



St Agatha's

CLAYFIELD

ST. AGATHA'S PARISH

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The Most Holy Body and Blood of Christ - 29th May 2016

Readings

1st Reading: Genesis 14:18-20; 2nd Reading: 1 Corinthians 11:23-26; Gospel: Luke 9:11-17

WEEKDAY MASSES

Monday 30 May: 6.30am

Wednesday 1 June: 9am

Saint Justin

Thursday 2 June: 9am

Friday 3 June: 9am

The Most Sacred Heart of Jesus

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 2nd:

Practice for Confirmation Night
3.30pm-5.00pm

• Saturday 4th & Sunday 5th

Blessing of the Medals at any of
the Masses

• Monday 6th:

SVDP Meeting 5.00pm Parish
Office

• Tuesday 7th:

Confirmation Ceremonies
5.00pm & 7.00pm

• Wednesday 8th:

Pastoral Council Meeting
7.00pm Parish Office

• Sunday 12th:

P26 Mass 9.00am

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

Sisters and brothers,

The feast of the Body and Blood of Christ gets to the heart of things. Eucharist is the great gift and central mystery which makes and re-makes the Church. Fr. Ron Rolheiser, an expert in contemporary spirituality, once made this observation about the Eucharist:

Throughout two thousand years of history, Christians, both whole churches and individual believers, have consistently been able to ignore many of Jesus' key commandments and invitations. We have either been too weak to follow his counsels or we have rationalized them away in some way. And so, to a large extent, we have exempted ourselves from the demand to love our enemies, to turn the other cheek when attacked, to forgive 70 times 7, to leave our gift at the altar and first go and seek reconciliation with our brother or sister before we worship, to place justice on the same level as worship, to see mercy as more important than dogma, to not commit adultery, to not steal, to not call someone a fool, to not tell lies, to not give in to jealousy. We have, in virtually every one of these areas, individually and collectively, a history of infidelity and rationalization. But we have, for the most part, been faithful and consistent throughout all the years to one of Jesus' commands, to celebrate the Eucharist, to meet together in every circumstance and share his word and break bread and drink wine in his memory. The older I get, the more this bald fact becomes more meaningful to me, both as it pertains to the church and as it pertains to me personally. The Eucharist is such a ritual-container for Christians. We can't sustain our faith, charity, forgiveness, and hope on the basis of feeling or thought, but we can sustain them through the Eucharist. We can't always be clear-headed or warm-hearted; we can't always be sure that we know the exact path of God; and we won't always measure up morally and humanly to what faith asks of us. But we can be faithful in this one, deep way: We can go to the Eucharist regularly.

That is why we do this in memory of Jesus.

Fr. Anthony

2016 - The Year of Mercy

A Word of Mercy... The Eucharist affects the way we see others. In his life, Christ manifested his love by being with people, and by sharing their desires and problems. So too the Eucharist brings us together with others – young and old, poor and affluent, neighbours and visitors. The Eucharist calls us to see all of them as our brothers and sisters, and to see in them the face of Christ. (Pope Francis)

Clayfield Conversations

On this feast of the Body and Blood of Christ, this reflection written by the late Cardinal Bernadine of Chicago challenges our perceptions of what — and who — we celebrate in the Eucharist.

Our Communion, Our Peace, Our Promise

At this table we put aside every worldly separation based on culture, class, or other differences. Baptised, we no longer admit to distinctions based on age or sex or race or wealth. This communion is why all prejudice, all racism, all sexism, all deference to wealth and power must be banished from our parishes, our homes, and our lives. This communion is why we will not call enemies those who are human beings like ourselves. This communion is why we will not commit the world's resources to an escalating arms race while the poor die. We cannot. Not when we have feasted here on the "body broken" and "blood poured out" for the life of the world. Let that be clear in the reverent way we walk forward to take the holy bread and cup. Let it be clear in the way ministers of communion announce: "The body of Christ," "The blood of Christ". Let it be clear in our "Amen". Let it be clear in the songs and psalms we sing and the way we sing them. Let it be clear in the holy silence that fills this church when all have partaken. Before coming forward we say, "Lord, I am not worthy". We are never worthy of this table, for it is God's grace and gift. Yet we do come forward. This is "food for the journey" that we began at baptism. We may eat of it when we are tired, when we are discouraged, even when we have failed. But not when we have forgotten the church, forgotten the way we began at the font; not when we have abandoned our struggle against evil and remain unrepentant for having done so. Let us examine our lives honestly each time before approaching the eucharist. "Worthy" none of us ever is, but properly prepared each one of us must be. Christ, present in the eucharist and in us, calls us to be a holy communion, to grow in love and holiness for one another's sake.

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.

5 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>



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!

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

In our prayers we remember



Those who have died recently:

Donald Martin, Peter Warda

And those whose anniversaries occur about now:

Hugh McBride, Eileen Brumpton, Irene Hogan, Gloria McKenzie

Those who are sick:

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 will be placed on the church seats starting from June 4/5. 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 SCHOOL NEWS

I am delighted to be able to share insights and happenings from our St Agatha's Parish School, through the Parish Newsletter. As part of the Parish, our school has been educating and working for the community since 1925. We bring the belonging and village support of the Parish to the young girls and boys in our care, while preparing them as leaders of the community for the future.

With the Assessment and Reporting cycle of school in process at the moment, we will also complete this Semester with Netball and AFL Gala days in June. All students in Year 4 participate in the local interschool AFL competition.

Students have regular skills coaching from the AusKick team which is engaging and motivational.

Interschool Netball is a feature for students in Years 5 and 6 and is skill based and rewarding.

At the end of the term, Jack McLoughlin, a past pupil of St Agatha's, will be visiting the school. Jack belongs to the Australian Olympic Swim Team, and is competing in the Rio Games in the 1500m Freestyle, 400m Freestyle and the Men 4 x 200 Freestyle. We look forward to warmly welcoming Jack back to his Primary School and wishing him well.

I'm sure we'll hear more of Jack when the games begin.

Our St Agatha's School Choir competes in the State Competition this week. Good luck to all our students who are participating. The choir has worked very hard to reach this competitive edge, so I'm sure that the choir members will enjoy the event and persist in their life skill into the future. *Mrs Carol Sayers*

ALL HALLOWS' SCHOOL OPEN DAY / Sunday 29 May 2016 / Time: 11.00am

Experience the spirit of Mercy, learning excellence and our virtues of Respect, Compassion, Truth, Responsibility, Justice and Loyalty at our 2016 Open Day.

Established in 1861 as the first girls' school in the state, All Hallows' is the oldest secondary school in Queensland. Steeped in heritage and tradition, All Hallows' continues to deliver an innovative, exciting and holistic learning experience for young women.

We invite you to discover the All Hallows' difference. Commencing at 11.00am with a formal introduction and information session, the day includes the opportunity to view displays, spend time with staff and students, enjoy performances, view academic and co-curricular displays, meet past pupils and tour the School.

We look forward to welcoming prospective students, families and the community.

To register please visit www.ahs.qld.edu.au

Limited car parking will be available in the School's car park accessed from Dodge Lane, in the surrounding streets and nearby public car parks.

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

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

6.00pm

7.00am

9.00am

5.30pm

READERS:

28/29 May	Judy Bartels Paul Bartels	Aleira Egan Sr Cecily Foster	Don Macpherson Lauren McMullan Katrina Murphy	Life Teen Mass
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4/5 June	Marian Nolan Eddie Foley	Rafael Chase Ruby Chase	Wilma O'Connell Peter Ryan Trish Ryan	Life Teen Mass
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COMMUNION MINISTERS:

28/29 May	Marie Ho	<i>Volunteer</i>	Erin Bledsoe	Life Teen Mass
4/5 June	Trish Hickey	Michele Pink	Anthony Carroll	Life Teen Mass

ORGANISTS:

28/29 May	<i>Volunteer</i>	Mark Leung	Robyn Cuming	Life Teen Mass
4/5 June	<i>Volunteer</i>	Mark Leung	Catriona McPherson	Life Teen Mass

ALTAR SERVERS:

28/29 May	Phoebe McGuire Isabella McGuire	Max Van Balen Georgia Van Balen	Xavier Coorey Kate Taylor	Caitlin Marshall
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4/5 June	<i>Volunteer/s</i>	<i>Volunteer/s</i>	Alyssa Godinho Stella Pampellone	Josephine Warda
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CHILDREN'S LITURGY:

29 May			Erin Bledsoe & Jane Cameron	
5 June			<i>No Children's Liturgy</i>	

SANCTUARY CARERS:

4 June	Victor Podesta & Jane Lynn
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 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"

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.

2016 SIMONE WEIL LECTURE ON HUMAN VALUE
"Transnational Ethics and the Refugee Crisis"

A free public lecture presented by the School of Philosophy
Monday 30 May
6.00pm for 6.30pm
ACU Leadership Centre, Level 3
229 Elizabeth Street, Brisbane
For more information and to register:
acu.edu.au/simoneweil

ANNUAL RACING MASS

will be held at Our Lady Help of Christians Church, Manson Road, Hendra - Sunday 5 June 11.00am

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 Preparation Program Reminders

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 **
Confirmation Ceremony Night
Tuesday 7 June
5.00pm and 7.00pm

PERMANENT DIACONATE INFORMATION SESSION.

Anyone wanting to know more about the Permanent Diaconate in the Archdiocese of Brisbane is welcome to an Information Session at St Joseph's Church Bracken Ridge, on 5 June after the 9.00 Mass. Fr Trevor Trotter and a Permanent Deacon will give a short presentation and allow time for questions and discussion. One hour maximum. See you there.

Readings - Tenth Sunday in Ordinary Time - 5 June 2016

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