



St Agatha's
CLAYFIELD

ST. AGATHA'S PARISH

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Thirtieth Sunday in Ordinary Time - 23rd October 2016

Readings

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

WEEKDAY MASSES

Monday 24 October: 6.30am

Wednesday 26 October: 9am

Thursday 27 October: 9am
(Year 3 Mass)

Friday 28 October: 9am
Saints Simon and Jude

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

• Sunday 6th

NET Ministries - Road Trip
Life Choices event.

Presentation Centre at the school 10.00am - 1.00pm

Dear sisters and brothers,

The judgement of our God is true and upright.

Today, the Church draws our attention to the fact that God is our Just Judge, whose judgment favours the humble.

Theodicy, is from the Greek words: "theo", god and "dike", justice. It is the vindication of God's Goodness and Justice in the face of the existent evil. Our God does not show favoritism, He is firm in his judgments and decisions. He is not biased and cannot be bribed. Yet, He is a compassionate and loving Judge who does not treat the offender with impunity or harshness nor does he sentence them.

One little novel that left a very positive impression on me during my early college days like: *Animal Farm* and *The Incorruptible Judge*, focused on the real-life value of a judge who portrayed exceptional honesty, fair play patriotism, bravery, truthfulness, purity of purpose and an excellent strength of character.

God vindicates the upright and corrects the sinner. As a father, he does not apply capital punishment; rather, he gently corrects and wins us back.

Today's gospel teaches us not to judge others, because the judgment of mortals is biased, selfish, egocentric and easily confused. What transpired between the publican and the tax collector is typical of the scenario we find in some of our religious gatherings or organizations, offices, families, etc, where some people, [like the Pharisees] sit over a cup of coffee/tea, sometimes a glass of cold beer to judge others. They look at themselves as the role models others must imitate or as if they are the *real, pious and holy ones*.

Self-righteous people often judge wrongly because of their own weakness of mind and ignorance of how God operates.

May we never place ourselves where we do not belong and place others where we feel they should be. In humility, let us humbly acknowledge our nothingness, vulnerability and weaknesses ... "For everyone who exalts himself will be humbled, but the man who humbles himself will be exalted."

Fr. Kevin

2016 - The Year of Mercy

A Word of Mercy... God's love is boundless: we can discover ever new signs that show his attention towards us and, above all, his wish to reach us and to await us. All our life, although marked by the fragility of sin, is placed under the gaze of God who loves us. (Pope Francis).

Clayfield Conversations

Fr. Daniel O'Leary is a priest of the Leeds diocese and has written extensively on spirituality. Below, Fr. Daniel discusses what it is to be a reconciler in this Year of Mercy. This reflection was published in his book, *Already Within: Diving the Hidden Spring*. This is part one. Part two will appear in next week's newsletter.

Blessed are the Reconcilers (Part One)

Not everyone is capable of playing the role of reconciler. Yet it is probably the most needed gift and service in the church and world today. And it is only the compassionate soul, facing its own divisions, that can ever hope to make a difference where leaders and factions are driven by fixed certainties.

To be a reconciler is to be one of those who forever endeavour to flesh out in their complex lives the pattern of the dying and rising mystery of Good Friday and Easter Sunday. Instead of reacting to, resisting or reflecting back the negative emotions and attitudes of those around them, whether in a one-to-one, communal or wider context, they take into their own vulnerable spirit, like Jesus did, the arrogance, hardness and stubbornness of those they lead or serve or live with, their jealousies, cynicism and strange motives. This is costly, spiritual work. It is the occupation of the saint.

When I pray to be a reconciler I'm praying for the death of my all-powerful ego. I'm praying for the grace to transform, within my own body and soul, within the most redeemed part of me, the sins into graces, the curses into blessings, the destructive forces into life-enhancing gifts. In our imitation of Christ the experience of redemption can come no better than this. So often, in our daily routine of getting hurt, what we usually do, either in self-justifying anger or self-righteous brotherly or sisterly 'correction', is to add force to the negative energies, by turning them round and redirecting them with still greater velocity, in an even more subtly negative way, back to the source from which they came.

There is an extraordinary power in the manner in which the very physical presence of Jesus united opposites through the peace and love that encompassed him: 'In his own person he destroyed the hostility' (Ephesians 2: 16). Jesus had learned that if the small and unsatisfied ego is not transformed, then the negative emotions of envy, fear and hate will be either denied or projected elsewhere. We are indebted to the Franciscan priest Richard Rohr for the dictum: 'What we don't transform, we transmit.'

He describes the familiar process of both denying and projecting as 'scapegoating', from the Jewish ritual of putting your faults on a goat that was whipped out into the desert. We displace and project our negative emotions on to other people, other systems, by blame and outrage. It is so hard to carry the burden of our own flawed humanity. Only the true essence, not the ego, can cope with such anxiety, such ambiguity, such fragile insecurity. If our pain is not transformed by reference to a wider horizon, to a regaining of true perspective, to a letting-in of God's vastness, it will always be transmitted to others. The destruction of mindless wars, global or local, can be traced back to closed and divided hearts.

Inner emptying and dying is so hard to do. Nothing outside us is transformed without the radical grace of inner conversion. The seemingly irreconcilable situations we encounter at home and in the community are but microcosms of a wider alienation. We live in a desperately destructive and divided world where evil is perpetrated under the guise of nationalism and religion. Very often there is no one to accuse or punish. There is often only the blind and trusting holding of human ignorance and pride, sin and failure, until our love and pain break through to resurrection. 'There is no redemptive violence,' writes Rohr, 'there is only redemptive suffering.'

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



Dorothy McSweeney

What a milestone for Dorothy who has been with our Parish for 30+ years. We thank you again for all your contributions to the Parish and wish you the very best on your birthday!

ST AGATHA'S YOUTH MINISTRY TEAM

If you have any questions or ideas please contact Anne O'Connor on 3256 6013 or 0419 796 988

In our prayers we remember



Those who have died recently:

Ivy Devlin, Meg Oliphant

And those whose anniversaries occur about now:

Niel MacGinley, Denis Lau, Hazel O'Hagan, Paula Whitman

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.

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.

Daily Mass Book \$20.00 each for sale at Piety Stall

WELCOME FR ORM RUSH

We welcome and thank Fr Orm Rush for being with us once again this weekend. Fr Orm will be celebrating the 5.00pm & 5.30pm Masses.



With great joy we welcome **Imogen McHerron** who will be baptised this weekend

INVITATION

Connect with friends and enjoy the NET team present
‘ROAD TRIP’

Life choices - Where does God fit into my life and my future?
If you are in grades 6 to 9 please come along on Sunday 6 November. The morning will be filled with energy, thought provoking discussion and opportunities to explore this topic. Pick up a flyer at the back of the Church and register now at: <https://www.stickytickets.com.au/44569>



Today and throughout this week we pray for the national discussion on marriage. Holy Heavenly Father, grant that all Australians may show mutual respect for one another as we prepare for a national people's vote. Guide the hearts and minds of all who vote so that our nation may uphold your plan for marriage and families.

October

Month of the
Holy Rosary



Pride and ego is the root cause of most of our sins. Thinking your time is so valuable, your talent is better than anyone else and your money gives you status is another way of making those things “gods” before God. Remember all those gifts were God-given. Instead we should be humbled by God's abundant generosity and our hearts should be filled with gratitude.



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

5.00pm

7.00am

9.00am

5.30pm

READERS:

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| 22/23 Oct | Graham Gibson Julie-Anne Gibson | Mark Burton Andrew Douglas | Clare Smethurst <i>Volunteer</i> Michael Crutcher | Life Teen Mass |
| 29/30 Oct | Eric van der List Phil Zammit | Anne-Marie Quinn Jeanine Bygott | Eileen Duncan Leanne O'Shea Peter Gilroy | Life Teen Mass |

COMMUNION MINISTERS:

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| 22/23 Oct | Trish Hickey | Lorraine Atkinson-MacEwan | Deborah Hall | Life Teen Mass |
| 29/30 Oct | Jan Zammit | <i>Volunteer</i> | Erin Bledsoe | Life Teen Mass |

ORGANISTS:

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| 22/23 Oct | <i>Volunteer</i> | Mark Leung | Robyn Cuming | Life Teen Mass |
| 29/30 Oct | <i>Volunteer</i> | Mark Leung | Catriona McPherson | Life Teen Mass |

ALTAR SERVERS:

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| 22/23 Oct | Milla Brady | Joey Douglas | Billy Crutcher Lachlan Hinneberg Bridget Birchley Kate Taylor | Tia Manuel Sofia Lazzarini |
| 29/30 Oct | Olivia Dillon Mikayla Dillon Emma Dillon | <i>Volunteer/s</i> | Charlotte Shepherd Felicity Shepherd Bart Marino | Caitlin Marshall Alex Oliveri Stella Pampellone |

CHILDREN'S LITURGY:

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| 23 Oct | | | Jane Arkinstall & Giulia Coorey | |
| 30 Oct | | | Katrina Murphy & Eleonora Kowitz | |

SANCTUARY CARERS:

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| 5 Nov | Victor Podesta & Jane Lynn |
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Columban calendars \$9.00 each for sale at Piety Stall

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

LifeTeen Mass – Sunday 5.30 pm

Join our talented musicians at this celebration of the Eucharist, where youth and young adults are invited to minister to each other. If you would like to help with music or singing just talk to the musicians.

Enjoy supper and friendship after Mass on the 1st and 3rd Sundays of each month.

Visit AggiesYouth:

<https://www.facebook.com/aggiesyouth>

DIVINE RENOVATION WITH FR JAMES MALLON

This is a major evangelisation initiative for the Archdiocese of Brisbane in 2016 and beyond. Fr Mallon is the author of *Divine Renovation: Bringing Your Parish from Maintenance to Mission*. This book has had a major impact on parishes around the world. Fr Mallon is a passionate, highly engaging and articulate speaker. He is not interested in being just 'interesting' or 'humorous', though he can be both. He is committed to assist parishes to move from being depositories of 'consumer Catholics' into faith communities that are on fire with the love of Jesus so that they can transform people into being disciples for God and missionaries of peace, mercy, kindness and justice for the world. This is an opportunity too good to miss. Ensure there are enough people who can commit to attend this day so that together you can make a difference in your local parish, community and the world. For a sample of Fr Mallon's challenging and inspiring presentations watch this talk *Twelve Values of a Transformed Parish*.

Get a head start by reading *Divine Renovation* (available from bookshops) and checking out the website:

<http://www.divinerenovation.net/>.

Date: Saturday 19 November, 9.00am - 4.00pm / Venue: San Sisto College, Mayfield Road, Carina / Cost: \$50 per person (\$40 concession) or \$200 parish/community ticket (4+ people). Includes morning tea and lunch / Register: online at www.trybooking.com/226315 / Registrations close Friday 4 November.

Readings - Thirty-first Sunday in Ordinary Time - 30 October 2016

1st Reading: Wisdom 11:22-12:2; 2nd Reading: 2 Thessalonians 1:11-2:2; Gospel: Luke 19:1-10