



ST. AGATHA'S PARISH

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Fifteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time - 10th July 2016

Readings

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

WEEKDAY MASSES

Monday 11 July: 6.30am

Saint Benedict

Wednesday 13 July: 9am

Thursday 14 July: 9am

Friday 15 July: 9am

Saint Bonaventure

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 11th:**

School resumes

• **Tuesday 12th:**

Pastoral Council Meeting

6.30pm Parish Office

• **Monday 18th:**

SVDP Meeting 5.00pm

Parish Office

• **Tuesday 19th:**

Finance Meeting 6.00pm

Parish Office

*"Jesus said to him,
'Go and do likewise.'
Luke 10:37*

Dear sisters and brothers,

Through a kind and generous donation, we have installed a votive candle stand in the Marian side chapel. The stand is there for you to come and light a candle before or after Mass, or when ever the church is open. We are grateful for the generosity of Hugh Stewart, in memory of his wife, Betsy, for this valuable addition to our church space and devotional life.

As Catholics, our religious imagination is forged in our sacramental life. A Catholic view of sacramentality teaches us that ordinary things can carry the life of God. In our liturgies, we use simple, everyday realities to encounter the divine life of God; we bless bread and wine, we anoint with oil, we bless ourselves with water, we use colours to celebrate the seasons of the church's year. So it is with light. We have one central candle – the paschal candle, lit for the first time at the beginning of the Easter vigil, and then throughout the Easter season and for every baptism and funeral. This light is a reminder to us of the light of Christ, a light given to each and every one of us at baptism. Light is a powerful image for us. Darkness is the image that names our fears, our troubles, our anxieties, our doubts, our sadnesses. Even the smallest light breaks this darkness.

The small candles represent our prayers and cries to God. They burn even as we walk away and out into the world of our everyday duties and routine. The burning candle reminds us that even when we are not explicitly praying, God remains attentive to our cares and concerns which cloud our minds and unsettle our hearts.

We might light a candle in times of sickness, or sorrow, at moments of death of those we know and hold dear, or when the world seems troubling and fearful. These candles might also represent the moments in which we rejoice: our prayers for a wedding couple, our joy at new life, our thanks for completion of exams, the success of our hard work, or the excitement of a new job or new beginning. We might also desire to light a candle in forgiveness, asking for mercy for ourselves, the humility to say "sorry" to those whom we love, the courage to accept the forgiveness of others or the strength to let go of our angers and be compassionate and merciful. Or we might have no special reason, just an unspoken longing to place our lives in the hand of Mystery.

We are a people for whom simple things speak of great and profound mysteries. We are also an incarnational people who believe that the Word became Flesh. We use our bodies to light the candles and place everything before the One who is the Light of the World. We are thankful to the Stewart family for their generosity. With every candle that we light, we ask that the Holy Spirit, the flame of faith, to carry our prayers to the Radiant Son, who offers them willingly to the source of Eternal Light.

Fr. Anthony

2016 - The Year of Mercy

A Word of Mercy....The Samaritan acts with true mercy: he binds up that man's wounds, takes him to an inn, takes care of him personally, and provides for his care. All this teaches us that compassion, love, is not a vague sentiment, but means taking care of the other even paying for him. (Pope Francis)

This Sunday we proclaim the parable of the Good Samaritan. It is this parable that is the focus of the Pope Francis' Year of Mercy. Let us reflect on the logo and motto for this Year of Mercy.

The Extraordinary Jubilee Year of Mercy



The logo and the motto together provide a fitting summary of what the Jubilee Year is all about. The motto *Merciful Like the Father* (taken from the Gospel of Luke 6:36) serves as an invitation to follow the merciful example of the Father who asks us not to judge or condemn but to forgive and to give love and forgiveness without measure (cf. Lk 6:37-38). The logo – the work of Jesuit Father Marko I. Rupnik – presents a small *summa theologiae* of the theme of mercy. In fact, it represents an image quite important to the early Church: that of the Son having taken upon his shoulders the lost soul demonstrating that it is the love of Christ that brings to completion the mystery of his incarnation culminating in redemption. The logo has been designed in such a way so as to express the profound way in which the Good Shepherd touches the flesh of humanity and does so with a love with the power to change one's life. One particular feature worthy of note is that while the Good Shepherd, in his great mercy, takes humanity upon himself, his eyes are merged with those of man. Christ sees with the eyes of Adam, and Adam with the eyes of Christ. Every person discovers in Christ, the new Adam, one's own humanity and the future that lies ahead, contemplating, in his gaze, the love of the Father. The scene is captured within the so called *mandorla* (the shape of an almond), a figure quite important in early and medieval iconography, for it calls to mind the two natures of Christ, divine and human. The three concentric ovals, with colours progressively lighter as we move outward, suggest the movement of Christ who carries humanity out of the night of sin and death. Conversely, the depth of the darker colour suggests the impenetrability of the love of the Father who forgives all.

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

KSC RETREAT DAY

The Knights of the Southern Cross are sponsoring an adult Retreat Day on Saturday 6 August in Nolan Hall adjacent to Corpus Christi Church Nundah from 10.00am until 3.00pm. The Year of Mercy theme will be led by Fr John Chalmers.

BYO lunch. Tea, coffee and morning tea supplied. RSVP to John James 3267 7654 or John Carr 3266 1119

We wish **Fr Kevin** well as he goes to Sydney for the next 10 days for a course on *Australian Culture and Society*. Say "G'day mate" when he returns...

LIVING BIBLICALLY MERCY IN THE SCRIPTURES

The next session is being held at the Francis Rush Centre's Hanly Room from 7.00pm - 8.30pm on Wednesday 20 July. The Scriptures, though written 2000 years ago, offer insight and wisdom into the contemporary issues we experience today. Drawing on his biblical scholarship, and in this the Year of Mercy, Archbishop Mark will reflect on the recurring theme of Mercy within scripture, and as one of God's great gifts, its power to transform our lives.

These sessions underscore Pope Francis' view that '*the study of the sacred Scriptures must be a door opened to every believer.*' (Evangeliu Gaudium 'The Joy of the Gospel' n.175) Entry is by gold coin donation. Free parking will be available in the Cathedral car park which is open from 6pm (entrance via Charlotte St). All welcome.

In our prayers we remember

Those who have died recently:

Joan Hinson, Mary Dillon, Maria Spinetti

And those whose anniversaries occur about now:

Lysle Killoran, Meriel Healy, Mick & Nell Treston, Jack & Alice Abercrombie

Those who are sick:

Dan McCluskey, 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.

THIS WEEKEND 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** after each Mass this weekend and you are asked to give generously to this worthy Apostolate.

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Monday 1 August 9.30 to 11.30 am
Monday 8 August 9.30 to 11.30 am

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3266 4500

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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.

QUO VADIS WEEKEND

Vocation Brisbane invites young men who are considering priesthood to attend the Quo Vadis weekend held at the seminary. The weekend introduces men to the life and ministry of the priest, formation at the seminary and how to discern the call.

26 - 28 August 2016

Venue: Holy Spirit Seminary

Cost: \$50 (or by donation)

Registration closes: 29 July 2016

Please contact Adam Burns,
burnsa@bne.catholic.net.au

to register or for more information.



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

PARISH ROSTERS

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

5.00pm

7.00am

9.00am

5.30pm

READERS:

9/10 July

Volunteer
Volunteer

Sr Cecily Foster
Aleira Egan

Lauren McMullan
Clare Smethurst
Don Macpherson

Life Teen Mass

16/17 July

Graham Gibson
Julie-Anne Gibson

Dianne Eden
Nick Eden

Volunteer
Trish Ryan
Wilma O'Connell

Life Teen Mass

COMMUNION MINISTERS:

9/10 July

Eddie Foley

Michele Pink

Deborah Hall

Life Teen Mass

16/17 July

Marie Ho

Lorraine Atkinson-MacEwan

Volunteer

Life Teen Mass

ORGANISTS:

9/10 July

Mark Leung

Mark Leung

Catriona McPherson

Life Teen Mass

16/17 July

Volunteer

Mark Leung

Jenny McKeon

Life Teen Mass

ALTAR SERVERS:

9/10 July

School Holidays - *Volunteers*

16/17 July

Harry Lane
Joey Douglas
Eva Locantro

Max Van Balen
Georgia Van Balen

Volunteers

Tia Manuel

CHILDREN'S LITURGY:

10 July

No Children's Liturgy - School Holidays

17 July

Monica McBride & Mel Ryan

SANCTUARY CARERS:

16 July

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.

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

You are invited to attend the SOLEMNITY OF SAINT MARY OF THE CROSS MACKILLOP

celebrated by

Archbishop Mark Coleridge on
Monday 8 August 2016 at 10am
Cathedral of St Stephen

This year marks 150 years since the Sisters of St Joseph of the Sacred Heart were founded by Mary MacKillop and Fr Julian Tenison Woods. In honour of the sesquicentenary, celebrations will include the blessing and opening of the new MacKillop Walk in the Cathedral precinct.

All the faithful are invited to celebrate the feast of Australia's first saint and guests are encouraged to join us for morning tea in the Cathedral grounds after Mass. RSVP by 1 August 2016 by email to rspv@bne.catholic.net.au or call 3324 3200.

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 - Sixteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time - 17 July 2016

1st Reading: Genesis 18:1-10; 2nd Reading: Colossians 1:24-28; Gospel: Luke 10:38-42