



St Agatha's
CLAYFIELD

ST. AGATHA'S PARISH

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(Please note: the Office is closed between 12.30 - 1.30pm)

Local Safeguarding Children and Vulnerable Adults Representative: Parish Office 3262 2859

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Phone: 3326 9222

School Principal: Mrs Carol Sayers APRE: Mr Nick Fogarty

Outside School Hours Care Coordinator: Ms Harmony Domaille

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

Readings

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

WEEKDAY MASSES

Monday 19 Sept: 6.30am

Wednesday 21 Sept: 9am

Saint Matthew

Thursday 22 September: 9am

Friday 23 September: 9am

Saint Pius of Pietrelcina

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 19th September -

Monday 3rd October

School Holidays

• Tuesday 20th

Finance Meeting 6.30pm

Parish Office

• Sunday 25th

Social Justice Sunday

• Monday 26th

SVDP Meeting 5.00pm

Parish Office

REMINDER

Monday 3 October

Mass at 9.00am

Dear sisters and brothers,

A few weeks ago, I wrote about the work of Multicultural Development Association (MDA), which is a re-settlement agency that works to assist refugees with housing, skills and employment. They offer a "Work and Welcome" program by which a refugee is placed in a work environment for up to 12 weeks. St. Rita's College was a placement partner in this program last year.

Working with St. Rita's College, and our parish primary school, our parish community will assist a refugee through the "Work and Welcome" program next year. 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.

We were hoping that the placement would occur during the fourth term. We are now working towards the first term of next year. As it is a genuine employment opportunity, we will pay wages to the person who is employed. The total cost of a one term placement is around \$11000. This means that we will be required to raise about \$3500 as our one-third share. If you are able and willing to donate, below is the process to follow:

1. Go to MDA's website and select Donate: <https://mdaltd.org.au/mda-donation/>
2. Choose the amount you'd like to donate. If you'd like to donate an amount different than \$10, \$30, \$50 or \$100, please use "Surprise Us" option. Proceed to checkout.
3. In the field titled Company Name please use a reference name as per below:
Work and Welcome St Agatha's Parish (This is important to track our donations)
4. Upon completion of transaction, you will receive a confirmation email including an invoice. Please note all donations above \$2 are fully tax deductible.

If you require assistance, please contact the parish office. In November, Mark Taylor from MDA will speak at our Sunday morning Masses to provide more details. Through this programme, not only will we 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....As a corporal work of mercy, care for our common home requires "simple daily gestures which break with the logic of violence, exploitation and selfishness" and "makes itself felt in every action that seeks to build a better world". (Pope Francis)

Clayfield Conversations

This Sunday is Child Protection Sunday across the Archdiocese. Below is a statement from the Archdiocese on the protection of children and vulnerable adults within our community.

Statement for Child Protection Sunday

Today is designated Child Protection Sunday within the Archdiocese of Brisbane. In 2014, Pope Francis called for a new way forward, a new direction for the Church, born out of the betrayal and suffering caused by abuse in the Church. Pope Francis said, “*Families need to know that the church is making every effort to protect their children [and vulnerable adults].*” This statement echoes the sentiment of Jesus’ new commandment of love: Through our care, concern and the protection of all people, especially children and vulnerable adults, the world will see that we are Jesus’ disciples. However, this too needs to be real and genuine. It cannot be just words.

In response to the realities of the present time, Archbishop Mark initiated a new way forward, designating a Safeguarding Officer for the Archdiocese, creating the new Archdiocesan Safeguarding Children and Vulnerable Adults policy and establishing a Safeguarding Advisory Committee to assist and guide him.

However, addressing abuse in the Church and implementing the Safeguarding Policy throughout the Archdiocese is not just the responsibility of the Archbishop, or even just the Parish Priest – it requires a whole of church approach. This means that everyone one of us has a part to play. No one in community can say, “Child protection is not my responsibility.” The Church is making every effort to protect everyone in our Church, especially the most vulnerable. The Safeguarding Children and Vulnerable Adults Policy includes important elements identified by the Truth Justice and Healing Council:

- A clear written policy statement
- Safe recruitment and selection processes for both employees and volunteers
- A code of ethical behaviour
- Training and education in conducting safe activities for children
- Responsible management of disclosure
- Mandatory reporting of suspected criminal behaviour to the police



Monitoring of parish practices in accordance with this policy and regular auditing for compliance are also recommendations from the Truth Justice and Healing Council. These we have implemented. The Parish will be internally audited each year and, starting this year parishes undergo an independent, external audit, the results of which will be made public in the coming weeks. The implementation of this policy here in this parish is reviewed annually as part of our Parish Compliance Audit. There are procedures that we will continue to implement and that will require your involvement and support. One such process requires us to ensure that ALL parish volunteers, in any capacity, sign the Code of Ethical Behaviour. If you volunteer in any capacity within our community, please be aware of the need to sign this code. Copies are available in the sacristy and can be returned to the parish office once signed.

Archbishop Mark Coleridge’s reminds us that all these measures are only useful if they develop our sense of shared responsibility for the safeguarding of child and vulnerable adults. As one community, we are accountable for the protection and the flourishing of the most vulnerable among us. May we all grow towards God through the in security of safe and healthy communities. As Archbishop Mark reminds us, “A policy is only as good as the people who implement it, or fail to implement it. May the Lord give us all the strength and compassion to do whatever needs to be done.”

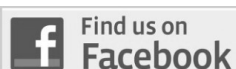
CARE AND CONCERN

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 FAMILY GROUPS

The Family Group is a great way of establishing a strong support network and special relationships with the parishioners of St Agatha’s Church. We achieve this through various social events and interactions throughout the year. The Family Groups started in 2006 and has continued with a number of families, couples and singles from the very young to the elderly. The diversity of the groups promotes a wide range of interests, ideas and events. We encourage more people to join the Family Group to share in the fun and friendships and help grow this important function of St Agatha’s Parish.

For more information, contact your Family Group Coordinators - Mark & Ellie Kowitz (Tel. 0413586663 or email: mark.kowitz@iinet.net.au).

In our prayers we remember



Those who have died recently:

Fr Brian Taylor, Trevor Elms, John Day

And those whose anniversaries occur about now:

Henry Weld, John and Joy Hall, Robert Maguire, Frank Maguire, Jim Cuming, Bertie L'Estrange, Glad McBride, Hugh McBride, Lew Brumpton, Raymond & Joan Thompson, Kate O'Shea

Those who are sick:

Carmel Elms, Angie Sturges, 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, 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, Patrick Gallagher, Rene Quinn, Eileen Clarke, Rob Bruce, Mel Purwo, Kath Delahunty, Hellen Passente, Philomena L'Hiullier.

CLAYFIELD CONTRIBUTORS

Thank you to our out-going Pastoral Council members who have served our parish community for the last four years.

Eileen Duncan, our retiring Chairperson, Tim Quinn, Michael Crutcher and Catrina MacPherson are all stepping down after completing a second two-year term. The Pastoral Council has been very active in organising on-going formation, social events and developing strategic goals for the parish community. We offer them our heartfelt thanks for their commitment, generosity and energies over the last four years and we pray that God will richly bless them for their significant contribution to our parish life.

Erin Bledsoe and Paulette Archer will continue in their roles as members of the council for another two-year term. We are grateful for their willingness to continue to serve our community. When you see Eileen, Tim, Michael and Catrina, offer them your thanks and appreciation for their efforts. We will soon unveil our new Community and Mission Council members.



Eileen Duncan, Tim Quinn, Paulette Archer, Erin Bledsoe, Michael Crutcher

"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

Thank you

It's a great joy to see the support coming in from generous people like you all across the Archdiocese.

You are helping to grow those ministries that are central to the Church's mission of mercy.

"A merciful Church is a joyful Church"

On behalf of all those who benefit from your generosity we hope that your life is enriched through the knowledge that your contribution is far greater than the sum of your donation. **Your prayers and your gifts are a shining light to others.**

A thank you to those who were able to make an ongoing commitment at this time – your faith in the future of the Church will bear fruit for many.



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CHILD PROTECTION SUNDAY - September 18

The images of child sexual abuse have continued to affect our entire community and diminish the trust some have placed in our Church.

That trust has been further eroded when the institution has failed to appropriately respond to the victim's needs. Yet the Catholic Church is in unique position to offer much within this focus of creating stronger communities, safer Children. One such example can be seen in Pope Francis' apostolic exhortation *Amoris Laetitia*, in which families and consequently communities are encouraged through love, strengthened by the virtues of generosity, commitment, fidelity and patience to become stronger more capable and more resilient. Stronger families and Church communities can then help to keep our children safe. As the Royal Commission begins to finalise hearings and close registration for private sessions, Child Protection Week, and in particular Child Protection Sunday provides a wonderful opportunity to reflect on the steps we have taken to make children safer in our communities; at home, in our churches, schools and Catholic agencies.

Here at St Agatha's Parish we can see evidence of the strength of our community providing support, protection and opportunities to help keep our children safe through our commitment to building safer communities and growing a culture of guardianship.

Give now 07 3324 3200 or catholiccampaign.com.au

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

5.00pm

7.00am

9.00am

5.30pm

READERS:

17/18 Sept

Graham Gibson
Julie-Anne Gibson

Dianne Eden
Nick Eden

Michael Crutcher
Eileen Duncan
Tim Hancock

Life Teen Mass

24/25 Sept

Phil Zammit
Eric van der List

Andrew Douglas
Aleira Egan

Peter Gilroy
Leanne O'Shea
Denis Keating

Life Teen Mass

COMMUNION MINISTERS:

17/18 Sept

Eddie Foley

Paulette Archer

Michele Pink

Life Teen Mass

24/25 Sept

Jan Zammit

Lorraine Atkinson-MacEwan

Deborah Hall

Life Teen Mass

ORGANISTS:

17/18 Sept

Robyn Cuming

Mark Leung

Jenny McKeon

Life Teen Mass

24/25 Sept

Volunteer

Mark Leung

Jenny McKeon

Life Teen Mass

ALTAR SERVERS:

17/18 Sept

Volunteer/s

Volunteer/s

Volunteer/s

Volunteer/s

24/25 Sept

Volunteer/s

Volunteer/s

Volunteer/s

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CHILDREN'S LITURGY:

18 Sept

No Children's Liturgy - School Holidays

25 Sept

No Children's Liturgy - School Holidays

SANCTUARY CARERS:

1 Oct Victor Podesta & Jane Lynn

"No servant can serve two masters. He will hate one and love the other, or be devoted to one and despise the other. You cannot serve God and mammon (wealth)." LUKE 16:13

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 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

BEGINNING THE JOURNEY

This Sunday at 9am we celebrate the Rite of Acceptance and Ritual of Welcome for those who are just beginning the journey of initiation and reception into the Catholic Church. The Rite of Acceptance is for those who are being accepted as catechumens (those preparing for baptism and full initiation) and the Ritual of Welcome for our candidates (those who are already baptised and being received into the Catholic tradition later in the year). Also we welcome some of our adult parishioners who will be completing their Catholic initiation through Confirmation in coming months. Please continue to pray for and accompany our new catechumens *Joe Ashby-Cliffe* and *Reimen Hii*, those we welcome as candidates, *Brooke Daniels*, *Katrina Greenup*, *Maddison Marquis*, *Penny Templeman* and *Rupert Templeman*, who will be received into the Church later this year, and, *Greg Hibbett*, *Donna Howard* and *Ming Leung*, who wish to complete their Catholic baptism through Confirmation and Eucharist.