



St Agatha's
CLAYFIELD

ST. AGATHA'S PARISH

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Eighteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time - 31st July 2016

Readings

1st Reading: Ecclesiastes 1:2; 2:21-23; 2nd Reading: Colossians 3:1-5, 9-11; Gospel: Luke 12:13-21

WEEKDAY MASSES

Monday 1 August: 6.30am

Saint Alphonsus Liguori

Wednesday 3 August: 9am

Saint Dominic

Thursday 4 August: 9am

Saint John Vianney

Friday 5 August: 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

AUGUST

• **Monday 1st**

SVDP Meeting 5.00pm

Parish Office

• **Tuesday 2nd**

Youth Ministry Meeting

6.45pm Parish Office

• **Saturday 6th / Sunday 7th**

Catholic Mission Appeal

• **Sunday 14th**

P26 Mass 9.00am

• **Monday 15th**

The Assumption of the

Blessed Virgin Mary

Masses 6.30am & 9.00am

CATHOLIC EDUCATION WEEK CELEBRATIONS

The theme this year for our special Catholic Education Week of celebration is Opening Doors in the Year of Mercy. The week provides a unique opportunity for 300 Catholic schools in Queensland to celebrate and give thanks for God's continued blessing on staff, students and families. This is a chance to recognise the inspiring work done by more than 19,000 staff in Catholic schools throughout the state, as they focus on the education of the whole student.

This Year of Mercy compels us to move throughout the world to serve others with love and commitment - Opening Doors for new beginnings and connections. Each day our students are invited to show the gift of Gratitude to God for something in their life. Often we can be grateful for another person's act of Mercy towards us. Mercy is life giving and restores our friendships with each other and with God.

Our Year 4 students led us this week at Assembly encouraging us to open doors to new ways of relating and accepting others. The Year of Mercy has challenged us to embrace and accept others through the Work and Welcome programme which helps refugees find a job and to establish a new life in Australia. Working along with the Parish and St Rita's College on this Work and Welcome project will ensure our students see Mercy in action in their lives. Opening this door for someone less fortunate than themselves will promote the values of equal respect and dignity for all of God's family.

The Year of Mercy has also provided the framework for a wonderful opportunity for one of our Prep teachers to celebrate Catholic Education Week at World Youth Day in Krakow, Poland. The WYD Pilgrims will be celebrating the Eucharist with Pope Francis in the Field of Mercy later this week and this will be a blessing on so many young people who have received the gift of a Catholic School education.

Many of us have completed our schooling within the culture of a Catholic School. Perhaps we could offer our own prayer of gratitude to God this week for this gift of Catholic Identity that our parents and teachers handed on to us. May we continue with a growth mindset to share Mercy and compassion in our communities and to know that God is always with us. "Let us thank all those who teach in Catholic schools. Educating is an act of love: it is like giving life." Pope Francis.

Carol Sayers

2016 - The Year of Mercy

A Word of Mercy... You must not teach just content, but the values and customs of life. There are three things that you must transmit: how to love, how to understand which values and customs create harmony in society, and teachers must aim to build an educational relationship with each student, who must feel welcomed and loved for what he or she is, with all of their limitations and potential. (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 Mercy?

The word that we know as “mercy” comes from the Latin word, *miser cordia* which literally means “to open one’s heart to those in misery or sorrow”. It is closely related to words such as “compassion”, meaning “suffering with” or “sympathy” which means “feeling with”. To quote Cardinal Walter Kasper, “*miser cordia* means having a heart for the poor, the poor in the widest and most comprehensive sense”. Mercy is the quality by which we respond to the suffering of those around us.

This is Pope Francis’ hope in promoting a Year of Mercy. Our reflections on living the virtue of mercy are intended to soften and enlarge our hearts so that we will not remain indifferent to the world’s and our neighbour’s suffering. Pope Francis has framed his whole Pontificate around the concept of mercy. This mercy is not only about receiving the mercy of God because we are sinners; it is also about living mercy towards others through acts of generosity, compassion and healing. For Pope Francis, mercy is about “doing mercy”. This idea is captured in his episcopal motto: *Miserando atque eligendo* (“by having mercy and by choosing”). It is taken from the ancient *Homilies of Bede the Venerable*. Commenting on the enactment of mercy as a program and vision for his episcopal ministry, Francis said in an interview, “I think the Latin gerund *miserando* is impossible to translate in both Italian and Spanish [and English]. I like to translate it with another gerund that does not exist: *miser cordiando* (“mercy-ing”).” Therefore, mercy is not a mere idea, a feeling or an experience – it is all those things which lead us to acting mercifully towards those in need.

Important to all this is the realisation that we are all poor and in need in our own way. Mercy is shown to us constantly. God is forgiving of our half-heartedness, our coldness, our selfishness, our refusal to love, our judgements of others. Those around us are (mostly) patient with us, help us get through difficult times, supporting us in our struggles, walking with us through the shadows. Sometimes we take this for granted, but the truth is that mercy is a quality that we receive daily from many directions. For this reason, we too are obliged to be act mercifully to those around us. As Francis reminds us, we cannot forget that “mercy is not only the working of the Father; it becomes a criterion for knowing who his true children are. In a word, we are called to show mercy because mercy was first shown to us”. We return God’s favour by living mercifully as “true children”. Cardinal Walter Kasper made this point clearly when he said, “Talk of God’s mercy is no pretty yet harmless cliché. It does not gently rock us in a deceptive tranquillity and security; it causes us to get moving. It wants us to open our hands and, above all, open our hearts.” Mercy is a “doing” word. Mercy is an active love, a virtue that makes us vulnerable and strong in the same moment, an open heart full of risk and reward. Mercy has its own power to transform relationships and offer new beginnings.

So, does “mercy” mean that sin does not matter? Yes, it matters a great deal, perhaps more than we realise, but this is part of the mercy story for next week.

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

FEAST OF THE ASSUMPTION of the BLESSED VIRGIN MARY

Holy Day of Obligation / Monday 15 August
Masses at 6.30am and 9.00am

ST AGATHA’S YOUTH MINISTRY TEAM

Next Youth Ministry Meeting
Tuesday 2 August - 6.45pm Parish Office

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, sausage sizzle for the kids, magic show 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:

Father Jacques Hamel, Lex Simshauser, John Carroll, Margaret Pearson

And those whose anniversaries occur about now:

Li Sai Pawk, Marie MacGinley, Emily Sherman, Peita Dodson, Pam McBride, Anthony McBride, Bill Wallin, Santo & Giuseppa Catalano, Mona Moynihan, Ray Hall, Lionel Orr

Those who are sick:

Sophia Horrocks, Dan McCluskey, Mario Di Filippo, Betty Beaton, Norma Fiore, Joan Healy, 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 is conducting its Winter Appeal. 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 AUGUST 6/7

OUR PARISH WILL CONDUCT THE CATHOLIC MISSION CHURCH APPEAL

The parable of the rich man trying to stow away his crops has obvious connotations for the Catholic Mission appeal campaign. It would be labouring the point to talk about wealth and how we do not find satisfaction or contentment in worldly riches. So let us consider then, the sense of urgency that is at the heart of this Gospel story: in trying to focus on the future, we lose sight of the needs that are present, here and now. Catholic Mission helps missionaries meet immediate needs – we help religious brothers, sisters and priests feed children, heal sick men and women, educate seminarians...the list goes on. As such, we invite you to consider donating, either through a one-off contribution or a monthly gift, and thereby make an immediate difference. Such generosity reflects the sentiment in the second reading, where you are showing a willingness to "look for the things that are above". This is where the true richness in life lies.

David McGovern, Diocesan Director / Archdiocese of Brisbane

YOUTH & VOCATIONS EXPO 2016

Sunday 7 August / 11.00am - 3.30pm

Cathedral of St Stephen, 249 Elizabeth Street

12.00pm Vocations Mass celebrated by

Archbishop Coleridge

11am-3pm: Expo: Religious, Multicultural and Youth

Ministry stalls / Free BBQ / Live Music /

Food and drinks.

DINNER ROSTER LifeTeen Mass - Sunday 5.30pm

We will be providing dinner on the

1st and 3rd Sundays of the month.

HELP NEEDED: If you can assist with this ministry by providing dinner for 40-60 people please write your name on the roster in the Church foyer. The key to this ministry is "keep it simple". Sausage sizzles and spaghetti bolognese are always welcome! Costs can be reimbursed with presentation of dockets to the Parish office.

Enquiries to the Parish Office on 3262 2859.

NOMINATIONS FOR PARISH PASTORAL COUNCIL have been extended to Monday 15 August

We are 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. We ask you to consider either nominating yourself or others for service to our parish through becoming a member of the Community and Mission Council.

Nominations forms are available on the church pews and also on our website. Please place your completed form in the box provided at the back of the church or hand in to the Parish Office. Thank you.

PARISH ROSTERS

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

5.00pm

7.00am

9.00am

5.30pm

READERS:

30/31 July

Eric van der List
Phil Zammit

Anne-Marie Quinn
Jeanine Bygott

Volunteer
Eileen Duncan
Volunteer

Life Teen Mass

6/7 Aug

Marian Nolan
Eddie Foley

Chanelle White
Jeanine Bygott

Tim Hancock
Denis Keating
Don Macpherson

Life Teen Mass

COMMUNION MINISTERS:

30/31 July

Michele Pink

Lorraine Atkinson-MacEwan

Deborah Hall

Life Teen Mass

6/7 Aug

Trish Hickey

Michele Pink

Volunteer

Life Teen Mass

ORGANISTS:

30/31 July

Volunteer

Volunteer

Robyn Cuming

Life Teen Mass

6/7 Aug

Volunteer

Volunteer

Catriona McPherson

Life Teen Mass

ALTAR SERVERS:

30/31 July

Xavier Coorey
Milla Brady
Lachlan Hinneberg

Volunteers

Billy Crutcher
Sofia Lazzarini

Tia Manuel

6/7 Aug

Olivia Dillon
Mikayla Dillon
Emma Dillon

Josephine Warda
Stephen Warda

Charlotte Shepherd
Felicity Shepherd
Bart Marino

Caitlin Marshall
Alex Oliveri

CHILDREN'S LITURGY:

31 July

Julie Kordic & Ewa Marino-Cebulski

7 Aug

Jane Arkinstall & Amrita Moss

SANCTUARY CARERS:

6 Aug

Victor Podesta & Jane Lynn

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.

Congratulations and Blessings Fr Kevin

Fr Kevin celebrated his 11th Anniversary of his ordination to the Priesthood on Saturday 23 July. Fr Kevin we wish you every blessing.
Love St Agatha's Parish family

RCIA ENQUIRY NIGHT

Wednesday 10 August
7.00pm at the Parish Office.
If you are interested in coming along to this enquiry night, please contact the Parish Office 3262 2859.

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 or call 3324 3200.

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.

POSITION VACANT

St Rita's College is seeking a Tuckshop/Pantry Assistant to help their Pantry Convenor with the day to day running of the College Pantry. This is a five day, 20.5 hour, per week paid position. For full details visit the employment page of the College website. Applications close Friday 5 August. www.stritas.qld.edu.au.

"Take care to guard against all greed, for though one may be rich, one's life does not consist of possessions." Luke 12:15

Readings - Nineteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time - 7 August 2016

1st Reading: Wisdom 18:6-9; 2nd Reading: Hebrews 11:1-2, 8-19; Gospel: Luke 12:32-48