



St Agatha's
CLAYFIELD

ST. AGATHA'S PARISH

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Twenty-sixth Sunday in Ordinary Time - 25th September 2016

Readings

1st Reading: Amos 6:1, 4-7; 2nd Reading: 1 Timothy 6:11-16; Gospel: Luke 16:19-31

WEEKDAY MASSES

Monday 26 Sept: 6.30am
Wednesday 28 Sept: 9am
Thursday 29 September: 9am
Sts Michael, Gabriel & Raphael
Friday 30 September: 9am
Saint Jerome

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 26th
SVDP Meeting 5.00pm
Parish Office

REMINDER

Monday 3 October
(Public Holiday)
Mass at 9.00am

"My child, remember that you received what was good during your lifetime while Lazarus likewise received what was bad; but now he is comforted here, whereas you are tormented. Moreover, between us and you a great chasm is established..." Luke 16:25-26

Dear sisters and brothers,

Today we celebrate Social Justice Sunday. This year, the Australian Bishops' Social Justice Statement is titled: 'A Place at the Table: Social justice in an ageing society'. The Statement celebrates the value and dignity of older people in Australian life. It challenges us to recognise their significant contribution to society and emphasises that this contribution should not be valued in mere economic terms. The Statement calls for justice for those who are most vulnerable and warns about a view of older people as burdensome or dispensable.

The number of Australians aged 65 and over will more than double by the middle of the century. This has been rightly described as 'the great success story of human development'. Increasing numbers of older people have an excellent chance of enjoying good health and an active life for many years. In solidarity with all generations, older people have a rightful place in the heart of community life. The Bishops confront the utilitarianism in our society that values people only for what they produce and contribute economically and that, at worst, can regard older people as burdensome or dispensable.

In a society in which older people are being asked to work beyond the traditional retirement age, the bishops call for the benefits of work to be shared equitably. We must be especially aware of the needs of those who enter retirement in poverty or are particularly vulnerable to economic hardship, social isolation or exploitation.

The Bishops consider the circumstances of those who are approaching the end of their lives and warn of the loneliness, ageism and abuse that older people can experience. In particular, the Bishops warn about implications of the current community debate on euthanasia. Copies of the Social Justice Statement are available at the front foyer of the church. For further details about the Social Justice Statement, visit the Australian Catholic Social Justice Council website (www.socialjustice.catholic.org.au)

On another note, I've been here in St. Agatha's for about 11 months, so it must be time for a holiday. I am heading off on a month's break later in the week. I will leave you in Fr. Kevin's capable hands, with the help of supply priests over the coming weeks. If you are wondering where I am heading off to for my break — Nudgee Beach is always nice this time of year! See you in late October. *Fr. Anthony*

2016 - The Year of Mercy

A Word of Mercy... Before all else, love is beautiful, it is the path to happiness. But it is not an easy path. It is demanding and it requires effort. Love is nurtured by trust, respect and forgiveness. Love does not happen because we talk about it, but when we live it: it is not a sweet poem to study and memorize, but is a life choice to put into practice! (Pope Francis)

Clayfield Conversations

The Australian Catholic Bishops' Social Justice Statement for 2016–17 is titled *A Place at the Table: Social justice in an ageing society*. It celebrates the value, dignity and significant contributions of older people to the life of the community. Following are ten steps we can take to create a place at the table for everyone.

TEN STEPS to creating a Place at the Table

- 1. Give thanks:** We should give thanks to God for the grace of a long life and for the prosperous and modern society we live in. We should be grateful for the inheritance we have received from previous generations. Their generosity can be seen, not only in the fruits of their labour and advances in science and technology, but also in the many institutions and policies promoting the common good and assisting people struggling through difficult times.
- 2. Get informed:** In Australia, around 75 per cent of men and 85 per cent of women are now reaching retirement age with around 20 years of life ahead of them. They are in relatively good health and with significant opportunities for leisure, family life, social engagement and continued employment.
- 3. Help your parish include older people in the life of the church:** Through the simple acts of gathering and talking, eating and drinking, Jesus made manifest the mercy and love of God. The sacramentality of this shared table is held for us now most strongly in the Eucharist ... The Christian community is built on the Eucharist, and older people have an important place around that table. For them it is a place of prayer and offering, comfort and petition, hope and sacrifice.
- 4. Visit elderly people in aged care facilities, or at home:** Pope Francis challenges us all to change the way we view aged care facilities. Rather than being places where people are hidden away, he says, they should be regarded as the 'lungs of humanity' in our neighbourhoods and parishes. There are many good organisations and groups working to combat loneliness in these settings, but there is still more to be done.
- 5. Assist with activities in retirement facilities or in the community:** There are many programs designed to reduce isolation among older people. There are home visits and pastoral care in the hospital and residential care settings, and transport and social activities aimed at developing community networks and peer support. All of these are vital to maintaining a healthy life and good social connections. Other interventions like support groups, skills development, bereavement support and counselling also help to manage the transitions of later life.
- 6. Older people, volunteer your time and talent:** Old age is a vocation. It is not yet time to 'pull in the oars'. This period of life is different from those before, there is no doubt; we even have to somewhat 'invent it ourselves', because our societies are not ready, spiritually and morally, to appreciate the true value of this stage of life. Indeed, it was once not so normal to have time available; it is much more so today.
- 7. Listen to the stories and life experience of older people:** The memories these men and women possess are your heritage. The story-telling shows you who you are rather than what you do or how much you possess. You may come to better understand your own place in the narrative – the 'living history' of your family, your neighbourhood and your country.
- 8. Show respect, be patient:** Just as God asks us to be his means of hearing the cry of the poor, so too he wants us to hear the cry of the elderly. This represents a challenge to families and communities, since 'the Church cannot and does not want to conform to a mentality of impatience, and much less of indifference and contempt, towards old age. We must reawaken the collective sense of gratitude, of appreciation, of hospitality, which makes the elderly feel like a living part of the community.
- 9. Find out your local Federal and State Members' policies on matters affecting the elderly:** The ageing of the population carries with it key challenges that have social justice implications across all areas of policy and at all levels of government – from taxation and retirement savings to spending in health and aged care services, from labour market and industrial relations to town planning, transport and housing policies.
- 10. Plan to initiate and join in events over the coming year:** The wisdom of age brings with it the ability to be a prophetic witness in society and a force for positive change. Older people will have a considerable political influence in the years to come. The challenge for this older generation is whether it will use this political influence for its own benefit or for the good of society as a whole. The way we shape our community will set an example and the standard for future generations.

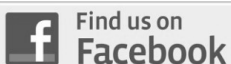
CARE AND CONCERN

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:

Noreen O'Connor, Fr Brian Taylor, Trevor Elms

And those whose anniversaries occur about now:

Doreen Lawler, Henry Weld, John and Joy Hall

Those who are sick:

Carmel Elms, Angie Sturges, Helen Orosz, John McCluskey, Marie Ho, Trevor Simpson, 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.

"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.

SOCIAL JUSTICE SUNDAY

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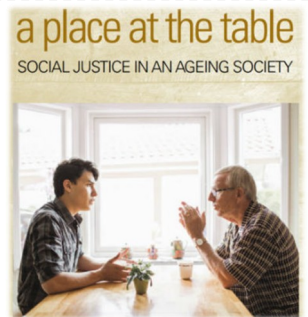
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Statements, prayer cards and brochures can be found at the front foyer of the church.

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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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4.30pm RECONCILIATION

Due to a wedding being held on **Saturday 1 October** at 4.00pm, there will be **NO** Reconciliation on this day.

Apologies for any inconvenience caused.



With great joy we welcome
Thomas Burke & Conor Coco
who will be baptised this weekend

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.

DATE CLAIMER

Year of Mercy parish retreat
Sunday 30 October 2016



International Day of Older Persons
1 October

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

5.00pm

7.00am

9.00am

5.30pm

READERS:

24/25 Sept

Phil Zammit
Eric van der List

Andrew Douglas
Aleira Egan

Peter Gilroy
Leanne O'Shea
Denis Keating

Life Teen Mass

1/2 Oct

Jack Williamson
Volunteer

Anne O'Connor
Chanelle Simpson

Amrita Moss
Volunteer
Don Macpherson

Life Teen Mass

COMMUNION MINISTERS:

24/25 Sept

Jan Zammit

Lorraine Atkinson-MacEwan

Deborah Hall

Life Teen Mass

1/2 Oct

Trish Hickey

Volunteer

Volunteer

Life Teen Mass

ORGANISTS:

24/25 Sept

Volunteer

Volunteer

Jenny McKeon

Life Teen Mass

1/2 Oct

Volunteer

Volunteer

Life Teen Mass

ALTAR SERVERS:

24/25 Sept

Volunteer/s

Volunteer/s

Volunteer/s

Volunteer/s

1/2 Oct

Harry Lane
Joey Douglas

Alyssa Godinho

Stella Pampellone
Lucy White
Isabella White
Sarah Baker

Ella Shepherd

CHILDREN'S LITURGY:

25 Sept

No Children's Liturgy - School Holidays

2 Oct

No Children's Liturgy - School Holidays

SANCTUARY CARERS:

1 Oct

Victor Podesta & Jane Lynn

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

**BRISBANE OPEN HOUSE
(BOH)**

On the weekend of **8/9 October** the Cathedral of St Stephen and St Stephen's Chapel will participate in BOH. BOH celebrates the city's architecture, giving visitors a rare insight into contemporary, historic and environmentally significant buildings in the heart of the city. View the display of Mary MacKillop artefacts in the windows of Penola Place and follow the Mary MacKillop Walk (opened and blessed by Archbishop Mark Coleridge on 8 August, the Feast Day of St Mary of the Cross MacKillop).

ALL HALLOWS' SCHOOL - 1953-56 REUNION

A 60 year reunion for past students who did Junior in 1954 or senior in 1956 (and those who joined them along the way) is planned for Saturday 29 October beginning with Mass in the school chapel at 10am followed by morning tea. Please call Sr Anne Hetherington on 0409 075 739 for invitation and further details.

BISHOP MICHAEL PUTNEY MEMORIAL LECTURE

You are invited to Bishop Michael Putney Memorial Lecture on Tuesday 11 October at 7pm

At Holy Spirit Seminary, 487 Earnshaw Road, Banyo.

Guest speaker is Rev Dr Olav Fyske Tveit, General Secretary of the World Council of Churches who will speak on: *Ways Forward in Ecumenism in this Contemporary Age*

Contribution \$10 payable on the night, includes a light supper

RSVP by Friday 30 September to Jela Virzi - 3369 6792 or admin@qct.org.au

Readings - Twenty-seventh Sunday in Ordinary Time - 2 October 2016

1st Reading: Habakkuk 1:2-3; 2:2-4; 2nd Reading: 2 Timothy 1:6-8, 13-14; Gospel: Luke 17:5-9