



St Agatha's

CLAYFIELD

ST. AGATHA'S PARISH

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Pentecost Sunday - 15th May 2016

Readings

1st Reading: Acts 2:1-11; 2nd Reading: Romans 8:8-17; Gospel: John 14:15-16, 23-26

WEEKDAY MASSES

Monday 16 May: 6.30am
Wednesday 18 May: 9am
Thursday 19 May: 9am
Year 2 Mass
Friday 20 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 17th:
Finance Meeting 6pm
Parish Office
- Saturday 21st/Sunday 22nd:
(Preparation for the Sacrament
of Confirmation) Presentation
of the Creed
- Monday 23rd:
SVDP Meeting 5pm Parish
Office

NATIONAL
VOLUNTEER WEEK
9 - 15 May 2016

GIVE HAPPY
LIVE HAPPY



**From Saturday, 2nd July the 6pm Saturday Mass will change to 5pm.
7 weeks to go!**

Dear sisters and brothers,

This Sunday we celebrate the Feast of Pentecost. Our children who are preparing to celebrate confirmation will also re-light their baptismal candles this weekend. Confirmation is the sacrament of the fullness of the Holy Spirit, the gift that we first receive in baptism. The light of the baptismal candle is a reminder to them and to us of the gift of the flame of faith that rests upon us through baptism and confirmation. Let us pray for them and their families that this flame of faith may continue to burn brightly within them.

Pentecost is the feast day of the birth of a missionary Church. The Holy Spirit flows over the Church today. There is ancient Latin prayer called *Veni sancte spiritus (Come Holy Spirit)* dating from the 13th century. It is the prayer, known as the Sequence, that we say together after the second reading on this feast day. Below is a powerful, contemporary translation of this prayer. It is worth taking some time to ponder this prayer on the Feast of Pentecost:

*Send me no more messages or messengers, even if they come from heaven.
You come. Please. I'm begging. Come.*

*Help me not to feel so poor; shed some light in my heart;
bring what no-one else can give, dearest house-guest of my heart.*

*You are sweet refreshment, rest from this toil, cool in this heat, relief for this pain.
Help me to believe again. Make some glimmer in this deep.
Shine on wealth where I see naught.*

*Wash over all this grime; water this dry parched earth;
heal these tired old wounds.*

*See me taut and bend me; feel me cold and warm me;
find me lost and bring me back.*

*I can count your seven gifts, make me know then that I need them.
Give me reward, too, for small dear efforts, salvation at the end, joy that lasts.*

May the joyful Spirit of Pentecost be with you.

Fr. Anthony

2016 - The Year of Mercy

A Word of Mercy.... We are all called to become living writers of the Gospel, heralds of the Good News to all men and women of today. We do this by practicing the corporal and spiritual works of mercy, which are the hallmarks of the Christian life. (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 ground-breaking 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 (the final two of the) ten things to know about the pope's ground-breaking new document (continued from last week):

9. **All men and women should be respected.** While same-sex marriage is not permitted, the pope says that he wants to reaffirm "before all else" that the homosexual person needs to be "respected in his or her dignity and treated with consideration, and 'every sign of unjust discrimination' is to be carefully avoided, particularly any form of aggression or violence." Families with LGBT members need "respectful pastoral guidance" from the church and its pastors so that gays and lesbians can fully carry out God's will in their lives (250).
10. **All are welcome.** The church must help families of every sort, and people in every state of life, know that, even in their imperfections, they are loved by God and can help others experience that love. Likewise, pastors must work to make people feel welcome in the church. *Amoris Laetitia* offers the vision of a pastoral and merciful church that encourages people to experience the "joy of love." The family is an absolutely essential part of the church, because after all, the church is a "family of families" (80).

**Following consultation with the parish community, an earlier Saturday evening will be trialled. From Saturday, 2nd July the 6pm Saturday Mass will change to 5pm.
7 weeks to go!**

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 MEETING

Tuesday 7 June 7pm Parish Office



INVITATION

AGGIES YOUTH NEEDS YOU!!

We are looking for young adults 18 years and over to join the Parish Youth Ministry. If you would like to bring ideas and assist in leadership to help young people to engage with each other and the Parish Community, please come to our next meeting on Tuesday 7 June at 7pm in the Parish Office.

You will be very welcome!

The Archdiocesan response to domestic violence. The Archbishop has released *Rewrite the Story: Let's End Domestic and Family Violence*. This can be viewed at: <http://rewritethestory.org.au/>



With great joy we welcome **Thomas Darbyshire, Sofia and Claire Da Silva, Callum Graham, Thomas Lusty, and Mila Pavlov** who will be baptised this weekend.

In our prayers we remember



Those who have died recently:

Betsy Stewart, Carmel O'Sullivan, Agnes Pini, June Somerville, Babette Slater, John Burley, Phillip Sherring, David Hoffman

And those whose anniversaries occur about now:

Gay Kelleher, Ethel Wallin, Ross McKenzie, Michelle Edgecombe, Andrew Collier

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.

CLAYFIELD CONTRIBUTOR

Once a month, we will celebrate and acknowledge one of our quiet achievers in the parish. Our first Clayfield Contributor is Joan McKean.

VERY BIG "THANK YOU" JOAN McKEAN

Joan has been a parishioner of St Agatha's since 1959. She has managed the Piety Stall at St Agatha's for the last thirty years. During that time she has spent countless hours purchasing and arranging the stock. Joan also organised the popular parish bus trips over a number of years. She has raised tens of thousands of dollars for the parish through her efforts with these activities and also the Christmas craft stalls and Christmas and Easter raffles. Joan now feels it is time to retire from her involvement with the piety stall and we say a big THANK YOU JOAN for your service to St Agatha's parish.



During this Week of Prayer for Christian Unity, we welcome Petrea Matthews from St Mark's Anglican, as second reader at the 9.00am Mass.

LEAVE YOUR LEGACY

Are you wondering how you can make a lasting gift to St Agatha's Parish? Naming the parish in your Will, after taking care of your loved ones, can make a meaningful and profound gift to our parish. Gifts can be made to the parish or designated to our perpetual endowment fund. By learning more about these and many other giving options, you can create a legacy of giving to your parish community. To learn more please contact the Catholic Foundation at 3324 3200 or call the parish office.

CENTENARY CELEBRATIONS

Banyo Nundah Parish is celebrating 100 years on Sunday 29 May commencing with Mass at 9.30am in Corpus Christi Church, Nundah, with Archbishop Mark Coleridge presiding. This will be followed by a day of festivities, multi-cultural food "FESTIVAL", entertainment, historical display, pipe organ recital, drawing of Centenary Raffle. Past parishioners and friends are welcome to attend. For further details phone Parish Office 3266 1444.

CATHOLIC PSYCHIATRIC PASTORAL CARE

invite you to the ANNUAL ST DYMPNA'S DAY CELEBRATIONS Saturday 28 May
A Healing Mass with the Sacrament of Anointing of the Sick will be Concelebrated at 10.00am in St Patrick's Church, 58 Morgan Street, Fortitude Valley
This event is the CPPC Annual Donation Day.
For more information contact: CPPC 3252 5461.

THE GREGORY TERRACE OLD BOYS' ASSOCIATION ANNUAL REUNION

Friday 27 May 2016 - 6.30pm for 7.00pm / Primary Quad - St Joseph's College, Gregory Terrace
To register go to: www.terrace.qld.edu.au / Click on About Us / College Events / GTOBA Annual Gathering

The materialism of our society lures us to concentrate more on what we want than on what God wants for us.
The relativism of our world tells us that we should be tolerant of all things, that there is no absolute truth.
Pray to the Holy Spirit to put the right words in our mouths when challenged about our faith.

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

6.00pm

7.00am

9.00am

5.30pm

READERS:

14/15 May	Jack Williamson Marie Ho	Annette Riba Sonia Marmotta	Tim Hancock Petrea Matthews (<i>Reader Exchange</i>) Denis Keating	Life Teen Mass
21/22 May	Eric van der List Phil Zammit	Dianne Eden Nick Eden	Peter Ryan Clare Smethurst Angela Larosa	Life Teen Mass

COMMUNION MINISTERS:

14/15 May	Trish Hickey	Paulette Archer	Anthony Carroll	Life Teen Mass
21/22 May	Jan Zammit	Lorraine Atkinson-MacEwan	Michele Pink	Life Teen Mass

ORGANISTS:

14/15 May	<i>Volunteer</i>	Mark Leung	Robyn Cuming	Life Teen Mass
21/22 May	<i>Volunteer</i>	Mark Leung	Jenny McKeon	Life Teen Mass

ALTAR SERVERS:

14/15 May	Olivia Dillon Mikayla Dillon	<i>Volunteer/s</i>	Charlotte Shepherd Felicity Shepherd Milla Brady	Tia Manuel
21/22 May	<i>Volunteer/s</i>	Joey Douglas	Bart Marino Harry lane Billy Crutcher	Eliza French

CHILDREN'S LITURGY:

15 May			Katrina Murphy & Eleonora Kowitz	
22 May			Monica McBride & Mel Ryan	

SANCTUARY CARERS:

21 May	Beverley O'Brien
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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.
"Procession through the City Streets"

THE CATHOLIC LEADER COPIES ON SALE - \$2.00

- * Archdiocese to introduce paid leave for victims of domestic and family violence.
- * Young Catholic writes on how prayer and reflection helps in answering life's big questions.
- * Country music singer releases song about Queensland Catholic schools.

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

CONFIRMATION Preparation Program Reminders

Presentation of the Creed
Saturday 21 & Sunday 22
At any of the Masses
** Sat 6pm,
Sun 7am, 9am & 5.30pm

Confirmation Workshops
Monday 23 May
4.00pm and 6.00pm
APAC, St Agatha's School

Hand in of work books
Saturday 28 or Sunday 29 May
At any of the Masses **

Practice for Confirmation night
Thursday 2 June
3.30-5pm - Church

Blessing of Medals
Saturday 4 or Sunday 5 June
At any of the Masses **

Readings - The Most Holy Trinity - 22 May 2016

1st Reading: Proverbs 8:22-31; 2nd Reading: Romans 5:1-5; Gospel: John 16:12-15