



ST. AGATHA'S PARISH

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Twenty-third Sunday in Ordinary Time - 4th September 2016

Readings

1st Reading: Wisdom 9:13-18; 2nd Reading: Philemon 9-10, 12-17; Gospel: Luke 14:25-33

WEEKDAY MASSES

Monday 5 Sept: 6.30am

Wednesday 7 Sept: 9am

Thursday 8 September: 9am

The Nativity of the Blessed Virgin Mary

Friday 9 September: 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

SEPTEMBER

• **Tuesday 6th**

Youth Ministry Meeting

6.45pm Parish Office

• **Saturday 10th &**

Sunday 11th

Annual Catholic Campaign

• **Sunday 11th**

P26 Mass 9.00am

• **Monday 12th**

SVDP Meeting 5.00pm Parish Office

• **Wednesday 14th**

Pastoral Council Meeting

6.00pm Parish Office

• **Tuesday 20th**

Finance Meeting 6.00pm

Parish Office

Dear sisters and brothers,

On Father's Day we celebrate the importance of family. We also celebrated the importance of family last week, with our very successful Parish Family Fun Day. The feedback has been extremely positive, and I was delighted by the response and infectious enthusiasm of our children. I hope that it might be something that we could do annually in some form. Thank you again to our ministers, organisers, workers and everyone who came along to celebrate Eucharist and then gather for all the food and fun afterwards. It was a splendid day.

Fathers and father-figures play a vital role in the shaping of families and offer a strong paternal image of love and commitment. The image of God as "Father" is not intended to limit our understanding of God as a "male". The Catechism of the Catholic Church is quite clear on this point: "In no way is God in man's image. He is neither man nor woman. God is pure spirit in which there is no place for the difference between the sexes. But the respective 'perfections' of man and woman reflect something of the infinite perfection of God: those of a mother and those of a father and husband" (370). During the short reign of Pope John Paul I, he once said, "We are the objects of undying love. God is our father. Even more God is our mother". When we call God "Our Father", we are not saying that God is man - let alone an old man with a beard. When Jesus taught his disciples to pray, he begins with the word "Father" but this is more a description of the kind of relationship experienced when he prayed. The Greek word in the text is "pateras" (father) but in all likelihood Jesus used the Aramaic word, "Abba" which is best translated as 'Dad'. Jesus' use of this highly familiar title for God made such an impression on the early believers that they continued to use the Aramaic word "Abba". Following the death and resurrection of Jesus, and the Day of Pentecost, they found themselves 'daring' to call God "Abba - Father - Dad". This is an extraordinary way to address the God of all the universe - "Dad". Our relationship with God invites us to imagine the "perfect father". Even if our fathers aren't or weren't perfect - and they rarely are - we give thanks. If our relationship with our father needs some healing, may today be a step in the right direction. If we rejoice in our relationship with our father, may today be opportunity to express our gratitude and love. Happy Father's Day to all our fathers and father-figures!

Fr. Anthony

2016 - The Year of Mercy

A Word of Mercy....Nothing could better express the pride and emotion a father feels when he understands that he has handed down to his child what really matters in life, that is, a wise heart. It is a joy that rewards all the toil, that overcomes every misunderstanding and heals every wound. (Pope Francis)

Clayfield Conversations

Last year, Pope Francis offered this reflection on fatherhood. It is worthwhile reading for this Father's Day.

Pope Francis and Fatherhood

Dear Brothers and Sisters, every family needs a father. Nothing could better express the pride and emotion a father feels when he understands that he has handed down to his child what really matters in life, that is, a wise heart. This father does not say: "I am proud of you because you are the same as me, because you repeat the things I say and do". No, he does not say anything so simple to him. He says something much more important, which we can understand in this way: "I will be happy every time I see you act with wisdom, and I will be moved every time that I hear you speak with rectitude. This is what I wanted to leave to you, that this one thing become yours: the attitude to feel and act, to speak and judge with wisdom and rectitude. And that you might be like this, I taught you the things you didn't know, I corrected the errors you didn't see. I made you feel a profound and at the same time discrete affection, which maybe you did not fully recognize when you were young and unsure. I gave you a testimony of rigour and steadfastness that perhaps you didn't understand, when you would have liked only complicity and protection. I had first to test myself in the wisdom of my heart, be vigilant of my excesses of sentiment and resentment, in order to carry the weight of the inevitable misunderstandings, to find the right words to make myself understood." Now, continues the father, "I see that you strive to be this way with your own children, and with everyone, and it moves me. I am happy to be your father". This is what a wise father, a mature father, says. A father knows all too well what it costs to hand down this heritage: how close, how gentle and how firm to be. But what consolation and what recompense he receives when the children honour this legacy! It is a joy that rewards all the toil, that overcomes every misunderstanding and heals every wound.

The first need, then, is precisely this: that a father be *present* in the family. That he be close to his wife, to share everything, joy and sorrow, hope and hardship. And that he be close to his children as they grow: when they play and when they strive, when they are carefree and when they are distressed, when they are talkative and when they are silent, when they are daring and when they are afraid, when they take a wrong step and when they find their path again; a father who is always present. To say "present" is not to say "controlling"! Fathers who are too controlling cancel out their children, they don't let them develop. The Gospel speaks to us about the exemplarity of the Father who is in Heaven — who alone, Jesus says, can be truly called the "good Father" (cf. Mk 10:18). Everyone knows that extraordinary parable of the "prodigal son", or better yet of the "merciful father", which we find in the Gospel of Luke in chapter 15 (cf. 15:11-32). What dignity and what tenderness there is in the expectation of that father, who stands at the door of the house waiting for his son to return! Fathers must be patient. Often there is nothing else to do but wait; pray and wait with patience, gentleness, magnanimity and mercy.

A good father *knows how to wait and knows how to forgive* from the depths of his heart. Certainly, he also knows how to correct with firmness: he is not a weak father, submissive and sentimental. The father who *knows how to correct without humiliating* is the one who knows how to protect without sparing himself. If, then, there is someone who can fully explain the prayer of the "Our Father", taught by Jesus, it is the one who lives out paternity in the first person. Without the grace that comes from the Father who is in Heaven, fathers lose courage, and abandon camp. But children need to find a father waiting for them when they come home after failing. They will do everything not to admit it, not to show it, but they need it; and not to find it opens wounds in them that are difficult to heal.

The Church, our mother, is committed to supporting with all her strength the good and generous presence of fathers in families, for they are the irreplaceable guardians and mediators of faith in goodness, of faith in justice and in God's protection, like St Joseph.

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

**ST AGATHA'S YOUTH MINISTRY TEAM
NEXT MEETING
Tuesday 6 September 6.45pm Parish Office**

ST AGATHA'S PARISH CALENDAR ART COMPETITION

There are three categories:

Pre-school - Prep, Years 1-3 and Years 4-6
4 entries from each category will be chosen and allocated a month each to feature in our calendar.

THEME: *Friendship and Harmony* - draw what this means to you.

(ALL entries will be displayed in the Church).
Entries need to be submitted to the Parish Office by 16 September 2016.

Successful entrants will be notified.
Drawings to be done on **A4 LANDSCAPE**.
Please place your name, grade and a contact number on the back of your drawing.

In our prayers we remember

Those who have died recently:

Robert Romano, Olivia Sawarde, Bishop Edward Daly

And those whose anniversaries occur about now:

Gloria Lazzarini, Pat Killoran, Neil Murphy, George & Mona Leutenegger, Bill Mahon

Those who are sick:

Helen Orosz, John McCluskey, Marie Ho, Trevor Simpson, Finn Bowen McAuley-Daniels, 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.



“Your light must shine before all so that they may see goodness in your acts.” (Matthew 5:16)

We should view our giving in gratitude to God by considering how blessed we are... using our gifts and talents for the good of others. A gift in any amount given through your Will benefits future generations of parishioners.

For more information on naming St Agatha's Parish or the St Agatha Parish Endowment Fund in your Will, please call the Catholic Foundation at 3324 3200 or call the parish office.

Have you heard?

Pope Francis puts it simply: “A little bit of mercy makes the world less cold and more just.”

This is the effect that your donations have had on the most vulnerable people in our community. Your gifts enable Centacare Pastoral Ministries to seek out the lost, to embrace those on the fringes of society... Your gifts help show the merciful face of our Church to those who are in need.



89K PEOPLE SUPPORTED EACH YEAR

Centacare Pastoral Ministries is 1 of the 4 beneficiaries of September's Catholic Campaign. Your contributions help more than 89,000 people each year in over 200 locations including prisons, hospitals, psychiatric pastoral care and local indigenous communities. These pastoral ministries rely on the generosity of the faithful as they receive little to no government funding.

Thank you for making a difference in the lives of people who are sick, imprisoned, isolated and alone. And thank you for supporting the volunteers working on the frontline of the Church's mission.



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

Give now 07 3324 3200 or catholiccampaign.com.au



A SPECIAL PRAYER FOR FATHERS

God, bless all the fathers in the world.

Guide them to be good role models and loving to all their children. Help them to be a father like You are. Give them grace and patience to handle situations in a loving way. Amen



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**NEXT WEEKEND
10/11 SEPTEMBER**

**Envelopes will be available
next weekend.**

ST AGATHA'S PARISH P26 MASS SUNDAY 11 SEPTEMBER 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 11 September. 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 3262 2859 or email: clayfield@bne.catholic.net.au by no later than Monday 5 September.



St Agatha's
Catholic Primary School
Clayfield

*Teach us
your ways*



PARISH MASS AND WINTER FEAST

A big thank you to our families who turned out in large numbers to share in our Parish celebration and Winter Feast. Our children loved the entertainment provided by the Magician, Balloon maker and of course the sausage sizzle and snow cones were very popular. Many older parishioners were delighted to return to school and were very impressed by the changes and resources offered for students. I am proud of the behaviour of our students who were very excited to be at school on a Sunday. Thank you especially to Erin Bledsloe and Ainsley Crutcher who were a part of the hard working team who planned and organized this fun event for the Parish. Thank you Fr Anthony for your leadership for the Parish and school.

This week we offered a special thank you to our fathers who work so hard for our families by inviting them to school for breakfast in the Presentation Centre on Thursday. Mass for Fathers' Day followed breakfast. Thank you also to Rebecca Birchley for working hard with her team of parents to create a wonderful event for our Dads on this important day.

Carol Sayers

PARISH ROSTERS

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

5.00pm

7.00am

9.00am

5.30pm

READERS:

3/4 Sept	Ann Goves Ryan Smethurst	Helen Roberts Ken Roberts	Clare Smethurst Jane Arkinstall Heidi Cooper	Life Teen Mass
10/11 Sept	Eddie Foley Katrina Murphy	Rafael Chase Ruby Chase	St Agatha's P26 Mass	Life Teen Mass

COMMUNION MINISTERS:

3/4 Sept	Trish Hickey	Michele Pink	Deborah Hall	Life Teen Mass
10/11 Sept	Volunteer	Helen Roberts	Erin Bledsoe	Life Teen Mass

ORGANISTS:

3/4 Sept	Volunteer	Mark Leung	Robyn Cuming	Life Teen Mass
10/11 Sept	Volunteer	Mark Leung	Robyn Cuming/ Paul Fiumara	Life Teen Mass

ALTAR SERVERS:

3/4 Sept	Olivia Dillon Mikayla Dillon Emma Dillon	Josephine Warda Stephen Warda	Charlotte Shepherd Felicity Shepherd Bart Marino	Caitlin Marshall
10/11 Sept	Ella Shepherd Eva Locantro	Volunteer/s	P26 Mass	Tia Manuel Lachlan Hinneberg

CHILDREN'S LITURGY:

4 Sept	Monica McBride & Mel Ryan
11 Sept	No Children's Liturgy - P26 Mass

SANCTUARY CARERS:

18 Sept	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



ST AGATHA'S SCHOOL
has vacancies in Year 5 (only)
for 2017.

Please direct all enquiries to
the Enrolment Secretary:

wkwhite@bne.catholic.edu.au

or Phone: 3326 9222

OUR LADY HELP OF CHRISTIANS PARISH HENDRA

invites applications for the
part-time position of
Finance Secretary
(10 hours per week, 5 hrs on
Tuesday, and 5 hrs on Thursday)

Full position description is
available from the
Parish Priest: 3268 3040 or
email

pp.hendra@bne.catholic.net.au

Commencement date is ASAP

Applications close on
26 September 2016

GOLDEN WEDDING ANNIVERSARY MASS

Couples celebrating their Golden
Wedding anniversary (or more) and
their family and friends are
invited to Mass with
Archbishop Mark Coleridge
at the Cathedral of St Stephen
**Saturday 1 October 2016 at
10.00am.**

Light refreshments will follow the
Mass in the Hanly Room.

RSVP to

cathedral@bne.catholic.net.au;

3324 3030 by Wednesday

28 September 2016. The car park
will be available from 9.00am,
entrance from Charlotte Street.

Congratulations and best wishes

Davin Arceo and Abby Garcia

&

Joel Jeffery and Molly Goddard

who were married at

St Agatha's in August.

Readings - Twenty-fourth Sunday in Ordinary Time - 11 September 2016

1st Reading: Exodus 32:7-11, 13-14; 2nd Reading: 1 Timothy 1:12-17; Gospel: Luke 15:1-32