



ST. AGATHA'S PARISH

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Twenty-ninth Sunday in Ordinary Time - 16th October 2016

Readings

1st Reading: Exodus 17:8-13; 2nd Reading: 2 Timothy 3:14-4:2; Gospel: Luke 18:1-8

WEEKDAY MASSES

Monday 17 October: 6.30am

St Ignatius of Antioch

Wednesday 19 October: 9am

Thursday 20 October: 9am

(Year 1 Mass)

Friday 21 October: 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

OCTOBER

• Monday 24th

SVDP Meeting 5.00pm Parish Office

• Wednesday 26th

Parish Office closed

NOVEMBER

Tuesday 1st

All Saints' Day - Mass

9.00am

THE CATHOLIC LEADER

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* Pope Francis prays for Haiti hurricane victims as island nation faces another disaster recovery.

* Catholics encouraged to bring religion into the public sphere at Spirit in the City conference.

Dear sisters and brothers,

Today the Church invites us to be united with Christ in unceasing prayer.

Persistence - what a curious quality to attach to prayer. Why do we need to be persistent? Does God need to be reminded of what we need? Does He forget what He has promised?

Jesus tells "his disciples a parable about the necessity for them to pray always without becoming weary." Jesus is very aware that his disciples and us tend to give up too soon, and therefore tells them the parable of a widow who kept going to a judge until he finally accepted to intervene for her. We were not told what her case involved, but because of her persistence, she got what she wanted. There is nothing impossible with God. We must always persist in our prayers, believe that God will grant our request. Whether we pray for others, change in our own lives; vices and weaknesses, explosive temper, anger, alcoholism or addiction, don't ever give up. Prayer is always an invitation to remain patient and humble, and if we do, God in his time will listen to our prayer and grant us favours. Jesus assures us in the rhetorical question, "will not God then secure the rights of his chosen ones who call on Him day and night?" Let us have in mind that:

* The power of persistent prayer is exemplified in our community prayers at Mass on Sundays.

* We must never give up, because with the persistent power of prayer, even the fiercest enemy will surrender.

* Persistence in prayer helps us to make prayer a way of life, and not just something we do.

* Persistence in prayer shows our Love for God the Father who has given us so much.

* If God is for us, who can be against us? (Rom 8:31)

Like Moses who raised his arm in an unceasing prayer of intercession to God for his people, Christ's arms are constantly open in prayers on the cross in intercession for us, the members of His new covenant.

God is a persistent listener.

Fr. Kevin

2016 - The Year of Mercy

A Word of Mercy... Keeping our gaze fixed on the Son of God allows us to understand how far we still have to go; but at the same time it instils us with the joy of knowing that we are walking with Him and we are never alone.

(Pope Francis).

Clayfield Conversations

This year's Social Justice Statement from Australia's Catholic Bishops focused on the value and dignity of older people. In her address at the launch of the Statement, Good Samaritan Sister Patty Fawkner asked: "what do the elderly of our world teach me for the journey of life?" Here is part two following on from part one published last week.

The full article can be viewed on *The Good Oil* website.

Learning from the Elderly: Keep Working on Love (Part Two)

Growing up I was somewhat awed by my mother and, sadly, there wasn't a great deal of obvious affection between us. I was Dad's girl. Betty's older age has released the affection genie between us. I can't tell you how grateful I am that when I visit her I can cup her soft-skinned face and say, "I love you, my darling Mother". She used to be able to say she loved me too, but not now. She doesn't know who I am. But she affectionately smiles – generally. Some people tell me that they will never allow themselves to get to the stage Betty is now. "Just give me the end-it-all pill," one says half joking. They don't romanticise old age and quake, as I do, at the thought of loss of control, total dependence, incontinence, a ravaged body and a memory that's shot. And none of us wants to be a burden on others. As the actress, Bette Davis is reported to have said, "Old age ain't for sissies!" But the elderly expose the myth of total independence and narcissistic control. We live in an utterly inter-dependent world. It is not all about ME. Our newest minted Saint Teresa of Calcutta says, "If we have not peace, it is because we have forgotten that we belong to each other". We must make room at the table and, I truly believe, be prepared to stay at the table of life.

The elderly bid us to have the strength of soul to look into the face of suffering and diminishment, our own and each other's. It takes incredible courage to let go, to be dependent (the Bishops speak beautifully about the grace of dependence), to be vulnerable, to allow my weaknesses of body and mind to be exposed. It takes humility not to be jealous and resentful of the young. It is humbling to allow myself to be cared for and to realise that sometimes in our helplessness, brokenness and passivity, we can give something deeper than we can with our strength and achievements.

Many of us don't age well. I encounter anxious, angry and depressed old people. We're all in good company with St Paul who throughout his life struggled with some physical, psychological or moral brokenness. Christ reassures Paul and us that it's actually OK that we never fully get our act together. "My grace is all you need; my power comes to its full strength in **your** weakness" (2 Cor 12:9). What do the elderly of our world teach me for the journey of life?

- Be grateful.
- Don't just visit this life.
- Develop interests now.
- Become a holy old fool.
- Be present in the present.
- Humbly accept diminishment.
- Smile.
- Let go.
- Be married to amazement.

God's grace is all I need. And the one lesson that sums up all of this – the core of Jesus' whole life and teaching: keep working on love. Keep working on love.

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

FOR SALE AT THE PIETY STALL

Daily Mass Book \$20.00 each
Columban Calendars \$9.00 each

WELCOME FR ORM RUSH

This weekend we welcome Fr Orm Rush.
He will be celebrating the 7.00am & 9.00am Masses.



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In our prayers we remember



Those who have died recently:

Meg Oliphant, Norrie Brennan

And those whose anniversaries occur about now:

Hon. Bruce McPherson, Melda Power, Ken Woodhead

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.

WORK AND WELCOME PROGRAM

Multicultural Development Association (MDA) 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. 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 first school term of 2017. 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 our parish community 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.



ST AGATHA'S PARISH CHILDREN'S CHOIR

St Agatha's Parish Children's choir is currently seeking new members in preparation for the Christmas season. It is not a big time commitment. We normally sing 6 or 7 times a year in addition to Christmas Eve and Easter, and practice once a month straight after school in the church for an hour. The practice schedule is very flexible, and although it is preferable to attend all the practice sessions, it is not essential. Not only is it a great opportunity to learn to sing or extend your singing repertoire and boost your confidence, but you will also make new friends within the parish community. Boys and girls from grade 1 upwards welcome.

Please contact nicolawarda@yahoo.com.au for further information.



With great joy we welcome ***Grace Buckham, Lucy McGuire, Toby Senior and Mila Wachtershauser*** who will be baptised this weekend



ROSARY BOUQUET - Rosary bouquet in honour of the final apparition of Our Lady of Fatima Saturday 22 October St Stephen's Cathedral / 10.30am Rosary Bouquet / 11.30am Holy Sacrifice of the Mass celebrated by His Grace, Archbishop Mark Coleridge. Followed by procession to Villa Maria Warren Street, Fortitude Valley

Today and throughout this week we pray for all persons who experience same sex attraction or gender uncertainty and their families. Heavenly Father, grant true peace and joy to our family members and friends who experience same sex attraction or gender uncertainty. May we be sensitive and supportive especially in times of trial. Lead us to deeper faith as we all strive for Christian perfection.

October

Month of the Holy Rosary



It is not always convenient to be a good steward, especially when all the temptations of our busy and materialistic world get in the way. Now add our own pride and ego into the equation and living a stewardship lifestyle may be downright uncomfortable! Remember, God didn't call us to be comfortable. He called us to be faithful.

October is
Breast Cancer Awareness Month



PARISH ROSTERS

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

5.00pm

7.00am

9.00am

5.30pm

READERS:

15/16 Oct

Marian Nolan
Eddie Foley

Annette Riba
Kirsty Stevens

Wilma O'Connell
Trish Ryan
Jane Arkinstall

Life Teen Mass

22/23 Oct

Graham Gibson
Julie-Anne Gibson

Mark Burton
Andrew Douglas

Clare Smethurst
Volunteer
Michael Crutcher

Life Teen Mass

COMMUNION MINISTERS:

15/16 Oct

Volunteer

Paulette Archer

Michele Pink

Life Teen Mass

22/23 Oct

Trish Hickey

Lorraine Atkinson-MacEwan

Deborah Hall

Life Teen Mass

ORGANISTS:

15/16 Oct

Volunteer

Volunteer

Jenny McKeon

Life Teen Mass

22/23 Oct

Volunteer

Mark Leung

Robyn Cuming

Life Teen Mass

ALTAR SERVERS:

15/16 Oct

Lucy White
Isabella White

Alyssa Godinho
Max Van Balen
Georgia Van Balen

Sarah Baker
Charlotte Corrigan

Caitlin Marshall
Alex Oliveri
Stella Pampellone

22/23 Oct

Milla Brady
Xavier Coorey

Joey Douglas

Billy Crutcher
Lachlan Hinneberg
Bridget Birchley
Kate Taylor

Tia Manuel
Sofia Lazzarini

CHILDREN'S LITURGY:

16 Oct

23 Oct

Julie Kordic & Ewa Marino-Cebulski

Jane Arkinstall & Giulia Coorey

SANCTUARY CARERS:

5 Nov

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



NIGHTFEVER

BRISBANE

Friday, October 21st 2016

St Stephen's Cathedral

6:00pm Holy Mass

7:00 - 11:00pm Nightfever

An open night of adoration, music, conversation and street ministry. Inviting others into the presence of Our Lord and witnessing their hearts change.



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CATHOLIC MAN BREAKFAST - Thursday 20 October

Hosted by Archbishop Mark Coleridge.

The next menALIVE Catholic Man Breakfast is from 7am to 9am on Thursday 20 October at Tattersall's Club, 215 Queen Street Brisbane.

You can hear Dr Michael Forbes tell his story - "*Maths, Ministry and Marathons*". Cost is \$45 per person. For enquires: cmbs@menalive.org.au.

For bookings email: des@menalive.org.au. RSVP: 17 October.

CONSILIUUM GATHERING

Vocation Brisbane is hosting a Consilium Gathering for young men discerning the call to priesthood to gather for Mass and dinner before hearing the vocation story of a priest from the Archdiocese on Thursday 20 October at Canali House (47 Clyde Road, Herston), starting at 6.30pm and wrapping up by 9.00pm. If you are interested please contact Adam Burns on 3324 3352 or email: burnsa@bne.catholic.net.au

Our Lady Help of Christians Parish
Hendra is currently inviting
applications for the part-time position
of Pastoral Ministry Coordinator
(22 hours per week)

For more information and a copy of the
Position Description, please contact
Fr Paul on 3268 3040 or email
pp.hendra@bne.catholic.net.au
Applications close Friday 4 November

Readings - Thirtieth Sunday in Ordinary Time - 23 October 2016

1st Reading: Sirach 35:12-14, 16-19; 2nd Reading: 2 Timothy 4:6-8, 16-18; Gospel: Luke 18:9-14