



St Agatha's
CLAYFIELD

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Eleventh Sunday in Ordinary Time - 12th June 2016

Readings

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

WEEKDAY MASSES

Monday 13 June: 6.30am
Saint Anthony of Padua
Wednesday 15 June: 9am
Thursday 16 June: 9am
Friday 17 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

Thursday 16th:
* Altar Serving Training
3.30pm Church
* Youth Ministry Meeting
6.30pm Parish Office
• Sunday 19th:
Children's Liturgy 9.00am
Mass
• Monday 20th:
SVDP Meeting 5.00pm
Parish Office

"When I entered your house, you did not give me water for my feet..."
LUKE 7:44

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

Dear sisters and brothers,

On Tuesday night, Archbishop Mark Coleridge confirmed 93 of our children. We congratulate them and their families and we will continue to accompany them as they prepare for First Communion next year. My thanks to all those who were part of the preparation and celebration of Confirmation. I would particularly like to thank Jane Cameron who has worked very hard over these weeks to support our families and ensure that this sacramental journey has run smoothly for everyone. My thanks also to our parish secretary, Rosemary Greer, who has provided administrative and organisational support to this process, and to Robyn Cuming for her music talents.

I would especially like to thank the parents who have nurtured and encouraged their children's faith and fully participated in this time. May the light of God's Spirit continue to shine through these children. The gifts that these children bring to our community is something to rejoice in.

Offering our gifts to the wider community is an important dimension of our Christian vocation. In coming weeks, we will be asking for nominations for our Pastoral Council (which will soon be called our Community and Mission Council). I invite members of this parish to be open to the possibility of nominating or accepting nomination for membership of the council. There will be a process of nomination and discernment over the coming months and, in the meantime, we have an opportunity to discuss and encourage others to consider the possibility of becoming a member of the council and becoming involved in implementing a road map for the future. Please consider saying "yes" to nomination.

At Wednesday night's Pastoral Council meeting, we set a date for a parish family fun day, which was decided upon as Sunday, August 28th. More information will be provided in the weeks to come, but for the moment, please keep that date free as an important gathering day for our parish family. And later in the year, we are planning a retreat day for this Extraordinary Jubilee Year of Mercy. This will be a valuable time of reflecting upon the theme of the mercy of God as it applies today to our lives and our world.

Fr. Anthony

2016 - The Year of Mercy

A Word of Mercy... The Heart of the Good Shepherd tells us that his love is limitless; it is never exhausted and it never gives up. There we see his infinite and boundless self-giving; there we find the source of that faithful and meek love which sets free and makes others free. (Pope Francis)

Clayfield Conversations

The death of Muhammad Ali last weekend prompted much reflection on his place in the western cultural landscape. As Australia engages in a national conversation about recognition of the First Peoples in our Constitution, this edited article by Fatima Measham from *Eureka Street* about the cultural and political impact of Muhammad Ali's life may give us cause for further reflection regarding our own context.

The Contest over Muhammad Ali began even as news spread of his passing

Muhammad Ali was a pugilist-poet. He was as intimidating in front of the microphone as he was in the boxing ring. The cadence of his speech, the sting in his rhyme, the lilt in his wit — he delivered knockouts bare-knuckled. His style, according to *Rolling Stone*, is in the hip-hop DNA. His legend straddles the violence of his sport and the violence in which he refused to participate. Boxing can be brutal but it has rules and finite duration. In war, there are no rules and no one wins. Ali recognised a larger violence, chose his enemies, and reimagined bravery. Ali was only in his 20s during the civil rights era. He grew up at a time when in many states, blacks were virtually barred from public life. They were forced to enter the rear door of buses and establishments. They could not sit down at certain restaurants or movie theatres. In southern states, voting was made as difficult as possible for them to do. Then, and perhaps even now, sport was one of few areas in which a black man could be seen to participate and succeed. Ali breached the terms of that success. He wasn't grateful. He wasn't apologetic. He was loud and confrontational. The grandson of a slave, his career ascending at time when blacks were being shot in their struggle for non-discrimination, he never let white America forget that he was black and Muslim. "I am America," he declared. "I am the part you won't recognise. But get used to me. Black, confident, cocky. My name, not yours. My religion, not yours. My goals, my own." He would not be owned. He wasn't for taming. His words were largely addressed to a white audience, but a black audience heard them, too. The late Lawrence Guyot, a prominent Mississippi activist, described the effect: "We were down there in these small, hot, dusty towns in an atmosphere thick with fear, trying to organise folk whose grandparents were slaves. And here was this beautifully arrogant, young man who made us proud to be us and proud to fight for our rights." As Dave Zirin wrote recently in *The Nation*: "What Muhammad Ali did — in a culture that worships sports and violence as well as a culture that idolises black athletes while criminalising black skin — was redefine what it meant to be tough and collectivise the very idea of courage." Ali's life was, perhaps above all, about giving others permission to defy. Later on, he remained engaged with the world through humanitarian and philanthropic work, including helping to secure the release of 15 American prisoners in Iraq in 1990. Only six years later at the Atlanta Olympics, the world first saw Parkinson's syndrome manifest in his body, cameras catching the tremble in his hands when he lit the flame. The man who once embodied athletic grace and revelled in his vanity, fronted up, shamelessly frail — reimagining again for us what it takes to be brave. Muhammad Ali was not someone who could be contained, and it is likely a mistake to suppose that death makes him so, when he still has something to say to current generations who now contend with the challenges of not being white in America.

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. 3 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



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:

Peter Ryan, Lionel Russell, Effie Mulherin, Sue Hall, Cardinal Loris Capovilla

And those whose anniversaries occur about now:

Rev Fr William McCormack M.S.C., Cecily Dobson, Alexander Muir, Fr Denis Ahern, Peter, Ronald and Mary Savage

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.

This month we celebrate another

CLAYFIELD CONTRIBUTOR

VERY BIG "THANK YOU" TOM TRESTON

Tom has been a parishioner at St Agatha's for 30 years. In that time Tom has worn many hats and assisted quietly behind the scenes with a number of ministries. As a member of SVDP and our Care and Concern, Tom would attend homeless shelters, provide transport where necessary, visitations to families and provide assistance where needed. Tom and his wife Jeannine have volunteered with the Home Communion ministry for 10 plus years. And until recently, on a monthly basis, Tom would wear his armguard hat and ensure the safe transport and banking of the parish weekly contributions. As a community, we wish to acknowledge and THANK YOU Tom for your service to the Parish.



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.

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.



Tools for Tackling Anxiety

Last Friday our school held a Parent Workshop concerning "How to help your worried child". Dr MariaRosa Mallarado presented an overview on what is anxiety, what do children feel anxious about, and how to be effective role models as parents in dealing with our own anxiety. Dr Mallarado provided skills and techniques to equip our children by talking about anxiety, and to encourage our children to show gratitude in their life on a daily basis, and to challenge our thinking in anxious situations.

Our parents took away many helpful strategies from the workshop, and I know that our students will be encouraged to face a challenge, try something new, or show brave behaviour both at home and at school.

Readers' Challenge & Gala Day

A group of Year 6 students represented our school last week at the Readers' Challenge pitting their literary skills against 24 other schools. Congratulations on a fine effort. Next Thursday both our AFL teams and Netball teams will be participating in the annual Gala Day where they will compete against other Catholic schools on the North side of Brisbane. Good luck to all of our students in Years 4, 5, and 6 who will be competing.

Mrs Carol Sayers

