



ST. AGATHA'S PARISH

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

Readings

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

WEEKDAY MASSES

Monday 12 Sept: 6.30am

Wednesday 14 Sept: 9am

The Exaltation of the Holy Cross

Thursday 15 September: 9am

Our Lady of Sorrows

Friday 16 September: 9am

Saints Cornelius, Pope and Cyprian

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

• **Monday 12th**

SVDP Meeting 5.00pm Parish Office

• **Wednesday 14th**

Pastoral Council Meeting 6.00pm Parish Office

• **Sunday 18th**

Child Protection Sunday

• **Tuesday 20th**

Finance Meeting 6.00pm Parish Office

• **Sunday 25th**

Social Justice Sunday

Dear sisters and brothers,

This Sunday we are holding the Annual Catholic Campaign to support the work of a number of important ministries in the Archdiocese. For the past two weeks, you would have seen the Annual Catholic Campaign brochures on the pews. The Annual Catholic Campaign combines the four previous Archdiocesan appeals to support the good works of the Church in our own community. This change has been successful thanks to the generosity of so many of you, especially those who give a regular monthly donation.

The ministries supported are:

- **Holy Spirit Seminary** which trains future priests of our parishes
- **Centacare Pastoral Ministries** which gives invaluable Catholic pastoral care to people in hospitals, prisons, psychiatric care, and local Aboriginal communities
- **The Priests Foundation** which provides for the health and accommodation needs of our retired priests
- **The Mary MacKillop Catholic School Access Fund** which provides Catholic school bursaries to children from impoverished families for the duration of primary and or secondary school

This Sunday we will view a recorded homily from Archbishop Mark Coleridge. At the end of this homily you will be asked to make a gift in support of these ministries. A gift in any amount – large or small – is deeply appreciated. And if you are in a position to make a regular monthly gift, please prayerfully consider this option. This gift will have a lasting impact on the people that benefit from this work.

We will take up a special collection for the Campaign after the homily. Please use the Campaign envelopes on the pew beside you. If you would like to be receipted in your name, please include your details.

If you have any questions please don't hesitate to talk to me after Mass. Please give generously and support the mission of our local Archdiocese. Of behalf of those who benefit from your gift, I thank you for your continued support and generosity.

Fr. Anthony

2016 - The Year of Mercy

A Word of Mercy....As a spiritual work of mercy, care for our common home calls for a "grateful contemplation of God's world" which "allows us to discover in each thing a teaching which God wishes to hand on to us".

(Pope Francis)

Clayfield Conversations

*Last Sunday, St. Mother Teresa of Calcutta was canonised in Rome.
Below is an edited extract of Pope Francis' homily.*

Homily of Pope Francis

We are thus called to translate into concrete acts that which we invoke in prayer and profess in faith. There is no alternative to charity: those who put themselves at the service of others, even when they don't know it, are those who love God. The Christian life, however, is not merely extending a hand in times of need. If it is just this, it can be, certainly, a lovely expression of human solidarity which offers immediate benefits, but it is sterile because it lacks roots. The task which the Lord gives us, on the contrary, is the *vocation to charity* in which each of Christ's disciples puts his or her entire life at his service, so to grow each day in love.

We heard in the Gospel, "Large crowds were travelling with Jesus". Today, this "large crowd" is seen in the great number of volunteers who have come together for the Jubilee of Mercy. You are that crowd who follows the Master and who makes visible his concrete love for each person. How many hearts have been comforted by volunteers! How many hands they have held; how many tears they have wiped away; how much love has been poured out in hidden, humble and selfless service! This praiseworthy service gives voice to the faith – it gives voice to the faith! – and expresses the mercy of the Father, who draws near to those in need.

Following Jesus is a serious task, and, at the same time, one filled with joy; it takes a certain daring and courage to recognize the divine Master in the poorest of the poor and those who are cast aside, and to give oneself in their service. In order to do so, volunteers, who out of love of Jesus serve the poor and the needy, do not expect any thanks or recompense; rather they renounce all this because they have discovered true love. And each one of us can say: "Just as the Lord has come to meet me and has stooped down to my level in my hour of need, so too do I go to meet him, bending low before those who have lost faith or who live as though God did not exist, before young people without values or ideals, before families in crisis, before the ill and the imprisoned, before refugees and immigrants, before the weak and defenceless in body and spirit, before abandoned children, before the elderly who are on their own. Wherever someone is reaching out, asking for a helping hand in order to get up, this is where our presence – and the presence of the Church which sustains and offers hope – must be". And I do this, keeping alive the memory of those times when the Lord's hand reached out to me when I was in need.

Mother Teresa, in all aspects of her life, was a generous dispenser of divine mercy, making herself available for everyone through her welcome and defence of human life, those unborn and those abandoned and discarded. She was committed to defending life, ceaselessly proclaiming that "the unborn are the weakest, the smallest, the most vulnerable". She bowed down before those who were spent, left to die on the side of the road, seeing in them their God-given dignity; she made her voice heard before the powers of this world, so that they might recognize their guilt for the crime – the crimes! – of poverty they created. For Mother Teresa, mercy was the "salt" which gave flavour to her work, it was the "light" which shone in the darkness of the many who no longer had tears to shed for their poverty and suffering.

May this tireless worker of mercy help us increasingly to understand that our only criterion for action is gratuitous love, free from every ideology and all obligations, offered freely to everyone without distinction of language, culture, race or religion. Mother Teresa loved to say, "Perhaps I don't speak their language, but I can smile". Let us carry her smile in our hearts and give it to those whom we meet along our journey, especially those who suffer. In this way, we will open up opportunities of joy and hope for our many brothers and sisters who are discouraged and who stand in need of understanding and tenderness.

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



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St Agatha's Parish Calendar Art Competition

Entries close 16 SEPTEMBER 2016

Theme: Friendship & Harmony.

Draw what this means to you.

(Drawings to be done on **A4 LANDSCAPE**.

Please place your name, grade and a contact number on the back of your drawing).
Hand in to the Parish Office.

In our prayers we remember

Those who have died recently:

John Day, Robert Romano, Olivia Sawarde

And those whose anniversaries occur about now:

Robert Maguire, Frank Maguire, Jim Cuming, Bertie L'Estrange, Glad McBride, Hugh McBride, Lew Brumpton, Raymond & Joan Thompson, Kate O'Shea, Gloria Lazzarini, Pat Killoran

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.

Your gift is the answer to someone's prayer

Today a special collection will be taken up for the Annual Catholic Campaign which supports the vital works of the Church in the Archdiocese of Brisbane. This includes Centacare pastoral ministries, the Priests Foundation, Holy Spirit Seminary and the MacKillop Fund bursaries.

How exactly are you helping to make a difference? Your tax-deductible gift is evenly divided between these major areas of need:



Providing Catholic pastoral care to people in hospitals, prisons, psychiatric care & Aboriginal communities



Caring for the health and retirement needs of our Archdiocesan priests



Educating our seminarians to be missionaries of God's mercy for Queensland and beyond



Funding Catholic education bursaries to children suffering significant hardship

25% + 25% + 25% + 25%

Be part of God's mission of mercy... please consider starting a monthly donation in an amount that means something to you. Your gift will have a lasting impact on these vital works.

*All non tax-deductible donations support the Annual Grants Program which grants monies to grassroots Catholic initiatives.



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Give now 07 3324 3200 or catholiccampaign.com.au

GOOD READS FROM ST AGATHA'S LIBRARY

This month we are again promoting *25 Books Every Christian Should Read*. These books cover vast areas of literature which is relevant to living a good life, with attention to spiritual matters and actions and attitudes which make us truly good human beings. There are novels and poetry as well as works of theology and spirituality. The library has managed to own all 25. We highly recommend you have a look at our display.

"Everything I have is yours."
Luke 15:31



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**THIS WEEKEND
10/11 SEPTEMBER**

Envelopes available on church seats



CULTURAL EXPO AND GRANDPARENTS' MORNING TEA

What a fabulous response from parents and grandparents to our Cultural Expo and Grandparents' Day last Tuesday. I was delighted to welcome to our school the Hon Tim Nicholls, MP Member for Clayfield, who opened our Expo, Mrs Dale Morrow and her Leadership Team, Mr David Cashman from Brisbane Catholic Education and our own Fr Anthony Mellor. The feedback from visitors was fulsome and highlighted the excellent work of our students and teachers in the area of the Arts Curriculum. This area of the Australian Curriculum covers Music, Drama, Japanese, Dance and the Visual Arts. We also take this opportunity with our grandparents visiting to hold our annual Book Fair which was a great success. Thank you to Mrs Kennedy, Mrs Beninca and Mrs Menkens who worked hard on this project. Thank you to our Specialist Teachers, Mrs Hohn, Miss Domaille, Mrs Witham, Mrs Antonini, Mrs Stimson and Dance Cart for their preparation and level of excellence at this event. Our choir was exceptional at morning assembly, and I thank Mrs Witham and Mr Williams for their dedication and generosity in working with our students during their lunch breaks.

The Parents & Friends were generously at work during the morning and was led by Mrs Kelly and Mrs Baynton in providing the morning tea for our visitors. This is always a lovely sign of hospitality and graciousness at St Agatha's. I am very grateful for the hard work and commitment shown by all our staff and parent support at our school, and I know the outcome is seeing our students confidently perform in this area of the Curriculum - *Carol Sayers*

IGNITE CONFERENCE 2016

Thursday 22 September - Sunday 25 September

Mueller Performing Arts Centre, 75 Morris Road, Rothwell.

Ignite is a dynamic and contemporary Catholic conference for young people. Every year it draws over 1000 adults, teenagers, children, youth ministers, teachers, priests and religious from around the country. It's about gathering young people from across this corner of the world connecting them with Jesus Christ and the Church, forming them for living the Christian life and empowering them to impact the Church and the world.

For more information go to: igniteyouth.com

PARISH ROSTERS

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

5.00pm

7.00am

9.00am

5.30pm

READERS:

10/11 Sept

Eddie Foley
Ann Goves

Rafael Chase
Ruby Chase

St Agatha's P26 Mass

Life Teen Mass

17/18 Sept

Graham Gibson
Julie-Anne Gibson

Dianne Eden
Nick Eden

Michael Crutcher
Eileen Duncan
Tim Hancock

Life Teen Mass

COMMUNION MINISTERS:

10/11 Sept

Volunteer

Helen Roberts

Erin Bledsoe

Life Teen Mass

17/18 Sept

Eddie Foley

Paulette Archer

Michele Pink

Life Teen Mass

ORGANISTS:

10/11 Sept

Volunteer

Mark Leung

Robyn Cuming/
Paul Fiumara

Life Teen Mass

17/18 Sept

Volunteer

Mark Leung

Robyn Cuming

Life Teen Mass

ALTAR SERVERS:

10/11 Sept

Ella Shepherd
Eva Locantro

Volunteer/s

P26 Mass

Tia Manuel
Lachlan Hinneberg

17/18 Sept

Volunteer/s

Volunteer/s

Volunteer/s

Volunteer/s

CHILDREN'S LITURGY:

11 Sept

18 Sept

No Children's Liturgy - P26 Mass

No Children's Liturgy - School Holidays

SANCTUARY CARERS:

18 Sept

Beverley O'Brien

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.

BURNIE BRAE

The Burnie Brae not-for-profit community organisation at Chermiside 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 1st Saturday morning of each month.



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.



Happy birthday
to
Peter Bowden
from

Fr Anthony, Fr Kevin
and parishioners

Readings - Twenty-fifth Sunday in Ordinary Time - 18 September 2016

1st Reading: Amos 8:4-7; 2nd Reading: 1 Timothy 2:1-8; Gospel: Luke 16:1-13