



St Agatha's
CLAYFIELD

ST. AGATHA'S PARISH

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Twelfth Sunday in Ordinary Time - 19th June 2016

Readings

1st Reading: Zechariah 12:10-11, 13:1; 2nd Reading: Galatians 3:26-29; Gospel: Luke 9:18-24

WEEKDAY MASSES

Monday 20 June: 6.30am
Wednesday 22 June: 9am
Saints John Fisher & Thomas More
Thursday 23 June: 9am
Friday 24 June: 9am
The Nativity of Saint John the Baptist

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 20th:
SVDP Meeting 5.00pm
Parish Office
- Monday 27th June -
Friday 8th July
School holidays

JULY

- Sunday 10th:
Sea-farers Sunday

Cards and a variety
of Holy items on sale
at the Piety Stall.

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

Dear sisters and brothers,

Last week, Pope Francis upgraded the annual liturgical celebration of St. Mary Magdalene to a feast day. Her feast day is July 22 and will now be celebrated with a similar status to the feasts of other apostles (with the exception of Sts. Peter and Paul). The Mass for her feast will now include extra prayers which explicitly refer to her as *apostorum apostola* – apostle to the apostles. This ancient designation comes from the gospel accounts of the Resurrection where Mary is identified as the first to encounter the resurrected Christ and told to go and tell the “brothers” what she had seen (Matt. 28:10). On one level, this upgrade doesn’t sound like a very big deal – the liturgical equivalent of being moved from cattle class to business class. But there is a larger story here. Pope Francis is attempting to make important connections – one is the healing power of mercy and the second is the role of women in the life of the Church.

Luke’s gospel tells us that Mary Magdalene was healed of “seven demons”. However, this does not make her a prostitute, as the popular imagination would have us believe. Luke also tells that she was one of a number of women who supported the ministry of Jesus from their own resources. Women bank-rolled Jesus’ journeys and supported his whole troop in various ways. This is easily forgotten or never noticed in the first place. By shining a brighter spotlight on Mary Magdalene, Pope Francis is also bringing out into open the question of the role of women in the life of the church.

It doesn’t take a genius to see that the role and place of women in the life of the church is an important issue in our contemporary culture. Post-Royal Commission, the role of women in leadership and decision-making will be a vital point of renewal for the life of church in Australia. The church has previously rejected the possibility of the ordination of women to the priesthood, but that does not mean others forms of leadership cannot be developed. How this is done and what shape it takes is open for discussion, but the voice of men cannot be the only voices heard around the key decision-making tables of the church. As Pope Francis has noted, “Many women share pastoral responsibilities with priests, helping to guide people, families and groups and offering new contributions to theological reflection, but we need to create still broader opportunities for a more incisive female presence in the Church.” Jesus entrusted the message of his resurrection to Mary Magdalene. What might this mean for the church today?

Fr. Anthony

2016 - The Year of Mercy

A Word of Mercy... There is a beautiful gesture that we human beings have, a gesture that we do almost without thinking, but it is a very profound gesture: to shake hands. When I shake hands, I put what I have in common with you - if it is a sincere hand shake - I give you my hand, I’ll give you that which is mine and you give me what is yours. (Pope Francis)

Clayfield Conversations

Alistair McGarth, *Andreas Idreos Professor of Science and Religion at Oxford University, Director of the Ian Ramsey Centre for Science and Religion, and Gresham Professor of Divinity, examines the enduring popularity of C. S. Lewis' Chronicles of Narnia. This article originally appeared on ABC online — Religion and Ethics website.*

Part II to follow next week.

Enchanting Faith: The Chronicles of Narnia and the Power of Myth (Part I)

Why are C.S. Lewis's *Chronicles of Narnia* - especially their showcase opener, *The Lion, the Witch, and the Wardrobe* - so popular, more than fifty years after their author's death? Many answers might be given, from the obvious fact that they are stories well told, to the suggestion that they call us back to a lost childhood. But perhaps there is something deeper going on here. To understand the deep appeal of Narnia, we need first to appreciate the place of stories in helping us to make sense of reality, and our own place within it. The *Chronicles of Narnia* resonate strongly with the basic human intuition that our own story is part of something greater and grander - something which, once we have grasped it, allows us to see our situation in a new and more meaningful way. A veil is lifted; a door is opened; a curtain is drawn aside; we are enabled to enter a new realm. Our own story is now seen to be part of a much bigger story, which both helps us understand how we fit into a greater scheme of things, and discover the difference we can make.

Like his Oxford friend J.R.R. Tolkien, Lewis was deeply aware of the imaginative power of "myths" - stories told to make sense of who we are, where we find ourselves, what has gone wrong with things, and what can be done about it. A "myth," as Lewis uses the term, is not a false story told to deceive, but a story that on the one hand resonates with the deepest structures of reality, and on the other has an ability to connect up with the human imagination. Tolkien was able to use myth to saturate *The Lord of the Rings* with a mysterious "otherness," a sense of magic which hints at a reality beyond that which human reason can fathom. Lewis realized that good and evil, anguish and joy, can all be seen more clearly when "dipped in myth." Through their "presentational realism," these narratives provided a way of grasping the deeper structures of our world at both the imaginative and rational levels.

Lewis may also have come to realize the power of myth through reading G.K. Chesterton's *The Everlasting Man*, with its classic distinction between "imaginary" and "imaginative," and deft analysis of how the imagination reaches beyond the limits of reason. "Every true artist," Chesterton argued, feels "that he is touching transcendental truths; that his images are shadows of things seen through the veil." For Lewis, a myth is a story which evokes awe, enchantment and inspiration, and which conveys or embodies an imaginative expression of the deepest meanings of life - meanings that prove totally elusive in the face of any attempt to express them in purely abstract or conceptual forms. For Lewis, God *authorizes* the use of myth as a means of captivating the human imagination and engaging the human reason. Lewis thus declares that human beings construct myths because they are *meant* to. They have been created by God with an innate capacity to create myths as echoes of a greater story or "story of a larger kind." Early Christian writers spoke of the *logos spermatikos*, a "seed-bearing word" implanted within creation by God, preparing the ground for the definitive revelation of God in Jesus Christ. Tolkien and Lewis both - though in slightly different ways - work with the notion of *mythos spermatikos*, a "narrative template" embedded within the human soul as part of the created order. Once more, these prepare the ground for the definitive revelation of God in the story of Jesus Christ. This approach is not about Jungian archetypes (although they may perform a similar function); it is rather a fundamentally *Christian* insight about the deeper structure of reality, and the best ways of representing and experiencing it by those who bear the "image of God."

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. 2 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>.

DINNER ROSTER LifeTeen Mass - Sunday 5.30pm

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.

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.

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

In our prayers we remember



Those who have died recently:

Betty Tucker, Elizabeth Gahan, Bernard Moore, Elizabeth Coutts, Lorna Longworth, Fr William Mecham, Peter Ryan, Lionel Russell, Effie Mulherin

And those whose anniversaries occur about now:

Cathy Brooke, Patrick Meehan, Len Moynihan, Eileen Williamson, Claude Dethlefs, Rev Fr William McCormack M.S.C., Joan and Mollie Longworth

Those who are sick:

Norma Fiore, Joan Healy, Lawrie Cusack, Rakesh Akhil, Dell McHugh, Trevor Elms, Fr Michael Cooney, Craig Gerran, Ken Kipping, Paul White, Edward Clark, Alexandra Manning, 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.



With great joy we welcome **Lorena and Elainah Davies, Harry Ford, Archie Long, Billy Sands and Michaela Schneider** who will be baptised this weekend.



"I thought you would be inspired by some images of our Prep students learning about St Agatha's Church this week." - Mrs Carol Sayers



Quiet time to say a special prayer to God - shhh...



We drew pictures of the features in the Church in our CHURCH SEARCH



We had a look at the faces of the children making their Confirmation. We saw some familiar faces...



ST AGATHA'S PARISH CHILDREN'S CHOIR

St Agatha's Parish Children's Choir is currently seeking new members due to some of the older girls heading off to high school. It is not a big time commitment. We normally sing at the P26 Masses, Christmas Eve and Easter, and practice once a month straight after school in the church for an hour. It is preferable, but not essential, to attend all the practice sessions. Boys and girls from grade 1 upwards welcome.

Please contact nicolawarda@yahoo.com.au

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

6.00pm

7.00am

9.00am

5.30pm

READERS:

18/19 June

Marie Ho
Ryan Smethurst

Kirsty Stevens
Sonia Marmotta

Jane Arkinstall
Heidi Cooper
Michael Crutcher

Life Teen Mass

25/26 June

Phil Zammit
Eric van der List

Helen Roberts
Ken Roberts

Eileen Duncan
Peter Gilroy
Leanne O'Shea

Life Teen Mass

COMMUNION MINISTERS:

18/19 June

Eddie Foley

Volunteer

Michele Pink

Life Teen Mass

25/26 June

Jan Zammit

Paulette Archer

Erin Bledsoe

Life Teen Mass

ORGANISTS:

18/19 June

Robyn Cuming

Mark Leung

Catriona McPherson

Life Teen Mass

25/26 June

Volunteer

Mark Leung

Jenny McKeon

Life Teen Mass

ALTAR SERVERS:

18/19 June

Olivia Dillon
Mikayla Dillon
Emma Dillon

Alyssa Godinho
Lucy White
Isabella White

Bart Marino
Billy Crutcher
Lachlan Hinneberg
Sarah Baker

Alex Oliveri
Sofia Lazzarini

25/26 June - School Holidays - *Volunteers*

CHILDREN'S LITURGY:

19 June

Erin Bledsoe & Nicola Warda

26 June

No Children's Liturgy - School Holidays

SANCTUARY CARERS:

2 July

Victor Podesta & Jane Lynn

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 3rd and 4th Sundays of the month.

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

BURNIE BRAE

The Burnie Brae not-for-profit community organisation at Chermerside is in need of pre-loved clothing items suitable for ages 50+.

You can leave your pre-loved clothing items at the Parish Office during office hours or at the Church on the weekend, by the last Sunday of each month.

Pre-loved clothing items will then be delivered to those in need at the Burnie Brae "Project Pantry" event which is held on the 1st Saturday morning of each month.



St Rita's College Clayfield
Open Day
Sunday 31 July, 2016
10:00am - 12:30pm

OPEN DAY and CARNIVAL
St Rita's College, Clayfield
Sunday 31 July 2016
Open Day: 10:00am to 12:30pm
Principal's Address at 10:00am and 11:00am
Register at:
blog.stritas.qld.edu.au/open-day
Stay on and join us at the
Carnival: 10:00am - 4:00pm

ST AGATHA'S PARISH LIBRARY

Feel free to browse the lending library before and after Mass. Please note these books are available for LENDING ONLY and NOT for sale.

VOLUNTEERS REQUIRED

We would like to set up a Hospitality Team to assist with morning teas after the P26 Masses held once a month.

Ideally we would like 9 teams of 2 which would mean only having to assist once a year.

Please email the Parish office if you would like to help,

clayfield@bnc.catholic.net.au

We are also looking for Volunteers to join our Children's Liturgy Team. The ministry is open to all over the age of 18.

(A blue card will be organised for you if you do not already have one).

Each session is run by two adults, one to facilitate and the other to assist. You will only be needed once or twice a term and not at all in school holidays. Session content is provided along with any other

Support required. If you would like to assist please email or phone us on

32622859.

Readings - Thirteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time - 26 June 2016

1st Reading: 1 Kings 19:16, 19-21; 2nd Reading: Galatians 5:1, 13-18; Gospel: Luke 9:51-62