



ST. AGATHA'S PARISH

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The Most Holy Trinity - 22nd May 2016

Readings

1st Reading: Proverbs 8:22-31; 2nd Reading: Romans 5:1-5; Gospel: John 16:12-15

WEEKDAY MASSES

Monday 23 May: 6.30am
 Wednesday 25 May: 9am
 Thursday 26 May: 9am
 Saint Philip Neri
 Years 1 & 5 Mass
 Friday 27 May: 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

MAY

- Monday 23rd:
 * Confirmation Workshops
 4.00pm & 6.00pm
 APAC, St Agatha's School
 * SVDP Meeting 5pm Parish
 Office
- Saturday 28th/Sunday 29th:
 (Preparation for the Sacrament
 of Confirmation) - Hand in of
 work books

*"But when he comes, the
 Spirit of truth, he will guide
 you to all truth..."*

JOHN 16:13

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

Dear sisters and brothers,

Below is one of the better explanations of the Trinity that I have come across. One theologian explained the Trinity in terms of our human beings relationships:

If you want to know what God is like, look about you. What do we see as you look at the universe, as you look at the people who populate this earth? We see variety... beauty . . . interconnectedness . . . motion . . . life. That gives us a clue to what God is like. God is not a stony-faced, solitary figure staring blankly at us. God is not an impersonal "force." God is variety . . . beauty . . . interconnectedness . . . motion . . . life. The three Persons are united to one another in a relationship of love. The Trinity is brimming with life, goodness and unity, and we are invited to be part of it.

Did you ever wonder why, in the human race, there is an instinct for family, relationships? It's in our blood, in our bones, in our genetic make-up, in our spirit. It's because we're made in the image and likeness of God. We're made to connect with other people, to have relationships, to experience loving and being loved.

Which brings us to the Trinity. God is not a solitary person. God is three persons. There is one God, in three persons. We don't quite know how to put all that together in human concepts. It's beyond our limited comprehension. That is because God is beyond our comprehension. There is a wonder to God that goes beyond our human categories. And the greatest wonder of all is that we are made in the image and likeness of this God. And more than that, the wonder is that we are created to relate to this God. We are not simply "objects" God looks upon. We are loved by God and we are able to love God in return. We are in a relationship with God. We are daughters and sons of God, as though we were equals. Actually, it's not "as though" we're equals with God. By God's grace, we are lifted up to God's level. God's own Spirit is poured upon us. We have God's own life within us. We are "divinised" - somehow made like God.

In short, God's Spirit lifts us up in order to share God's very life. And that is the heart of the mystery of the Trinity.

Fr. Anthony

2016 - The Year of Mercy

A Word of Mercy... The church is a mother: It must reach out to heal the wounds, yes? With mercy. If the Lord never tires of forgiving, we don't have any other path than this one: before anything else, curing the wounds, yes? It's a mother, the church, and it must go down this path of mercy. It must find mercy for everyone, no?

(Pope Francis)

Clayfield Conversations

This week, English priest, Fr. Daniel O'Leary, reflects on the "dance of the Trinity" that is alive within each one of us.

Courageous Conversations

Already in our hearts a deep conversion has taken place. Our task now is to deepen that conversion. We are not striving to find or access the Holy Spirit. We wait for a stronger experience of that Spirit. The divine presence is the gift already there. The holy well of nourishment is already within us. Because we have tasted its sweet water we look for more. We are asking for what we have already received. This is the big secret. We are welcome to draw freely from the deep, fresh spring always within us – but something makes us afraid to draw too much. We are surrounded by God's grace. It flows everywhere. There are many expressions of this presence of grace. The Church speaks of the dance of the Trinity, the wind of the Spirit, the sap and the yeast, the growing and the blossoming. But we block and limit that blessed flow of healing. Once unblocked, we become free beyond our dreams – free from fear, free from resentment, free from anxiety. Our lives are transformed. We experience the beauty of our 'hidden selves', we live 'the abundant life'. That transformation marks another step towards deepening the reign of God around us – a reign of peace and respect, of equality and justice. We prepare our hearts so as to save our world.

This spirituality reveals that everything we search for is already within us – the joy, the freedom, the peace, the courage, the divine energy. It is a way of knowing that the touch of God, the healing Spirit, is hidden in all that happens to us – even in the most painful experiences. When we see the presence of God in our most ordinary, daily routines, and in the darkness we often experience, then our lives are transformed.

Our self-esteem soars, our capacity for being creative takes off, the clouds and shadows of our life no longer frighten us. We are astonished when we discover the immensity of God's unconditional love for us!

We need to be reminded about God's unchanging embrace at every twist and turn of our days, reassuring us that we are never alone, that there is nothing we cannot achieve with God's arms around us. The inner transformation of our lives is not just for our own well-being: it is only to set us free to give our energies to our sisters and brothers by promoting a richer quality of life for all those who are living in profound pain, fear and deprivation, and for the earth itself.

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. 6 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!!

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 Tuesday 7 June at 7pm 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

Tuesday 7 June 7pm Parish Office



With great joy we welcome *Harriette Bacajewski, Mia Borggaard, Lachlan, Ava, Aston & Grace Brodie, Levi Lalor, Fleur Premsara and Kate Whittaker* who will be baptised this weekend.

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.

In our prayers we remember



Those who have died recently:

Donald Martin, Peter Warda, Betsy Stewart, Carmel O'Sullivan, Agnes Pini, June Somerville

And those whose anniversaries occur about now:

Gay Kelleher, Ethel Wallin, Ross McKenzie

Those who are sick:

Maureen Sherriff, 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.

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.

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.

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

CENTENARY CELEBRATIONS

Banyo Nundah Parish is celebrating 100 years on Sunday 29 May commencing with Mass at 9.30am in Corpus Christi Church, Nundah, with Archbishop Mark Coleridge presiding. This will be followed by a day of festivities, multi-cultural food "FESTIVAL", entertainment, historical display, pipe organ recital, drawing of Centenary Raffle. Past parishioners and friends are welcome to attend.

For further details phone Parish Office 3266 1444.

CATHOLIC PSYCHIATRIC PASTORAL CARE

invite you to the

ANNUAL ST DYMPNA'S DAY CELEBRATIONS

Saturday 28 May

A Healing Mass with the Sacrament of Anointing of the Sick will be Concelebrated at 10.00am in St Patrick's Church,

58 Morgan Street, Fortitude Valley

This event is the CPPC Annual Donation Day.

For more information contact: CPPC 3252 5461.

THE GREGORY TERRACE OLD BOYS' ASSOCIATION ANNUAL REUNION

Friday 27 May 2016 - 6.30pm for 7.00pm / Primary Quad - St Joseph's College, Gregory Terrace

To register go to: www.terrace.qld.edu.au / *Click on About Us / College Events / GTOBA Annual Gathering*

THE PARACLETE

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

ANNUAL RACING MASS

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

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

6.00pm

7.00am

9.00am

5.30pm

READERS:

21/22 May

Katrina Murphy
Graham Gibson

Dianne Eden
Nick Eden

Volunteer
Clare Smethurst
Angela Larosa

Life Teen Mass

28/29 May

Judy Bartels
Paul Bartels

Aleira Egan
Sr Cecily Foster

Don Macpherson
Lauren McMullan
Katrina Murphy

Life Teen Mass

COMMUNION MINISTERS:

21/22 May

Paulette Archer

Lorraine Atkinson-MacEwan

Michele Pink

Life Teen Mass

28/29 May

Marie Ho

Volunteer

Erin Bledsoe

Life Teen Mass

ORGANISTS:

21/22 May

Volunteer

Mark Leung

Jenny McKeon

Life Teen Mass

28/29 May

Volunteer

Mark Leung

Robyn Cuming

Life Teen Mass

ALTAR SERVERS:

21/22 May

Volunteer/s

Joey Douglas

Bart Marino
Billy Crutcher

Eliza French

28/29 May

Phoebe McGuire
Isabella McGuire

Max Van Balen
Georgia Van Balen

Xavier Coorey
Kate Taylor

Caitlin Marshall

CHILDREN'S LITURGY:

22 May

Jane Cameron & Mel Ryan

29 May

Jane Cameron & Erin Bledsoe

SANCTUARY CARERS:

4 June

Victor Podesta & Jane Lynn

Baptismal Preparation Meeting

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.

CARE AND CONCERN



- Do you need transport to a doctor's appointment?
- Do you need a meal cooked for you?
- Would you like someone to visit you?

If you or someone you know would like assistance with transport, meals or visits please call St Agatha's Care & Concern on **0419 988 811**

We are available and ready to help.

JUST CALL



As a parishioner, do you have some time to give to help in the above ministry?

Are you interested in helping to bring parishioners to Mass?

If you can help please contact the parish office on 3262 2859 or email: clayfield@bne.catholic.net.au

CONFIRMATION Preparation Program Reminders

Confirmation Workshops
Monday 23 May
4.00pm and 6.00pm
APAC, St Agatha's School

Hand in of work books
Saturday 28 or Sunday 29 May
At any of the Masses
** Saturday 6pm
** Sunday 7am, 9am & 5.30pm

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

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

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