



**St Agatha's**  
CLAYFIELD

# ST. AGATHA'S PARISH

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## Sixteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time - 17<sup>th</sup> July 2016

### Readings

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

#### WEEKDAY MASSES

**Monday 18 July:** 6.30am  
*Saint Benedict*  
**Wednesday 20 July:** 9am  
**Thursday 21 July:** 9am  
**Friday 22 July:** 9am  
*Saint Mary Magdalene*

#### 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 18<sup>th</sup>:**  
SVDP Meeting 5.00pm  
Parish Office
- **Tuesday 19<sup>th</sup>:**  
Finance Meeting 5.30pm  
Parish Office

#### AUGUST

- **Saturday 6<sup>th</sup> / Sunday 7<sup>th</sup>**  
Catholic Mission Appeal



Dear sisters and brothers,

This Sunday we find ourselves in Martha's house, overhearing a little domestic tiff with her sister, Mary, and which Martha asks Jesus to adjudicate. Jesus' response to Martha's grievance is to say that there is a time and place for everything, and Mary's zen-like repose is "the better part". Jesus offers no help to parents who attempt to negotiate a better performance from their children around the home — "but Jesus says that I can just sit here while everyone else does all the work!"

There is a time and place for pause and reflection. It is not only "the better part" but also "the necessary part". Something in our human nature seeks ways to discover "truth"; to take time to consider the universe and our place in it, and to respond to the yearning that draws us beyond ourselves and ponder things of "ultimate concern". We can pretend that these questions don't exist, and be busy about all sorts of things. No matter how busy we make ourselves, the questions don't go away.

So how do we choose "the better part" - to take time for reflection and spiritual development? There are many ways, but reading is a time-honoured source of enlightenment and renewal. Books on spirituality abound and remains a source of interest in our secular society. In our parish, we have an excellently maintain library. If you haven't visited the library for a while, choose "the better part" and come in and browse this weekend. The books are there to be borrowed, so please make use of this parish resource as a way of exploring the depths of the spirit.

The other side of the story is Martha. Jesus wasn't saying that service is unimportant. Jesus was emphasising that contemplation and service — prayer and action — go hand-in-hand. With that in mind, over the coming weeks we will be calling for nominations for our parish pastoral council. As has been mentioned previously, with the new installation of a council, we will also change the name to Community and Mission Council to give clearer focus and tighter agenda to our work. I ask you to consider either nominating yourself or others for service to our parish through becoming a member of the Community and Mission Council. We often take many things for granted or underestimate what we have to offer one another. I invite you to take some time to reflect on whether you or someone that you know might have something to bring to this table of parish service. *Fr. Anthony*

### 2016 - The Year of Mercy

*A Word of Mercy*....Someone recently said to me that in the world there are more enemies than friends, and I believe he is right. Instead, let us build bridges of reconciliation among us, beginning in the family. How many siblings have argued and become estranged...This shouldn't happen! This year is the year of reconciliation, with God and among us! (*Pope Francis*)

## Clayfield Conversations

*This is the Extraordinary Jubilee Year of Mercy. Over these weeks, we will explore various aspects and dimensions of mercy.*

### What is the Extraordinary Jubilee Year of Mercy?

Pope Francis has declared this year to be an Extraordinary Jubilee Year of Mercy. It began on December 8<sup>th</sup>, last year and will conclude on the feast of Christ the King on November 20<sup>th</sup>, this year. Jubilee years are particular celebrations of the Church which proclaim and promote the “Lord’s year of favour” upon us. The concept of a Jubilee year dates back to about the 14<sup>th</sup> century, and are pronounced every 25 to 50 years.

The concept is an ancient Jewish idea of jubilee is found in the book of Leviticus (25:8-55) in which the fiftieth year is declared to be a year of justice, renewal and restoration. It is time of blessing, re-establishing right relationships, forgoing debt, seeking forgiveness and experiencing healing – not only personally but also communally and socially. The dream of the jubilee year is a little like hitting “Alt-Ctrl-Delete” on our computer keyboard; it was a year of re-setting and re-starting. The spirit of the jubilee year is also described in the writings of the prophet Isaiah (61:1-2), and which Jesus proclaimed at the beginning of his ministry:

The spirit of the Lord GOD is upon me,  
because the LORD has anointed me;  
he has sent me to bring good news to the oppressed,  
to bind up the brokenhearted,  
to proclaim liberty to the captives,  
and release to the prisoners;  
to proclaim the year of the LORD’s favour.

The previous year of jubilee was in the year 2000, known as “the Great Jubilee” and the next is expected to be 2050. The special focus of this year is “mercy”, inviting us to consider Jesus as “the living face of the mercy of the father”. The Holy Doors at St. Peter’s were opened on December 8<sup>th</sup>, with other “Holy Doors” opened around the world. In the archdiocese, there are eight “holy doors” – places of pilgrimage if you like – where people can experience the Father’s mercy as an “open door of grace”. These places are: The Cathedral, Red Hill, Clear Island Waters, Annerley, Ipswich, Nambour and Marian Valley in the Gold Coast Hinterland. The sacrament of reconciliation is offered regularly in each of those centres.

In announcing the Year of Mercy, Pope Francis emphasised that “No one can be excluded from the mercy of God,” and again repeating, “No one can be excluded from the mercy of God!” Pope Francis continued, “The church is the house that welcomes all and refuses no one. Its doors remain wide open, so that those touched by grace can find the certainty of forgiveness.” This is a great and complex challenge for the Church in today’s world, but it is no greater challenge than living our calling of following in the way of Jesus day in and day out, year in and year out.

### **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](mailto:clayfield@bne.catholic.net.au)

With great joy we welcome  
**Hannah & Freida Ford, Jack Graves,  
Evelyn Kassiou, Fred Morris and  
Jessie Roland**  
who will be baptised this weekend.

You are invited to a  
**FAMILY FUN DAY  
AND WINTER FEAST**  
**Sunday August 28**

Only one Sunday Mass will be held on this day at St Agatha’s Church at 10.00am, to be followed by a hot meal at the Presentation Centre at the school. While this is a free event – donations will help us cover the cost.

Come along and enjoy:

*Spit roast with roast vegetables, delicious desserts, magic show for the kids and snow cones...*  
More information on how to register for this event will be advertised in the coming weeks.

## In our prayers we remember



### Those who have died recently:

John Carroll, Margaret Pearson, Albert Contessa, Joan Hinson

### And those whose anniversaries occur about now:

Laurence and Eileen Quinlan, Fr William McCarthy, Fr Tom Gard, Shawn Macgroarty, Edna Taylor, Lysle Killoran

### 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.

## **CLAYFIELD CONTRIBUTOR**

Special Tribute and Thank You to **PETER RYAN**

*18 August 1924 - 9 June 2016*

Many regular Sunday 9am Mass attendees will remember him as always wearing a suit to church, even in 40 degree summer heat. Others may recall him for his wonderfully strong and vociferous style as a liturgy reader. And some will just think of him as one of the nice guys of St Agatha's. One thing for certain is that with the recent death of Peter Ryan we have lost one of our most well known and long-serving parishioners.

Peter was an active member of the St Agatha's community as a Eucharistic minister and reader along with being a grandparent to a couple of St Agatha's students. Since moving into the area in the mid-1990's, he has been a major contributor to parish life and a proud Catholic. He loved his faith and it provided a guiding force throughout his 91 years.

Outside of the parish he was an obsessive golfer and his work in dentistry led to him being awarded an Order of Australia Medal for his efforts in successfully having Queensland's water supplies fluoridated. His family was the centre of his life, and many of them will continue to share his legacy as parishioners of St Agatha's.



## **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.

## **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.

## **BURNIE BRAE**

The Burnie Brae not-for-profit community organisation at Chermside 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 1<sup>st</sup> Saturday morning of each month.

## **INFORM**

The latest issue of INFORM (162 - Special Edition) is now available at the back of the Church.

Please be advised that INFORM will no longer be produced.

## **LIVING BIBLICALLY - MERCY IN THE SCRIPTURES**

Living Biblically – Mercy in the Scriptures is the successor to last year's formation series, also presented by Archbishop Mark Coleridge, entitled Living Biblically in a Secular World. The next session is being held at the Francis Rush Centre's Hanly Room from 7.00pm - 8.30pm on Wednesday 20 July.

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 people are welcome. An initiative of Evangelisation Brisbane.

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

**5.00pm**

**7.00am**

**9.00am**

**5.30pm**

**READERS:**

16/17 July	Graham Gibson Julie-Anne Gibson	<i>Volunteer</i> Mark Burton	<i>Volunteer</i> Trish Ryan Wilma O'Connell	Life Teen Mass
23/24 July	Ryan Smethurst Marie Ho	Andrew Douglas Chanelle White	Michael Crutcher Jane Arkinstall Heidi Cooper	Life Teen Mass

**COMMUNION MINISTERS:**

16/17 July	Marie Ho	Lorraine Atkinson-MacEwan	<i>Volunteer</i>	Life Teen Mass
23/24 July	Trish Hickey	Helen Roberts	<i>Volunteer</i>	Life Teen Mass

**ORGANISTS:**

16/17 July	<i>Volunteer</i>	Mark Leung	Jenny McKeon	Life Teen Mass
23/24 July	<i>Volunteer</i>	<i>Volunteer</i>	Catriona McPherson	Life Teen Mass

**ALTAR SERVERS:**

16/17 July	Harry Lane Joey Douglas Eva Locantro	<i>Volunteers</i>	<i>Volunteers</i>	Tia Manuel
23/24 July	Phoebe McGuire Isabella McGuire Ella Shepherd	Joey Douglas Lucy White Isabella White	Alyssa Godinho Sarah Baker Charlotte Corrigan	Caitlin Marshall Alex Oliveri

**CHILDREN'S LITURGY:**

17 July			Monica McBride & Mel Ryan	
24 July			Jane Cameron & Erin Bledsoe	

**SANCTUARY CARERS:**

6 Aug	Victor Podesta & Jane Lynn
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**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 3<sup>rd</sup> and 4<sup>th</sup> Sundays of the month.

For bookings and further information, please phone the parish office on 3262 2859.

**IGNITE YOUNG ADULTS WEEKEND - "INSIDE OUT"**

7.00pm Friday 22 July -  
2.00pm Sunday 24 July

The Young Adults Weekend is back for 2016, and this year is exploring the theme 'Inside Out'. Ignite Youth want to invite you to join them in a chilled out weekend of inspirational speakers, sacraments, prayer and a chance to connect with other young people.

Venue: Mt Tamborine Convention Centre  
For Young Adults: 17-25 / Cost \$100  
For more info and to register head to:  
[igniteyouth.com/insideout](http://igniteyouth.com/insideout) or  
email [youngadults@igniteyouth.com](mailto:youngadults@igniteyouth.com)

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 [rsvp@bne.catholic.net.au](mailto:rsvp@bne.catholic.net.au) or call 3324 3200.

**ABC TV COMPASS PROGRAM ON DIVORCE**

ABC TV'S Compass program has been presenting *Divorce According To God*, a two-part series exploring the religious laws surrounding divorce in Orthodox Jewish and Catholic faiths.

Their second episode, 'Bound for Life' examines the Catholic Church's Annulment process and will be aired this coming Sunday night July 17 at 6.30pm. The program debunks some myths and concerns about the process, and examine the changes recently announced by Pope Francis. It also features input and interviews with the Archdiocese's own Archbishop Mark and Fr Adrian Farrelly. Please tune in and watch on ABC 1 or later on demand at iView (<http://iview.abc.net.au/> and type Compass in the search engine) if you wish to enjoy.

**Readings - Seventeenth Sunday in Ordinary Time - 24 July 2016**

**1st Reading: Genesis 18:20-32; 2nd Reading: Colossians 2:12-14; Gospel: Luke 11:1-13**