



St Agatha's
CLAYFIELD

ST. AGATHA'S PARISH

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Thirteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time - 26th June 2016

Readings

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

WEEKDAY MASSES

Monday 27 June: 6.30am

Wednesday 29 June: 9am

Saints Peter and Paul

Thursday 30 June: 9am

Friday 1 July: 9am

SUNDAY MASSES

Saturday 5.00pm

(1st Rite of Reconciliation:

Saturday 4.30pm)

Sunday 7.00am

9.00am

5.30pm

Rosary before Mass

Parish Calendar

JUNE

• Monday 27th June -

Friday 8th July

School holidays

JULY

• Monday 4th:

SVDP Meeting 5.00pm

Parish Office

• Sunday 10th:

Sea-farers Sunday

• Tuesday 12th:

Pastoral Council Meeting

6.30pm Parish Office

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

**From next
Saturday, 2nd July
the 6pm Saturday
Mass will change
to 5pm
(for a trial period).**

**The First Rite of Reconciliation
will be available from 4:30pm
every Saturday.**

2016 - The Year of Mercy

*A Word of Mercy...*The Gospel of mercy, to be proclaimed and written in our daily lives, seeks people with patient and open hearts, "good Samaritans" who understand compassion and silence before the mystery of each brother and sister. The Gospel of mercy requires generous and joyful servants, people who love freely without expecting anything in return. (Pope Francis)

Clayfield Conversations

Alister McGrath, 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 I appeared last week. Below is Part II.

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

Steeped in the riches of medieval and Renaissance literature, and with a deep understanding of how “myths” work, C. S. Lewis managed to find the right voice and the right words to get past the suspicions of a “fully waking imagination of a logical mind.” Somehow, Narnia seems to provide a deeper, brighter, more wonderful and more meaningful world than anything we know from our own experience. Though the *Chronicles of Narnia* are clearly a work of fiction, they nevertheless seem far more “true to life” than many supposedly factual works. These evocative stories help us grasp that it is possible for the weak and foolish to have a noble calling in a dark world; that our deepest intuitions point us to the true meaning of things; that there is indeed something beautiful and wonderful at the heart of the universe; and that this may be found, embraced and adored.

Tolkien's *Lord of the Rings* is about finding a master ring - the ring that rules the other rings, which then must be destroyed because it is so dangerous and destructive. At the deepest level, Lewis's *Chronicles of Narnia* are about finding a master story - the story that makes sense of all other stories, which then must be embraced because of its power to give meaning and value to life. But which is the true story? Which are merely its shadows and echoes? And which are fabrications, tales spun to entrap and deceive? At an early stage in the *Lion, the Witch and the Wardrobe*, the four children begin to hear stories about the true origins and destiny of Narnia. Puzzled, they find they have to make decisions about what persons and what stories are to be trusted. Is Narnia *really* the realm of the White Witch? Or is she a usurper, whose power will be broken when two Sons of Adam and two Daughters of Eve sit on the four thrones at Cair Paravel? Is Narnia *really* the realm of the mysterious Aslan, whose return is expected at any time?

Gradually, one narrative emerges as supremely plausible - the story of Aslan. Each individual story of Narnia turns out to be part of this greater narrative. The *Lion, the Witch and the Wardrobe* hints at (and partially discloses) the "big picture" which is expanded in the remainder of the Narnia series. This "grand narrative" of interlocking stories makes sense of the riddles of what the children see and experience around them. It allows the children to understand their experiences with a new clarity and depth, like a camera lens bringing a landscape into sharp focus. Yet Lewis did not invent this Narnian narrative. He borrowed and adapted one that he already knew well, and had found to be true and trustworthy - the Christian narrative of creation, fall, redemption and final consummation. Following his late-evening conversation with Tolkien about Christianity as the “true myth” in September 1931, Lewis began to grasp the explanatory and imaginative power of an incarnational faith. Lewis came to believe in Christianity partly because of the quality of its literary vision - its ability to give a faithful and realistic account of life. Lewis was thus drawn to Christianity, not so much by the arguments in its favour, but by grasping its compelling vision of reality, which he could not ignore - and, as events proved, could not resist. The *Chronicles of Narnia* are an imaginative re-telling of the Christian "grand narrative," fleshed out with ideas Lewis absorbed from the Christian literary tradition. The basic theological themes that Lewis set out in *Mere Christianity* are transposed to their original narrative forms, allowing the deep structure of the world to be seen with clarity and brilliance. A good and beautiful creation is spoiled and ruined by a Fall, in which the creator's power is denied and usurped. The creator then enters into the creation to break the power of the usurper, and restore things through a redemptive sacrifice. Yet even after the coming of the redeemer, the struggle against sin and evil continues, and will not be ended until the final restoration and transformation of all things. This Christian metanarrative - which early Christian writers called the “economy of salvation” - provides both a narrative framework and a theological underpinning to the multiple narratives woven together in Lewis's *Chronicles of Narnia*.

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 docket to the Parish office. Enquiries to the Parish Office on 3262 2859.

IGNITE CONFERENCE 2016

National Catholic Youth Conference
22-25 September 2016

Mueller Performing Arts Centre, Redcliffe.
For more information: www.igniteyouth.com

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

“For you were called to freedom, brothers and sisters. But do not use this freedom as an opportunity for the flesh; rather serve one another through love.” GALATIANS 5:13

In our prayers we remember



Those who have died recently:

Mary Morfea, Betty Tucker, Elizabeth Gahan, Bernard Moore, Elizabeth Coutts, Lorna Longworth, Fr William Mecham

And those whose anniversaries occur about now:

Paul McGuire, Matt Williamson, Alf Kamols, Brenden Cross, Cathy Brooke, Patrick Meehan, Len Moynihan, Eileen Williamson, Claude Dethlefs, Joan and Mollie Longworth

Those who are sick:

Betty Beaton, 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, 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 **Rudolf Creagh and Isla Farry** who will be baptised this weekend.



Congratulations

We wish Mr Mark McCall, one of our Year 6 teachers and his fiancée Jackie, all of God's blessings for their upcoming wedding during the holidays. May the Lord shower you with happiness and joy as you share your life and love together.

Best wishes are given to Mrs Helen Murray, one of our Year 3 teachers who applied for and has been appointed to the position of Teacher Librarian at St Kevin's Geebung for Term 3 this year. Miss Jade Meakin will be taking the teaching duties in Year 3 during Mrs Murray's absence. We welcome Miss Meakin to St Agatha's, and hope the term offers many new learning experiences for Mrs Murray in her new role. We will see Mrs Murray back teaching Year 3 in Term 4, later this year.

Miss Ashlee Delbridge, one of our Prep Teachers has been chosen by Brisbane Catholic Education Office to attend World Youth Day in Poland, along with other teachers from the Archdiocese. This is a unique opportunity for teachers to participate in the Pilgrimage to meet Pope Francis and other young people from around the world in this experience of prayer and worship.

Special congratulations are given to Gabriella Kyprios, Year 2 MacKillop, who was awarded 1st place in her session group at the Brisbane Piano Festival last Sunday. Gabriella played her own composition, titled 'Silver Buttons'. Excellent engagement and persistence with your music, Gabriella. Well done.

My special thanks are given to our hard working parents led by the Parents & Friends Association, for their constant and effective involvement in supporting our school in so many important ways. Special thanks are always given to parents and teachers who volunteer for Drop Off and Pick Up duty each day, along with our reading parents and classroom parent supporters. I am grateful for your gift of time and involvement in our school in supporting our goals.

Peace to you and your family. Mrs Carol Sayers - Principal

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

6.00pm

7.00am

9.00am

5.30pm

READERS:

25/26 June

Phil Zammit
Eric van der List

Helen Roberts
Ken Roberts

Eileen Duncan
Peter Gilroy
Leanne O'Shea

Life Teen Mass

2/3 July

Jack Williamson
Eddie Foley

Mark Burton
Anne O'Connor

Angela Larosa
Tim Hancock
Denis Keating

Life Teen Mass

COMMUNION MINISTERS:

25/26 June

Jan Zammit

Paulette Archer

Erin Bledsoe

Life Teen Mass

2/3 July

Trish Hickey

Helen Roberts

Anthony Carroll

Life Teen Mass

ORGANISTS:

25/26 June

Robyn Cuming

Mark Leung

Jenny McKeon

Life Teen Mass

2/3 July

Volunteer

Mark Leung

Jenny McKeon

Life Teen Mass

ALTAR SERVERS:

25/26 June

School Holidays - *Volunteers*

2/3 July

School Holidays - *Volunteers*

CHILDREN'S LITURGY:

26 June

No Children's Liturgy - School Holidays

3 July

No Children's Liturgy - School Holidays

SANCTUARY CARERS:

2 July

Victor Podesta & Jane Lynn

16 July

Beverly O'Brien

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

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 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



Copies of **THE TABLET** are now available again.

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 - Fourteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time - 3 July 2016

1st Reading: Isaiah 66:10-14; 2nd Reading: Galatians 6:14-18; Gospel: Luke 10:1-12, 17-20