



ST. AGATHA'S PARISH

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Fourteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time - 3rd July 2016

Readings

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

WEEKDAY MASSES

Monday 4 July: 6.30am

Wednesday 6 July: 9am

Thursday 7 July: 9am

Friday 8 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

JULY

• **Monday 4th:**

SVDP Meeting 5.00pm

Parish Office

• **Tuesday 5th:**

Youth Ministry Meeting

6.45pm Parish Office

• **Sunday 10th:**

Sea-farers Sunday



• **Monday 11th:**

School resumes

• **Tuesday 12th:**

Pastoral Council Meeting

6.30pm Parish Office

• **Tuesday 19th:**

Finance Meeting 6.00pm

Parish Office

Dear sisters and brothers,

Today is the annual celebration of Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Sunday. The reflection for this Sunday was written by Bishop Joe Oudemann, Auxillary Bishop in Brisbane:

It is a long standing tradition that the first Sunday of July is dedicated to our Aboriginal and Torres Straits Islander brothers and sisters. May we be one in mind and heart with them as we listen to today's living Word in the Scriptures. Firstly, let us remember and acknowledge again that for thousands of years before the arrival of Western settlers, the sole inhabitants of this vast land were Indigenous peoples: the Aboriginals and Torres Strait Islanders. In a real sense the settlers were invaders in this land which was named "terra nullius", the land which was deemed to belong to no one! Many injustices and atrocities have been committed against the Indigenous people of the land since. A National Apology to the Stolen Generations by the Prime Minister on February 13 2008 was indeed an historic and hope-filled moment for Australia. The then president of the Australian Bishops Conference, Archbishop Wilson, said in his Statement: "Today is a great day in the history of our Nation, because it represents a much longed-for point of arrival. But it must not end there. For true healing to take place we must also acknowledge that this National Apology is a point not only of arrival, but a point of hope and a point of departure." The journey and process is one of reconciliation and healing. The challenge of reconciliation and bringing healing requires fortitude, wisdom and patience. The Gospel reading of St. Luke sends us all out to mission and visit the towns and places Jesus himself would be visiting. There are all kinds of instructions for the disciples about trust in God's presence and providence, and about being and remaining a person of peace, hospitality and respect, which is all contained in the Jewish greeting: "Shalom". Also is mentioned the need to bring healing and to reassure everyone that the Kingdom of God is near. Let me finish with our Responsorial psalm of today: "let the earth cry out to God with joy!" Ah! Mother Earth! Crying out to God with joy! It is same kind of joy and gratitude which mark the words of Pope Francis, in his pastoral letter *Laudato si*, where he speaks of our common home and the responsibilities we all have to look after our "mother" and the incredible variety of "offspring"! And where he speaks of its beauty and the interconnectedness of everything! Yes, the Kingdom of God is very near. But we need eyes to see. We need ears to hear. We need hearts to treasure. We need hands to put to the plough, and to sow good seeds, as we live and work in hope toward a rich harvest.

2016 - The Year of Mercy

A Word of Mercy.... God has never failed to offer his forgiveness to men and women: his mercy is felt from generation to generation. Often we believe that our sins distance the Lord from us. In reality, in sinning, we may distance ourselves from him, but, seeing us in danger, he tries all the harder to find us. (Pope Francis)

Clayfield Conversations

Fr. Andrew Hamilton SJ, writing for the Australian web publication, Eureka Street, reflects below on the result of the Brexit referendum.

Brexit and Cultural Amnesia

Before the British referendum on the European Union, leaders of other European nations, President Obama and Australian politicians, spoke strongly for the union. But some commentators in the media welcomed the prospect of Britain's leaving. It is helpful to consider their arguments again in light of the ideals that underlay European union. The chief arguments for leaving appealed to the infringement on national sovereignty, the threat to a distinctive culture and the limitation of economic freedom that are entailed in Britain's ties to Europe. In the critics' view the union has limited the capacity of the British to decide who comes into Britain as migrants, and has subjected British laws to review by the European framework of human rights. These limitations on sovereignty have weakened the cohesion of society and its Judaeo-Christian heritage. The regulations governing trade within Europe, too, are a burden for business and stifle individual economic initiative. A Britain freed from its ties to Europe would regain pride, independence, a distinctive cultural homogeneity and economic freedom. The roots of the European union lay in the experience of war. Such men as Robert Schuman, Konrad Adenauer, Jules Masson and Alcide de Gasperi were determined to ensure that there would be no third European War, and so to avoid the conditions that had led to war. These included an understanding of national sovereignty that privileged competition over cooperation and disregarded human rights; an understanding of national cultures that was based on homogeneity of religion or race; and an understanding of the economy that cheerfully excluded many sections of the community from its benefits. Out of these conditions had arisen popular resentment, authoritarian and ideological regimes, and eventually war. The post war European leaders at the time had seen these effects first hand. Many had been driven into exile. Adenauer and Gasperi had been imprisoned for their opposition to Hitler and Mussolini respectively. Schuman had been a member of the French Resistance. They were also linked by a deep knowledge of European history and by an informed respect for its Christian roots. Their opposition to a politics of exclusion and their principles of cooperation and peace built on unity resonated with the Catholic social tradition. They saw that antipathy, particularly between France and Germany, had to be overcome, and that cooperation and shared institutions were central for peace in Europe. The implementation of the Marshall Plan and the European Coal and Steel Community shortly after the end of the war were the fruits of this perception. These were perceived as the first steps towards closer economic and political union.

Against this background the case made for leaving the European Union argued for precisely the political conditions that the founders of the union had feared and wanted to remedy. In the context of Brexit national sovereignty means the right to refuse any shared responsibility for people fleeing from tyranny and war. It also means the right to legislate without regard for human rights. The appeal to a Judaeo-Christian heritage acts as a justification for excluding migrants on the grounds of their Muslim origin and Islamic religion. A strong defence force and national pride mean the right to intervene unilaterally in military adventures as convenient. Economic freedom means preserving the conditions under which wealth can be amassed and retained by the few at the expense of the many.

The founders of the European Union would recognise these hoped-changes that a Brexit promises. They had seen them before. They were precisely the conditions that contributed to the wars that they so feared: the xenophobia, disregard for human rights, chauvinism, military adventures entered by individual nations and competitive economic policies that alienated citizens and so bred authoritarian and ideologically inspired leaders. The arguments adduced against Brexit mark cultural amnesia, a return to a dangerous past.

This is not to deny, of course, that many features of the European Union do require change and development, particularly in the participation of citizens in its deliberations. Its major weakness has lain in the loss of its initial vision of political union and its seduction by economic ideology. The excess encouraged during the lead up to the GFC allowed the few to benefit at the expense of the common good. The response of the Union to the GFC allowed the beneficiaries in the financial industry to lock in and extend their wealth at the expense of the common good. If that argument is correct, we might reasonably expect that the economic costs of a Brexit will be borne by those already excluded from the national table. The result would be deeper alienation. The die is now cast, but the counsel and work of such serious human beings as Adenauer, Masson, Schuman and their fellow leaders still merit close attention.

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

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

NEXT MEETING

Tuesday 5 July - 6.45pm Parish Office

In our prayers we remember



Those who have died recently:

Mary Dillon, Maria Spinetti, Mary Morfea

And those whose anniversaries occur about now:

Meriel Healy, Mick & Nell Treston, Jack & Alice Abercrombie, Paul McGuire, Matt Williamson, Alf Kamols, Brenden Cross

Those who are sick:

Mario Di Filippo, 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.

GIVE THE GIFT OF FAITH

The dedication you have for St Agatha's Parish can go on forever when you make a gift to our parish endowment fund. With endowment funds, the principal is kept intact and the distributions to the parish come from growth and earnings. This provides a steady stream of income to our parish forever. For more information on naming St Agatha's Parish Endowment in your Will, please call 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.

NEXT WEEKEND 9/10 JULY is "SEAFARERS SUNDAY".

"This celebration is destined to the Seafarers and Fishing communities, and to those that are involved in cruise ships, together with all port personnel. On this occasion, we give thanks and celebrate, as we are reminded of the debt our society owes to all these workers of the sea and their families, and everyone engaged, in one way or another in this ministry." There will be a **retiring collection** and you are asked to give generously to this worthy Apostolate.

IGNITE YOUNG ADULTS WEEKEND - INSIDE OUT

Dates: 7.00pm Friday 22 July - 2.00pm Sunday 24 July
Life can get crazy juggling uni, work and just general life. We feel it too, so we want to give you an opportunity to get away from busyness and sink into friendship, prayer and some excellent sharing from speakers. This is an opportunity to engage with God through personal prayer, worship and the sacraments in the wonderful Gold Coast hinterlands.

For Young Adults: 17-25 / Cost \$100

For more info and to register head to: igniteyouth.com/insideout or email youngadults@igniteyouth.com



Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Sunday

*Let the earth cry out to God
with joy and compassion for all.*

COMMUNION TO THE SICK

The Ministry of Communion to the Sick is an ancient and essential ministry of any Christian community. We are currently seeking people who are interested in this ministry to join our roster. Please give this ministry some consideration. For more information, please contact Fr. Anthony or the parish office.

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

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

GOOD READS FROM OUR PARISH LIBRARY

Our most recent addition is *Into Extra Time*, a thoughtful book of reflections by Father Michael Gallagher SJ, following a diagnosis of cancer. This book, which he calls "jottings" is, as a colleague notes at the end of the book, "about life as much as about death" and is full of enlightening insights into faith and its help in living a good life. Other books you may enjoy are to be found at number 248.8, including

I Wish I Were a Leper by Vince O'Rourke.



PARISH ROSTERS

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

5.00pm

7.00am

9.00am

5.30pm

READERS:

2/3 July	Jack Williamson Eddie Foley	Mark Burton Anne O'Connor	Angela Larosa Tim Hancock Denis Keating	Life Teen Mass
9/10 July	Volunteer Volunteer	Sr Cecily Foster Aleira Egan	Lauren McMullan Clare Smethurst Don Macpherson	Life Teen Mass

COMMUNION MINISTERS:

2/3 July	Trish Hickey	Helen Roberts	Volunteer	Life Teen Mass
9/10 July	Eddie Foley	Michele Pink	Deborah Hall	Life Teen Mass

ORGANISTS:

2/3 July	Volunteer	Volunteer	Jenny McKeon	Life Teen Mass
9/10 July	Volunteer	Mark Leung	Catriona McPherson	Life Teen Mass

ALTAR SERVERS:

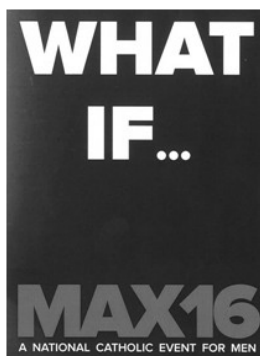
2/3 July	School Holidays - Volunteers
9/10 July	School Holidays - Volunteers

CHILDREN'S LITURGY:

3 July	No Children's Liturgy - School Holidays
10 July	No Children's Liturgy - School Holidays

SANCTUARY CARERS:

16 July	Beverley O'Brien
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menALIVE - WHAT IF...

A National Catholic Event for Men

Friday 15 to Sunday 17 July

St Leo's Catholic College, Brisbane

\$245 per person

For more information:

Peter Carrigan - 0404 496 405

Robert Falzon - 0412 745 734

www.menalive.org.au

Registrations close Monday 11 July

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 Chermiside 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@bne.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 - Fifteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time - 10 July 2016

1st Reading: Deuteronomy 30:10-14; 2nd Reading: Colossians 1:15-20; Gospel: Luke 10:25-37