



ST. AGATHA'S PARISH

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Twentieth Sunday in Ordinary Time - 14 August 2016

Readings

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

WEEKDAY MASSES

Monday 15 August:
 6.30am & 9am
The Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary
Wednesday 17 August: 9am
Thursday 18 August: 9am
Friday 19 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 15th**
 The Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary
 Masses 6.30am & 9.00am
- **Monday 15th**
 SVDP Meeting 5.00pm
 Parish Office
- **Tuesday 17th**
 Pastoral Council Meeting
 6.30pm Parish Office

CATHOLIC MISSION APPEAL

Envelopes still available on church pews

Dear sisters and brothers,

The Olympics place before us the rich diversity of human cultures and ethnicities. Despite the obvious corruption of the Olympic ideals, there remains something noble about the pursuit of excellence and the celebration of global community. For all their shortcomings, the Olympics continue to be a hopeful global exchange of unity amid diversity. Sadly, we have become more accusation to diversity creating division and conflict. The randomness of terrorism has generated suspicion and uncertainty, exacerbating these divisions. The flood of refugees escaping war and violence has resulted in both an out-pouring of sympathy and a rise in distrust.

For a number of months now, our parish pastoral council and finance council has been examining ways in which our parish community can offer some practical assistance on a local level. The Multicultural Development Association (MDA) are a re-settlement agency which works to assist refugees with housing, skills and employment. They offer a "Work and Welcome" program through which a refugee is placed in a work environment for a placement of up to 12 weeks. St. Rita's College has already been a partner in this program.

Working with St. Rita's College, and our parish primary school, our parish community will assist a refugee through the "Work and Welcome" program in coming months. The aim is to establish a work placement across three locations — St. Rita's College, St. Agatha's Primary school and the parish. This type of arrangement is a first for MDA and the Archdiocese.

The placement will occur during the 9 weeks of fourth term. As it is a genuine employment opportunity, we will pay wages to the person who is employed. The total cost of the 9 week placement is around \$9000. This means that we will be required to raise about \$3000 as our share. By next week or so, I will be able to provide you with details about how can you support the "Work and Welcome" program in our parish. I am very confident in your generosity and our ability to raise \$3000 for this project. Through this programme, not only we will be able to support a refugee and his or her family, but also put a face and story to the world-wide refugee crisis. Jesus told us that the mark of discipleship was welcoming the stranger. The "Work and Welcome" program allows us to respond with a genuinely Christian heart which is enlarged through the encounter with another. *Fr. Anthony*

2016 - The Year of Mercy

A Word of Mercy... Trust the memory of God: God's memory is not a "hard disk" that "saves" and "archives" all our data, but a heart filled with tender compassion, one that finds joy in "erasing" in us every trace of evil. May we too now try to imitate the faithful memory of God and treasure the good things we have received. *(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 Forgiveness

Some years ago, Elizabeth Dreyer wrote an article titled, "The Importance of Being Sorry". The author explored some importance dimensions of genuine sorrow – using the ancient term "compunction" – and forgiveness. Writing about compunction, Dreyer observed: "True compunction is not self-pity nor ego-centred guilt. When our sin is "discovered" and we can no longer defend a self-image of perfection, we are likely to experience anger and despair. When ego had the upper hand over love, acknowledging sin produces not sorrow but hopelessness with its attendant loss of life and creativity. Egoism can also support scrupulosity, fastidious adherence to every jot of the law. Self-preoccupation lies at the heart of counterfeit compunction. Arising from heartfelt sorrow is an awareness that we need and want to be forgiven. Genuine compunction does not leave us in despair or embarrassed about our hardness of heart, but rather turns us toward God, confident that we will receive mercy and forgiveness seventy times seven. A pierced heart leads to repentance and conversion." So this Year of Mercy leads us to seek genuine forms of reconciliation with ourselves, God, one another, all humanity and all creation. It makes our hearts larger. Dreyer also outlined some important distinctions. Sometimes the concept of mercy can seem too easy and too dismissive of sin. As Dreyer points out, forgiveness takes sin seriously, and names five misunderstandings of forgiveness:

- Forgiveness is not about condoning or dismissing sin. Sin does harm to ourselves and one another. Forgiveness is about the process of healing the harm.
- Forgiveness does not excuse or overlook sin. Forgiveness is about breaking the cycle by looking into our behaviours, attitudes and values.
- Forgiveness is not about forgetting. In Dreyer's words, "there are situations in which forgetting would be a betrayal of those who suffered the offence. In contrast, many members of the Jewish community have forgiven their Nazi persecutors, and many members of the African American community have forgiven those who enslaved their ancestors. But they keep the memory of the offence alive-by telling the stories in the family, by writing about it, by speaking to groups for whom the offence is but a distant memory".
- Forgiveness is not the same as reconciliation. Forgiveness is an internal process; it can occur in the absence of another. Reconciliation is an external process; it is about the restoration of trust in relationships. We might be able to forgive someone, but that does not necessarily mean we want to have dinner with them.
- Forgiveness is not a sign of weakness. "Forgiving is a sign of strength, not weakness, and in many situations forgiving reflects heroic virtue. Without forgiveness we remain in the control of the one who injured us. Our anger holds us prisoner."

Forgiveness enters into a process of dealing with the reality of sin and evil, not by skirting around it, but by going deeply into its heart. That is why mercy is important for each of us to receive and an important virtue to cultivate.

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

If you have any questions or ideas please contact Anne O'Connor on 3256 6013 or 0419 796 988.



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

Type in: St Agatha's Parish Family Fun Day

Click on: Find Tickets

Click on: Buy Tickets

and "Register" number of adults 11+ and number of children under 11 years of age

In our prayers we remember



Those who have died recently:

John Fitzgerald, John Martin, Dr Kevin Brennan

And those whose anniversaries occur about now:

May McKenzie, Kathleen McVeigh, John & Claire Collins, Frank & Jean York, Mick & Gloria Statham, Herbert & Mary Stanley, Daniel, Margaret & Mary Collins, Lily Best, Lionel & Lila Russell, Jake & Alice Siddle, Fulvia Antonangeli, Bobbie Tynan

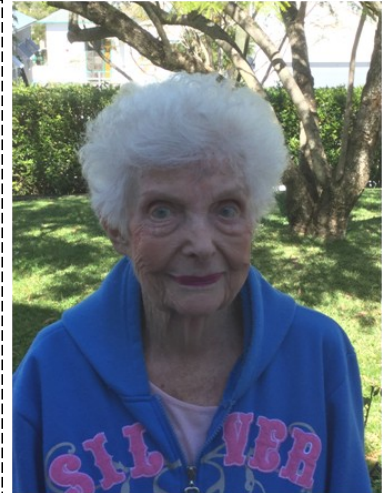
Those who are sick:

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.

This month we celebrate another **CLAYFIELD CONTRIBUTOR**

VERY BIG "THANK YOU" DOROTHY MCSWEENEY

Dorothy first arrived in the Parish approximately 30 years ago and was quickly snapped up by the CWL taking on the role as treasurer. As a member of the CWL, Dorothy was also involved with major fundraisers such as garage sales, art shows, bus trips, morning teas and lamington drives just to name a few. At some point Dorothy was asked to take over the flower arranging for the parish and continued in that role for 30 years arranging for parish weddings, funerals and feast days. Dorothy tells us that her time with the CWL gave her the greatest pleasure and that the group had a wonderful spirituality and camaraderie. Dorothy has been involved in various ministries over the years having only just recently retired from being a communion minister. As a community, we wish to acknowledge and THANK YOU Dorothy for your service to the Parish.



Did you know?

With your donations you have given the transformative gift of a Catholic education to 17 children who are MacKillop Fund bursary recipients. **Please support the 2016 Annual Catholic Campaign – your gift will be a blessing to a child, and bring hope to their family.**



GIVING A CATHOLIC EDUCATION TO CHILDREN SUFFERING SIGNIFICANT HARDSHIP

The Mary MacKillop Brisbane Catholic School Access Fund continues the legacy of Australia's first saint giving children who have suffered significant and unforeseeable hardship a Catholic school bursary covering their tuition and fees.

The MacKillop Fund bursaries are funded by gifts to the Annual Catholic Campaign. Your tax-deductible donation this year will **fund even more deserving children**. On behalf of all the children who benefit from your kindness thank you so much for making a big difference in their lives.



2016 ANNUAL
CATHOLIC CAMPAIGN
Our Church • Our Mission • Our Responsibility

Be part of God's
mission of mercy!
10-11 SEPTEMBER

Give now 07 3324 3200 or catholiccampaign.com.au

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.

THANK YOU FOR YOUR GENEROUS SUPPORT OF THE CATHOLIC CHURCH MISSION APPEAL

When Jesus talks in the opening of this weekend's Gospel, about bringing "fire to the earth", we can easily mistake His promise as a threat. But consider all the ways fire brings life. Flames remove dross, crack open seeds and lead to regrowth in vegetation. In our relationships, we speak of the fire in our heart, our loins, our thoughts... so perhaps it's not so much as a threat, as a yearning to see people ablaze with a passion for their relationship with God. It is this passion that drives missionaries, like Sr Eulie, in countries where God is little known or where life circumstances need to be reshaped by the blaze of the Gospel. Your contributions, through the Catholic Mission appeal campaign, will help light fires in more than 160 countries around the world, including Cambodia. THANK YOU for your generosity!

David McGovern, Diocesan Director Archdiocese of Brisbane

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:

13/14 Aug	Jack Williamson Katrina Murphy	Rafael Chase Ruby Chase	St Agatha's P26 Mass	Life Teen Mass
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20/21 Aug	Graham Gibson Julie-Anne Gibson	Andrew Douglas Anne-Marie Quinn	<i>Volunteer</i> Amrita Moss Wilma O'Connell	Life Teen Mass
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COMMUNION MINISTERS:

13/14 Aug	Marie Ho	Helen Roberts	<i>Volunteer</i>	Life Teen Mass
20/21 Aug	Eddie Foley	Paulette Archer	Erin Bledsoe	Life Teen Mass

ORGANISTS:

13/14 Aug	<i>Volunteer</i>	<i>Volunteer</i>	Robyn Cuming/ Paul Fiumara	Life Teen Mass
20/21 Aug	<i>Volunteer</i>	Mark Leung	Jenny McKeon	Life Teen Mass

ALTAR SERVERS:

13/14 Aug	Harry Lane Joey Douglas	<i>Volunteer/s</i>	Stella Pampellone Lucy White Isabella White	Ella Shepherd
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20/21 Aug	Phoebe McGuire Isabella McGuire	<i>Volunteer/s</i>	Charlotte Shepherd Billy Crutcher Eva Locantro	Tia Manuel
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CHILDREN'S LITURGY:

14 Aug			<i>No Children's Liturgy - P26Mass</i>	
21 Aug			Katrina Murphy & Eleonora Kowitz	

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 3rd and 4th Sundays of the month

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

**ST RITA'S COLLEGE
CLAYFIELD REUNION
50 years since Senior 1966**

(Junior 1964 Scholarship 1962)

A group from that class at St Rita's is gathering together for a delicious high tea and tour of the College on Saturday 17 September 2016 from 1.30 – 4.30. Please contact for more details and RSVP (before 9/9/16 for catering): Joy Tomlinson (née Lynagh) 0438 304365 jmlynaghtomlinson@gmail.com or Tricia Ryan 0418182302 huttonry@bigpond.net.au

COPYING WORDS AND MUSIC FOR LITURGY

When it comes to reproducing words and music for liturgy, doing the right thing by composers and publishers is a matter of justice as well as the law.

But how do we know what is allowed and what is not?

LEARN FROM THE EXPERT!

The Australian Pastoral Musicians Network has put together a session on copyright which APMN member and well-known musician and composer Michael Mangan has offered to present in Brisbane. Participants at previous workshops have found them most interesting and helpful.

THURSDAY 18 AUGUST

7pm- 9pm APAC building,

St Agatha's Primary,
6 Hunter Lane, Clayfield

Fee: \$15 (to help defray expenses)

Register by Tuesday 16 August.

Please call the Parish Office 3262 2859 to obtain a registration form.

NATIONAL VOCATIONS AWARENESS WEEK

7-14 August 2016

Last weekend began

National Vocations Awareness Week. 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

Readings - Twenty-first Sunday in Ordinary Time - 21 August 2016

1st Reading: Isaiah 66:18-21; 2nd Reading: Hebrews 12:5-7, 11-13; Gospel: Luke 13:22-30