

# ST. AGATHA'S PARISH

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## Tenth Sunday in Ordinary Time - 5<sup>th</sup> June 2016

### Readings

**1st Reading:** 1 Kings 17:17-24; **2nd Reading:** Galatians 1:11-19; **Gospel:** Luke 7:11-17

#### WEEKDAY MASSES

**Monday 6 June:** 6.30am  
**Wednesday 8 June:** 9am  
**Thursday 9 June:** 9am  
**Friday 10 June:** 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

#### **JUNE**

- **Monday 6<sup>th</sup>:**  
SVDP Meeting 5.00pm  
Parish Office
- **Tuesday 7<sup>th</sup>:**  
Confirmation Ceremonies  
5.00pm & 7.00pm
- **Wednesday 8<sup>th</sup>:**  
Pastoral Council Meeting  
7.00pm Parish Office
- **Sunday 12<sup>th</sup>:**  
P26 Mass 9.00am
- **Thursday 16<sup>th</sup>:**  
\* Altar Serving Training  
3.30pm Church  
\* Youth Ministry Meeting  
6.30pm Parish Office

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

Sisters and brothers,

This Tuesday evening, 92 of our children will be Confirmed by Archbishop Coleridge. It is another step along the way to the completion of their Christian Initiation — a journey that began at the font as infants for most. Many of us have memories of being confirmed at the beginning of our teenage years; a moment that was often described as us making an adult decision in faith. It can seem strange to many that the order of the sacraments have changed. Perhaps the best description is not that the order has changed, but they have been restored to their most ancient order.

In the early Church, Christian initiation was celebrated in one event — Baptism, Confirmation and First Eucharist were part of one liturgy of initiation. Over time, Baptism began to be celebrated at infancy, with Confirmation and First Communion being celebrated with a bishop later in life. The question then became: What was the best age to celebrate Confirmation and First Communion. The age of reason became the standard answer.

But the problem was that the age of reason varied from culture to culture. For some, the age of reason was around 7 years old, for others around 12, and for others again, even older. The Anglo-Celtic culture settled for about twelve, and so, Confirmation and First Communion was celebrated at 12 years of age or so.

Pope Pius X didn't think that delaying First Communion was such a great idea. In 1910, he set the standard age of reason at about 7 years old. What happened for most of the 20th century, then, was that First Communion was celebrated at about age 7, while Confirmation tended to stay where it was — celebrated around 12 years of age. Because the link with Baptism had been lost, Confirmation needed to be given a meaning, so people began to speak of Confirmation as our adult decision for faith. After the Second Vatican Council in the 1960s, the Church rediscovered some of the ancient practices of our faith. With this in mind, the ancient order of Baptism, Confirmation and Eucharist was restored. Not all dioceses around Australia or around the world follow the restored order, but this order has been the policy of the Archdiocese of Brisbane for at least 15 years. Last year, a new policy was introduced to separate Confirmation from First Communion by about a year. These children will celebrate First Communion next year, allowing them more time to prepare.

As these families celebrate one ancient practice this week, let us remember another ancient practice throughout this week — please pray for these children as they receive the fullness of God's Spirit and pray that these the gifts that will carry throughout their lives. *Fr. Anthony*

### 2016 - The Year of Mercy

*A Word of Mercy....It is the Jubilee of Mercy. It is time to rediscover the presence of God and his fatherly tenderness. God does not love rigidity. He is Father; he is tender. He does everything with the tenderness of the Father.*  
*(Pope Francis)*

## Clayfield Conversations

A private member's bill to legalise abortion in Queensland has been introduced in State Parliament. The bill will go to a parliamentary committee for consideration before being presented to Parliament for debate. Last week, The Catholic Leader spoke to Archbishop Coleridge about a Catholic response to the proposed bill.

### A Q&A with Archbishop Coleridge

#### ***How should Catholics in Queensland respond (to the proposed private member's bill in State Parliament on abortion)?***

First of all understand the legislation and what it is saying. And that is important. Then understand the human reality of abortion. The situation in which a woman considers an abortion is an incredibly complex human situation. The point is often made that no woman runs gleefully to an abortion clinic. It is a very complex, anguishing decision for a woman and perhaps her spouse or partner, and for the whole of society. The abortion itself can seem a short-term solution, but ends up being no solution at all, creating a whole series of other problems. Often abortion is presented as an issue of a woman is right to choose but, in many ways, to have an abortion or pressure to have an abortion is a denial of the choices that should be put before a woman because abortion is not the only choice a woman faces in that very complex situation. So what claims to be pro-choice in many ways is in fact anti-choice. So it's a defeat for the woman. But it is also a defeat for her spouse or partner who can often be a forgotten figure in this whole scene. It is defeat for us all. Because abortion, the deliberate taking of a human life is about the woman, but it is also about what really matters to this society. And that is why I say abortion is a defeat for us all. I would like to think that for the Catholic Church as we engage in this debate we will do so in defence of the wellbeing of the child in the womb, the woman considering an abortion, her spouse or partner, but also as society as a whole. I would see this legislation as an attempt to address the great complexity of abortion, but doing so in a way that creates more problems than it resolves. What it enshrines in law is in some ways a double defeat of humanity in what it provides for abortion and what it denies for conscience.

#### ***In practical terms, what could Catholics do?***

Firstly, do your homework. Secondly, make your views known to your local politician. There really is no substitute for that. Write letters. Go and see them personally. They are human beings faced with a very difficult decision. You've got to understand it from their point of view. Any kind of respectful contact is recommended. No politician will respond to having their door kicked down, or people speaking disrespectfully or angrily. So take a respectful, clear-sighted and determined approach to the local member.

#### ***Is there a passage in scripture to look to at this time and facing this issue?***

The very first page of the Bible: God saw all that he had made and found it good. Life is not a curse. And yet abortion presumes that it is a curse or at least a burden. Life is a great gift and a great blessing. It comes to us on the first page of the scripture. To treat the child in the womb as some kind of tumour that has to be removed from the woman is fraught with not only difficulty but danger for the child and the woman and all of us. I've long thought that the kind of violence done to children in the womb does have its effects on the levels of violence in the whole society. Indeed it is not even unlinked to child abuse. You can use all the euphemisms you like but it's an appalling violence to the embryonic child and that must affect the way not only we view but also enact violence outside the womb. Instinctively that could well be true because the effects of abortion on the woman and her spouse or partner can be profound and life-long. And that it could become a form of domestic violence at some point wouldn't surprise me at all.

**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. 4 weeks to go!**

**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: Please note change of date & time - Thursday 16 June 6.30pm Parish Office**

### **CARE AND CONCERN**

We are in the process of restructuring the Care and Concern Ministry.

In the interim if you need any assistance, please contact the Parish Office on 3262 2859.

**We would like to hear** from anyone interested in coordinating or assisting the current team with this Ministry in the future.

For further details please contact the Parish Office or

email: [clayfield@bne.catholic.net.au](mailto:clayfield@bne.catholic.net.au)



### **INVITATION - AGGIES YOUTH NEEDS YOU!! PLEASE NOTE CHANGE OF DATE AND TIME**

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

**Thursday 16 June at 6.30pm** in the Parish Office.

You will be very welcome!

## *In our prayers we remember*



### *Those who have died recently:*

Sue Hall, Cardinal Loris Capovilla

### *And those whose anniversaries occur about now:*

Cecily Dobson, Alexander Muir, Fr Denis Ahern, Peter, Ronald and Mary Savage, Hugh McBride, Eileen Brumpton, Irene Hogan, Gloria McKenzie

### *Those who are sick:*

Colleen Armstrong, Joan Healy, Lawrie Cusack, Rakesh Akhil, Dell McHugh, Trevor Elms, Fr Michael Cooney, Craig Gerran, Ken Kipping, 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.

## **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.



## **SVDP WINTER APPEAL**

The St Agatha's SVDP Conference will be conducting its Winter Appeal during June. Envelopes can be found on the church seats. The Conference visits people in a large area from Pinkenba to Bowen Hills, assisting families and single people, with food vouchers, clothing, furniture. Any donations will be gratefully appreciated. Please use the envelopes provided. If paying by cheque, please make payable "St Agatha's Clayfield SVDP Conference". Thank you on behalf of the people that the SVDP assist.

## **ST AGATHA'S PARISH P26 MASS - SUNDAY 12 JUNE - 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 12 June. 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](mailto:clayfield@bne.catholic.net.au) by no later than Monday 6 June.

## **ST AGATHA'S SCHOOL NEWS**

### **Congratulations**

May God bless all of our Year 3 students who are preparing for the Sacrament of Confirmation next Tuesday evening.

May our young people always know that they belong to the Kingdom of God and are now sealed with the gift of Peace.

Our Senior Performance Choir earned Gold in the Queensland Youth Music Awards. This was a wonderful achievement, which was richly deserved by our students, Mrs Witham and Mr Williams.

Monique Morgan, Year 6, competed this week in Melbourne in the Australian Gymnastics Finals. Monique and the Queensland Level 7 Team won Silver! Levels 8 and 9 won Gold and Level 10 won Silver! It was an awesome week of gymnastics and supporting our Queensland gymnasts!

Well done Monique in representing Queensland in your chosen sport. You are a legend.

**Excellent viewing:** I would like to recommend to you a programme that I found very engaging on the ABC television this week. 'Revolution School' is a four part series, where teachers work hard to get order in their classrooms at Melbourne's

Kambrya College, so students can get the benefit of radical new teaching innovations. Researcher, John Hattie, is interviewed as he outlines the fundamentals of what makes a successful school. Hattie is the leader of Visible Learning, which St Agatha's is implementing at the moment. We are consistently looking to maximise the potential of all students through inspiring and passionate teaching and employing a growth mindset in all community members. *Mrs Carol Sayers*

## **GOOD READS FROM OUR PARISH LIBRARY**

A parishioner has highly recommended *The Good Life* by well known social researcher Hugh Mackay. The author warns the reader not to expect a book about how to feel good or find happiness. Rather he creatively examines The Golden Rule – *Do unto others as you would have them do unto you* – which, if followed, results in a life characterized by goodness, responsiveness to the needs of others and devotion to the Common Good.

The experiences of real people provide interest throughout the book. Other books you might look at are

*The Golden Threads of my Life* by Francis Gerry and *Lines of My Life* by Edmund Campion.

## PARISH ROSTERS

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

**6.00pm**

**7.00am**

**9.00am**

**5.30pm**

### READERS:

4/5 June

Marian Nolan  
Eddie Foley

Rafael Chase  
Ruby Chase

Wilma O'Connell  
*Volunteer*  
Trish Ryan

Life Teen Mass

11/12 June

Graham Gibson  
Julie-Anne Gibson

Anne O'Connor  
Anne-Marie Quinn

St Agatha's P26 Mass

Life Teen Mass

### COMMUNION MINISTERS:

4/5 June

Trish Hickey

Michele Pink

Anthony Carroll

Life Teen Mass

11/12 June

Marie Ho

Paulette Archer

*Volunteer*

Life Teen Mass

### ORGANISTS:

4/5 June

*Volunteer*

Mark Leung

Catriona McPherson

Life Teen Mass

11/12 June

*Volunteer*

Mark Leung

Robyn Cuming/  
Paul Fiumara

Life Teen Mass

### ALTAR SERVERS:

4/5 June

*Volunteer/s*

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Alyssa Godinho  
Stella Pampellone

Josephine Warda

11/12 June - To be advised

### CHILDREN'S LITURGY:

5 June

*No Children's Liturgy*

12 June

*No Children's Liturgy - P26 Mass*

### SANCTUARY CARERS:

18 June

Beverley O'Brien

### BAPTISMAL PREPARATION

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.

New stock of **Confirmation** cards on sale at the **Piety Stall**. Variety of Holy items also on sale.

### THE TABLET PUBLICATION

Old copies of "The Tablet" available on the table at the back of the Church. Please feel free to take copies home.

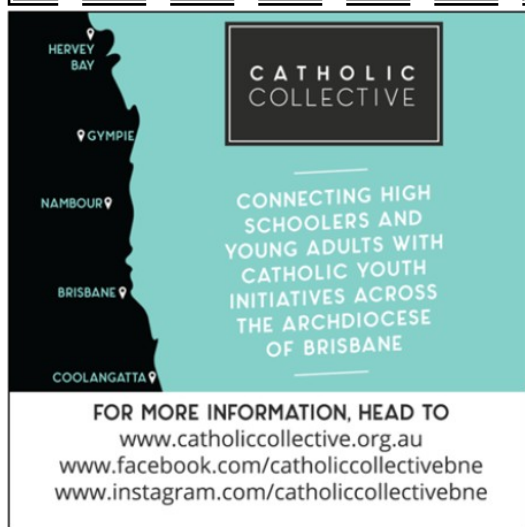
### THE PARACLETE

Copies of the Paraclete are available at the back of the Church.

### Confirmation Ceremony Night

Tuesday 7 June  
5.00pm and 7.00pm  
Congratulations to the 92 children who will be Confirmed by Archbishop Coleridge.

Prayer Calendars for Seminarians and Priests are available at the back of the Church. Please pray daily for the seminarians, together with all those people who are involved with their formation.



**CATHOLIC COLLECTIVE**

CONNECTING HIGH SCHOOLERS AND YOUNG ADULTS WITH CATHOLIC YOUTH INITIATIVES ACROSS THE ARCHDIOCESE OF BRISBANE

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### ALTAR SERVING TRAINING

An Altar serving training session will be held on Thursday 16 June at 3.30pm in the Church. If your child is in grade 3 to 6, has been Confirmed, and would like to attend the session, could you please notify the parish office 3262 2859 or by email: [clayfield@bne.catholic.net.au](mailto:clayfield@bne.catholic.net.au).

### IGNITE CONFERENCE 2016

National Catholic Youth Conference 22-25 September 2016  
Mueller Performing Arts Centre, Redcliffe.  
For more information, brochures available at the back of the church.

"And when the Lord saw her, he had compassion on her and said to her, 'Do not weep.'" LUKE 7:13

### Readings - Eleventh Sunday in Ordinary Time - 12 June 2016

1st Reading: 2 Samuel 12:7-10, 13; 2nd Reading: Galatians 2:16, 19-21; Gospel: Luke 7:36-8:3