



# ST. AGATHA'S PARISH

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## Nineteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time - 7 August 2016

### Readings

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

#### WEEKDAY MASSES

Monday 8 August: 6.30am

Saint Mary of the Cross

Wednesday 10 August: 9am

Saint Lawrence

Thursday 11 August: 9am

Saint Clare

Friday 12 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

• Tuesday 9<sup>th</sup>

Youth Ministry Meeting

6.45pm Parish Office

• Sunday 14<sup>th</sup>

P26 Mass 9.00am

• Monday 15<sup>th</sup>

The Assumption of the

Blessed Virgin Mary

Masses 6.30am & 9.00am

• Monday 15<sup>th</sup>

SVDP Meeting 5.00pm

Parish Office

Dear sisters and brothers,

Parishes are reliant on the faith, energies and commitment of parishioners. There are many avenues for involvement in parish life, not least of which is by simply turning-up each week and being part of the community. However, at the moment, we are seeking nominations for membership of our Pastoral Council. A parish pastoral council plays an important role in enhancing the life of a community through sharing their gifts of leadership and encouraging the gifts of others. Parish pastoral councils are an important facet of enriching a community's life with the baptismal vocation of all parishioners. With this in mind, we have decided to extend the time for nominations until Monday 15 August. There are no particular attributes needed; just some availability, wisdom, energy and interest in the wider church and dedication to the parish community. So please give some thought to either self-nomination or nominating a fellow parishioner.

With the change-over of membership, we will also change the name to Community and Mission Council. The term "pastoral council" has been used since about the time of the Second Vatican Council to describe a group of parishioners who meet with the parish priest to shape the life and vision of the parish life. However, the term "pastoral" has become a little diluted and, as a result, parish pastoral councils can lose their focus. The aim of changing the name to "Community and Mission Council" is to sharpen the "pastoral" dimension of the council.

The community dimension will focus on these areas:

- Developing greater connections with our school community;
- Faith and ministry formation;
- Supporting family and youth ministry;
- Hospitality and social events.

The missionary dimension will focus on these areas:

- Engagement with the broader community
- Social justice and outreach;
- Ecumenical connections;
- Developing an understanding of evangelisation in the contemporary world.

In a particular way, the incoming Community and Mission Council will be tasked with overseeing our preparations for the celebration of our parish and school centenary celebrations in 2018. For this project, we will need to draw together all the skills, talents, generosity and imagination of the whole parish community. Please consider how you might be able to contribute to this larger project. You might even decide that you have something to offer our Community and Mission Council.

*Fr. Anthony*

### 2016 - The Year of Mercy

*A Word of Mercy...* Humanity today needs men and women who do not wish to live their lives "halfway". In welcoming the outcast who suffer physically and in welcoming sinners who suffer spiritually, our credibility as Christians is at stake. Not in ideas, but in our actions. (Pope Francis)

## Clayfield Conversations

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

### Mercy and Sin

One of the great fallacies of promoting a more merciful approach is that it becomes a licence to sin. Mercy is not laxness or permissiveness. Mercy, rightly understood, makes us more alert to sin and the damage that it causes in its manifold forms. A merciful heart is one that is more conscious of the wounds of this world, their causes and the need for reconciliation. Pope Francis challenged us to re-imagine God's mercy when he opened the Holy Doors for the Jubilee Year of Mercy. He said, "How much wrong we do to God and his grace when we speak of sins being punished by his judgment before we speak of their being forgiven by his mercy. We have to put mercy before judgment, and in any event God's judgement will always be in the light of his mercy." God's judgement is real, but it is a judgement which shines "the light of mercy" into every darkness. It is a judgement which heals and mends the damage that we do to ourselves and one another.

Firstly, we need to acknowledge that sin causes real and deep pain in the world – pain to ourselves, to another, and to creation itself. This is not God's dream for the human person or the created universe. Nevertheless, we can get fixated on little things and call them sin: our bad thoughts, our bad words and our bad actions. Mercy asks us to look deeper. We are members of the human race that seems hell bent on destruction and rivalry in one way or another. As members of the human family, we share a common human shame in this regard. We sense, even if we can't quite name it, a woundedness in us, a feeling that we are not quite as we should be, and we find ourselves saying with St. Paul:

I do not understand my own actions. For I do not do what I want, but I do the very thing I hate...But in fact it is no longer I that do it, but sin that dwells within me...I can will what is right, but I cannot do it. For I do not do the good I want, but the evil I do not want is what I do. Now if I do what I do not want, it is no longer I that do it, but sin that dwells within me. (Romans 7:15-20)

There is an estrangement somewhere in our depths; the tension that with comes with being people who are made to live forever, but living out our lives haunted, consciously or otherwise, with the finality of death. The niggling voice eats away at us and says, "Is this all there is?" And if this might be all there is, we take what we can get, seeking our own advantage, our own self-interests, taking risks to find fulfilment here and now, over and about the needs of others. Sin is a consequence of our blindness and reluctance to see the larger horizons to which God calls us because we suffer from tunnel vision. Tunnel vision narrows our view, and we fail to see that our hearts are small, that our neighbour is suffering and we are wandering along a rather insular and rugged pathway.

The very first words that God spoke into creation was, "Let there be light!" This is actually a word of mercy. This is God's Word of new creation which is spoken in mercy to each one of us as we contemplate our darkness and blindness. As a punishment, God does not say, "Heal yourselves of your blindness"; God says in creative love and mercy, "Let there be light!"

### **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)

### **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 9 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...*

To register go to: [www.stickytickets.com.au](http://www.stickytickets.com.au)

Type in: St Agatha's Parish Family Fun Day

Click on: Find Tickets

Choose: **St Agatha's Parish Family Fun Day**  
and "Register" number of adults 11+  
and number of children under 11

## In our prayers we remember



### Those who have died recently:

John Fitzgerald, John Martin, Dr Kevin Brennan, Father Jacques Hamel, Lex Simshauser

### And those whose anniversaries occur about now:

Fulvia Antonangeli, Bobbie Tynan, Li Sai Pawk

### Those who are sick:

Tony Druary, Lisa Bowes, 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.

## WELCOME FR PAUL CHANDLER

Fr. Anthony is away with seminary commitments this weekend. We welcome the Spiritual Director of Holy Spirit Seminary, Fr. Paul Chandler, this weekend who is celebrating the 7am and 5:30pm Mass. Ask him how he survives working with both Fr. Adrian and Fr. Anthony on seminary staff!

## 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.



**THIS WEEKEND OUR PARISH IS CONDUCTING  
THE CATHOLIC MISSION CHURCH APPEAL.  
WE WELCOME COLLETTE SHERIDAN WHO WILL BE OUR  
GUEST SPEAKER AT ALL THE MASSES THIS WEEKEND**



When the Church celebrates the Transfiguration of the Lord, we are actually marking a moment when the way Jesus looked to those around Him, changes. He looks...different. The mechanics are not as important as the fact that, for a moment in time, He appeared as someone radiant and majestic. It's not a bad metaphor when we contemplate the gift of missionaries around the world – filled with God's Holy Spirit, they see the Christ in each of those they serve and encounter. For missionaries, like Sr Eulie, the person before them is no longer someone impoverished, or illiterate, or disease-ridden or handicapped. They see 'the Jesus' inside each of them. This is why our appeal theme echoes the words of Jesus Himself: "Whatsoever you did to the least of these, you did unto me?" On behalf of the missionaries who you are being asked to support during the Catholic Mission appeal weekend, thank you for helping bring about a transfiguration in the lives of so many. May God Bless you for your generosity.

*David McGovern, Diocesan Director / Archdiocese of Brisbane*

**ENVELOPES ARE AVAILABLE ON CHURCH PEWS.**

**A SPECIAL COLLECTION WILL BE TAKEN UP AFTER COLLETTE'S TALK.**

**Please feel free to take envelopes home and return next week or place in the normal parish collections.**

## **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.

## **A GOOD READ FROM ST AGATHA'S PARISH LIBRARY**

This month *Perfect Charity: Women Religious living in the Spirit of Vatican II* was chosen. It tells the stories of 14 nuns who accepted the challenge of the Decree on the Up-to-date Renewal of Religious Life, which came out of the Second Vatican Council. Using the vision of their founders these religious sisters brought a new holiness to many areas of contemporary life in the world.

Other books on religious orders join this one in the current library display at the entry to the church.

Jesus encourages us to build up our treasure in heaven. The world encourages us to build up our treasure in real estate, investments, and material goods. How much time are you investing in building up a worldly treasure? How much time are you investing in building up a heavenly treasure? To invest more time in the things of heaven, you must let go of some of the things of this world.

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

**5.00pm**

**7.00am**

**9.00am**

**5.30pm**

**READERS:**

6/7 Aug	Marian Nolan Eddie Foley	Chanelle White Jeanine Bygott	Tim Hancock <i>Volunteer</i> Don Macpherson	Life Teen Mass
13/14 Aug	Jack Williamson Katrina Murphy	Rafael Chase Ruby Chase	St Agatha's P26 Mass	Life Teen Mass

**COMMUNION MINISTERS:**

6/7 Aug	Trish Hickey	Michele Pink	<i>Volunteer</i>	Life Teen Mass
13/14 Aug	Marie Ho	Helen Roberts	<i>Volunteer</i>	Life Teen Mass

**ORGANISTS:**

6/7 Aug	<i>Volunteer</i>	<i>Volunteer</i>	Catriona McPherson	Life Teen Mass
13/14 Aug	<i>Volunteer</i>	<i>Volunteer</i>	Robyn Cuming/Paul Fiumara	

**ALTAR SERVERS:**

6/7 Aug	Olivia Dillon Mikayla Dillon Emma Dillon	Josephine Warda Stephen Warda	Charlotte Shepherd Felicity Shepherd Bart Marino	Caitlin Marshall Alex Oliveri
13/14 Aug	Harry lane Joey Douglas		Stella Pampellone Lucy White Isabella White	Ella Shepherd

**CHILDREN'S LITURGY:**

7 Aug		Jane Arkinstall & Amrita Moss
14 Aug		<i>No Children's Liturgy - P26Mass</i>

**SANCTUARY CARERS:**

20 Aug	Beverley O'Brien
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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.

**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.

**ST AGATHA'S PARISH  
P26 MASS**

**SUNDAY 14 AUGUST 9.00am**

All children in Grades Prep to Year 6 are invited to participate in our next P26 Mass which will be at 9.00am on Sunday 14 August.

At the Mass, children are asked to do the readings, bring the gifts to the Altar, collecting, altar serve and welcome people as they arrive. If your child/children would like to participate please phone the Parish office on 32622859 or email:

[clayfield@bne.catholic.net.au](mailto:clayfield@bne.catholic.net.au) by no later than Monday 8 August.

**NATIONAL VOCATIONS  
AWARENESS WEEK**

7-14 August 2016

Today, we begin National Vocations Awareness Week. This weekend we focus on each person's vocation, especially our primary vocation - the call to holiness. The call to holiness is to become all that God has created us to be, to love the Lord our God with all our heart, mind, and soul and to share our gifts and talents for the common good of all society. We pray that our young people will hear the call to dedicate their lives to God and make a commitment to serve God's people. If we have already committed to a particular vocation, such as the single state or marriage, priesthood or consecrated life, we also pray for God's grace to rededicate ourselves and continue to live out this call in our life.

Something to think about...

\* What / who helps me to reflect on how God is calling me at this moment?

\* In what way do you, your family and this parish community support and encourage young people to dedicate their life to God?

\* For more information about vocations, visit [www.catholicpriesthood.com](http://www.catholicpriesthood.com)

**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.

*"For where your treasure is, there also will your heart be." Luke 12:34*

**Readings - Twentieth Sunday in Ordinary Time - 14 August 2016**

**1st Reading: Jeremiah 38:4-6, 8-10; 2nd Reading: Hebrews 12:1-4; Gospel: Luke 12:49-53**