

Monday 2 May: 9am
Saint Athanasius
Wednesday 4 May: 9am
Thursday 5 May: 9am
Friday 6 May: 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

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,

This week we begin preparation for the sacrament of Confirmation which will be celebrated on Tuesday June 7. The Archdiocesan policy for the preparation of Confirmation and First Communion has changed over the years, with a revised policy introduced last year. The revised policy presumes that initiation is completed over a couple of years, and is designed to support and accompany parents in the preparation of their children. The new policy establishes a two-fold process of preparation and formation for Confirmation, followed by First Communion:

In the year when the children turn eight (Year Three), they are sealed with the gift of the Holy Spirit in the Sacrament of Confirmation administered by the Bishop or his delegate. In the year when the children turn nine (Year Four), they are welcomed to the Lord's Table and receive Holy Communion for the first time. This is the climax of their Christian initiation.

The sacrament of Penance follows a similar pattern and is woven into the preparation for First Communion:

Introducing children to the greatness of God's mercy in the Sacrament of Penance is a two-step process. A simple celebration of the second rite of the Sacrament of Penance is included as part of the preparation for First Communion. In the year when the children turn ten (Year Five), they are prepared to celebrate more fully the Sacrament of Penance with individual confession and absolution (the First Rite). This builds on the work of the previous year as they take the second step and learn in greater detail what it means to examine their conscience.

Over the next month or so, our families who are preparing for the celebration of Confirmation will be joining us for various rituals of welcome and encouragement. I know that you will help them feel at home and encourage them with your own gestures of support and gracious hospitality. This next six weeks or so gives us the opportunity to develop our *culture of hospitality*. This is a very welcoming parish and I hope that this will be the experience of the many families who will join us for preparation over the next two months. For some of these families, it will be an important opportunity to reconnect with the parish community. It might be your smile and word of welcome which makes all the difference.

Fr. Anthony

2016 - The Year of Mercy

A Word of Mercy....The true friends of Jesus stand out essentially by genuine love; not some "pie in the sky" love; no, it is a genuine love that shines forth in their way of life. Love is always shown in real actions. ...Let us learn from him, for his words are a school of life, a school where we learn to love. (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 (another two of) ten things to know about the pope's groundbreaking new document (continued from last week):

5. ***We should no longer talk about people "living in sin."*** In a sentence that reflects a new approach, the pope says clearly, "It can no longer simply be said that all those living in any 'irregular situation' are living in a state of mortal sin" (301). Other people in "irregular situations," or non-traditional families, like single mothers, need to be offered "understanding, comfort and acceptance" (49). When it comes to these people, indeed everyone, the church need to stop applying moral laws, as if they were, in the pope's vivid phrase, "stones to throw at a person's life" (305).
6. ***What might work in one place may not work in another.*** The pope is not only speaking in terms of individuals, but geographically as well. "Each country or region...can seek solutions better suited to its culture and sensitive to its traditions and local needs" (3). What makes sense pastorally in one country may even seem out of place in another. For this reason and others, as the pope says at the beginning of the document that for this reason, not every question can be settled by the *magisterium*, that is, the church's teaching office (3).

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 docket 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.

Our limited human understanding cannot begin to understand the immense power of God. Instead of trusting in God, we think we can control every outcome. Do you want to make God laugh? Tell Him your plans. The next time worry, anxiety or fear creeps in, thank God for all He has given you and trust He has a better plan for you.

In our prayers we remember



Those who have died recently:

Gerry Dawson, Alan Bryan

And those whose anniversaries occur about now:

Basil Taylor, Jim See, Lily Chin

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.

LITTLE WHITE BOOK \$4.00 each - still available at the Piety Stall

ST AGATHA'S PARISH SACRAMENTAL PROGRAM 2016

* * *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!

GOOD READS FROM OUR PARISH LIBRARY

Ronald Rolheiser O.M.I. writes on spirituality and systematic theology. He lives in Toronto, Canada. In his book, *Forgotten Among The Lilies*, the author shows a way to find contentment and joy in daily life. With his trademark blend of insight, compassion and honesty laced with humour, he teaches that it is possible to experience freedom instead of anxiety and a generosity of spirit that returns to the giver far more than it costs.

Other books in our library by Rolheiser include:

The Holy Longing, The Restless Heart and The Shattered Lantern

HEAR TOP CATECHIST PROFESSOR THOMAS GROOME IN BRISBANE - THURSDAY 12 MAY

The Brisbane Catholic Parents and Friends association invites all interested parents, teachers and parishioners to an evening with Professor Thomas Groome, Professor of Theology and Religious Education at Boston College. His topic for discussion will be "Catholic Schools and a Parent Perspective: Education From and For Faith". A native of Co. Kildare, Ireland, Tom is widely recognized as a leading religious educators/catechist. The event will be held on Thursday 12 May 2016 from 5.30pm at the Fr Bernard O'Shea Inservice Centre, 19 Lovedale Street, Wilston. This a free event and a light meal will be served but please RSVP by Friday May 6 in order to assist with catering. (email info@pandf.org.au or call 3336 9242)

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

6.00pm

7.00am

9.00am

5.30pm

READERS:

30 Apr/1 May

Volunteer
Volunteer

Andrew Douglas
Andrew Douglas

Michael Crutcher
Eileen Duncan
Heidi Cooper

Life Teen Mass

7/8 May

Volunteer
Ryan Smethurst

Jeanine Bygott
Mark Burton

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Life Teen Mass

COMMUNION MINISTERS:

30Apr/1 May

Trish Hickey

Volunteer

Michele Pink

Life Teen Mass

7/8 May

Eddie Foley

Michele Pink

Erin Bledsoe

Life Teen Mass

ORGANISTS:

30 Apr/1 May

Volunteer

Mark Leung

Catriona McPherson

Life Teen Mass

7/8 May

Volunteer

Mark Leung

Robyn Cuming/
Paul Fiumara

Life Teen Mass

ALTAR SERVERS:

30 Apr/1 May

Phoebe McGuire
Isabella McGuire

Volunteer/s

Alyssa Godinho
Stella Pampellone

Josephine Warda

7/8 May

Volunteer/s

Volunteer/s

St Agatha's P26 Mass

Ella Shepherd

CHILDREN'S LITURGY:

1 May

8 May

Jane Arkinstall & Ewa Marino-Cebulski
P26 Mass - *No Children's Liturgy*

SANCTUARY CARERS:

7 May

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.

CORPUS CHRISTI CELEBRATION

Procession, Rosary, Prayers and Benediction lead by Bishop Oudeman
Sunday 29 May 2.00pm
St Stephen's Cathedral,
Elizabeth Street, Brisbane.
"Procession through the City Streets"

THE CATHOLIC LEADER COPIES ON SALE - \$2.00

- * Brisbane's annual Corpus Christi procession to return to the heart of the city.
- * Brisbane couple's married love of 60 years moves their grandchildren to tears.
- * Pope Francis says refugees, often perceived by society as a problem, are a gift.

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

CATHEDRAL OF ST STEPHEN

invites applications for the part-time position of Pastoral Associate (32 hours per week)
For more information contact the Cathedral office on 3224 3030.
Applications close Monday 16 May 2016.

PENTECOST VIGIL CELEBRATION

Saturday 14 May 2016
The Holy Spirit Sisters invite you to a reflection on 'Living mercy and compassion yesterday, today and tomorrow' by Fr John Chalmers.
Commencing at 2.30pm and concluding with Eucharist at 5.30pm followed by refreshments.
Venue: Function Room, at Holy Spirit Home, 736 Beams Road Carseldine.

Readings - The Ascension of the Lord - 8 May 2016

1st Reading: Acts 1:1-11; 2nd Reading: Ephesians 1:17-23; Gospel: Luke 24:46-53