



St Agatha's
CLAYFIELD

ST. AGATHA'S PARISH

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Thirty-second Sunday in Ordinary Time - 6th November 2016

Readings

1st Reading: 2 Maccabees 7:1-2, 9-14; 2nd Reading: 2 Thessalonians 2:16-3:5; Gospel: Luke 20:27-38

WEEKDAY MASSES

Monday 7 November: 6.30am

Wednesday 9 November: 9am

The Dedication of the Lateran Basilica

Thursday 10 November: 9am

Saint Leo the Great

Friday 11 November: 9am

Saint Martin of Tours

SUNDAY MASSES

Saturday 5.00pm

(1st Rite of Reconciliation:

Saturday 4.30pm)

Sunday 7.00am

9.00am

5.30pm

Rosary before Mass.

Parish Calendar

NOVEMBER

• **Monday 7th**

SVDP Meeting 5.00pm

Parish Office

• **Sunday 13th**

P26 Mass - 9.00am

• **Tuesday 15th**

Finance Meeting 6pm

Parish Office

• **Wednesday 16th**

Community and Mission

Council Meeting 6.30pm

Parish Office

Dear friends,

These days, life moves very quickly. A month's holiday flies by, a year as the Parish Priest of Clayfield goes by in the blink of an eye, and the last weeks of 2016 are rushing towards us. Firstly, my thanks to Fr. Kevin, Rosemary, Jane and Peter for keeping the parish going over the last four weeks. My thanks, also, Fr. John Grace and Fr. Orm Rush for their weekend supply during my holidays. I'm back now and ready to focus on the busy end of year celebration circuit and the all-important cricket season.

This Sunday, at the 7 and 9am Masses, we welcome Mark Taylor (as I said, it is "cricket season") and Apande Gong from MDA's Work and Welcome program which supports short-term work placements for refugees. I have mentioned previously that the parish is planning to work in unison with St. Rita's College and St. Agatha's School to offer a work placement to a refugee during the first term next year. The aim is to help the re-settlement of a refugee and his or her family by offering work experience and support. It will mean that our parish needs to raise about \$6000-7000 to fund the work placement. Mark Taylor will be here to explain the program and outline how you might be able to help the parish reach this fund-raising goal. This is a worthy project and my hope is that this parish community will be generous in supporting this program. More details are in the newsletter. Mark and Apande will be available after Mass if you wish to ask them further questions.

Looking back to last Sunday, about 15 parishioners shared in our parish retreat at Holy Spirit Seminary. The morning was expertly led by Natalie L'Huillier from Australian Catholic University and focussed our attention on the concept of "mercy" during this "Year of Mercy". My thanks to our new parish Community and Mission Council chairperson, Erin Bledsoe and our former chair, Eileen Duncan, for their initiative and organisation of the day. Also, my thanks to Fr. John Grace, Rector of the seminary, for his openness to our utilisation of the seminary facilities. It was an excellent space for a parish retreat. I am hoping that this will become an annual event and I look forward to even more people taking part next year.

November is the month in which we prayerfully remember the faithful departed. Our Book of Remembrance is placed near the Paschal Candle during this time, as a sign of our prayers and our continued affection for our deceased relatives and friends. Please contact the parish office if you wish to have name or names included in the Book of Remembrance.

I hope that you are still spending your winnings from the Cup. If not, better luck next year!

Fr. Anthony

2016 - The Year of Mercy

A Word of Mercy... God feels compassion and pity towards us because He knows our weaknesses. He knows our sins and He forgives us. He always forgives us! He is so good, our Father is so good. *(Pope Francis).*

Lisa Carter, one of our parishioners, featured prominently on the back page of last week's *Catholic Leader*. Here is Lisa's story (part 1) written by *Catholic Leader* writer, Peter Bugden. Part 2 next week.

How the Bells of St. Agatha Lead Lisa Back to the Catholic Church (Part One)

Lisa Carter was out of touch and drifting from the Church for a long time, until the church bells of St Agatha's, Clayfield called her back. For 14 years, she had no interest in being a part of any Church, let alone the Catholic faith in which she was raised. Like so many of her friends, she was disillusioned, but deep down she was still Catholic. The bells calling people to Sunday Mass also started to work on Lisa and she could resist no more. She followed the bells, rejoined the flock and is now helping others to reconnect through the Catholics Returning Home program at St Agatha's. It wasn't an easy road back.

Lisa had been raised a Catholic, attended St Finbarr's primary school and Mt St Michael's College at Ashgrove, "and then continued Mass and everything". She said that all changed after she was married in her early 20s and the marriage "did not work out". "That was what really sort of broke it for me, because I thought that somehow the Church had let me down," she said. Lisa felt the Church had told her, "If you do this, this and this everything turns out alright".

She was left with a broken marriage and disillusion instead. "That was the catalyst I suppose," she said. "I was away from the Church for 14 years from there, and I didn't like going to anyone's church – Catholic Church or any church. "It was really a case of – how I saw it – that the Church had let me down. "Because it was some sort of a stamp on you if you divorced and all that sort of thing, so you feel like you're not welcome in the Church, which Pope Francis has sort of put right now, I guess.

"So there was that and just, I suppose, a disappointment in myself with that as well. "I didn't like any Church. I thought it was all misguiding, I guess." She was no different from many other young Catholics her age.

"Most people I knew had stopped going to Mass and having an association with Catholicism after high school, so I was a bit of a stayer, really, in that way," she said. "To be away from the Church didn't change anything because no-one else around you was really doing much." But her Catholic roots ran deep.

"You know, you grow up in that Catholic environment and it kind of never leaves you, particularly if you've been to a Catholic school," Lisa said. "And, so I lived near a church, a few doors up at Windsor, for about nine years ... and I started to think, 'Oh, maybe I might go there one day', but I didn't. "Then I moved to Clayfield and I heard (church) bells again – and I thought only Anglicans rang the bells – but that's when I thought, 'I might go to wherever those bells are coming from, one day'.

"And eventually I did, in 2003. From there I thought, 'Well, I'll go along and if I don't like it I don't have to go again'."

Lisa said leading up to that point her movement back to the Church had not been a conscious thing.

"But obviously I thought, 'Well, there is something missing because life has not turned out the way I thought it might' or 'What does it all really mean?'," she said. "And I started to question or to get that call shortly after I moved (to Clayfield) and heard those bells but it took me a couple of years to actually act on it.

"You sort of can get the message from, I guess, the Holy Spirit through different ways and one of them was (the urge to respond to the bells)."

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

NOVEMBER MASS ENVELOPES

are available from table in church foyer or Piety Stall. Please print the names of those who you wish to be remembered and place the envelope on the collection plate or hand into the parish office. The names of your deceased will be written in a Remembrance Book that will be on the altar for all Masses during the month of November.



NOVEMBER:

A special time to pray for our loved ones who have died.

"May our Lord Jesus Christ himself and God our Father, who has loved us and given us everlasting encouragement and good hope through his grace, encourage your hearts and strengthen them in every good deed and word." 2 Thessalonians 2:16-17

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:

Mary Hanifin, Peter McCarthy, Nathan Thompson

And those whose anniversaries occur about now:

Kate O'Shea, Camillo & Vincenzo Boccalatte

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.

GIVE THE GIFT OF FAITH

Your generosity towards St Agatha's Parish can go on forever when you include our parish endowment fund in your Will. With endowment funds, the principal is kept intact and the distributions to the parish come from growth and earnings. This provides a steady stream of income to parish ministries forever. For more information on naming St Agatha's Parish in your Will, please call the Catholic Foundation at 3324 3200 or 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 P26 MASS - 13 NOVEMBER 9.00AM

All children in Grades Prep to Year 6 are invited to participate in our next P26 Mass which will be at 9am on 13 November 2016. At the Mass, children are asked to do the readings, bring the gifts to the Altar, collecting, altar serve and welcome people as they arrive. If your child/children would like to participate please phone the Parish office on 3262 2859 or email: clayfield@bne.catholic.net.au by no later than Monday 7 November. There will be a special thankyou morning tea after mass for all the parish children who have contributed their time in the various ministries over the year. All the family welcome.

GOOD READS FROM ST AGATHA'S LIBRARY

We have decided to extend our display of recent additions to the library for another month as more titles have been added. Especially recommended are *Catholic History for Today's Church* by Jesuit John O'Malley, a look at the church of the present in the light of history; and *Heroes of the Faith: 55 men and women whose lives have proclaimed Christ and inspired the faith of others*, edited by Roland Ashby.

BREAK OPEN THE WORD

Readers are asked to collect their copy of *Break Open the Word 2017*. Books (with your name on them) are available on table in church foyer.

BANYO NUNDAH PARISH - CENTENARY BOOK LAUNCH

As part of our Centenary celebrations, a book has been compiled on the History of Banyo Nundah Parish titled "A Working Faith". The book will be launched along with a Historical Display, on Sunday 20 November at 2pm in St. Pius V Parish Hall, 352 St Vincents Road, Banyo. For catering purposes, if you would like to attend, please RSVP your numbers to the Parish Office during office hours, 9.30am - 4.30pm phone: 3266 1444 by 7 November. All welcome.

Daily Mass Book \$20.00
each for sale at Piety

AUSTRALIAN CATHOLICS MAGAZINE
(Christmas 2016 issue) is now available.
Please take a copy home.

Columban calendars \$9.00
each for sale at Piety Stall

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

5.00pm

7.00am

9.00am

5.30pm

READERS:

5/6 Nov	Jack Williamson Graham Gibson	Sr Cecily Foster Aleira Egan	Denis Keating Don Macpherson Tim Hancock	Life Teen Mass
12/13 Nov	Eric van der List Phil Zammit	Rafael Chase Ruby Chase	St Agatha's P26 Mass	Life Teen Mass

COMMUNION MINISTERS:

5/6 Nov	Ann Goves	Helen Roberts	Erin Bledsoe	Life Teen Mass
12/13 Nov	Jan Zammit	Paulette Archer	<i>Volunteer</i>	Life Teen Mass

ORGANISTS:

5/6 Nov	<i>Volunteer</i>	Mark Leung	Catriona McPherson	Life Teen Mass
12/13 Nov	<i>Volunteer</i>	Mark Leung	Robyn Cuming / Paul Fiumara	Life Teen Mass

ALTAR SERVERS:

5/6 Nov	Ella Shepherd	<i>Volunteer/s</i>	Lucy White Isabella White	<i>Volunteer/s</i>
12/13 Nov	Milla Brady Eva Locantro	Max Van Balen Georgia Van Balen	St Agatha's P26 Mass	Tia Manuel Sofia Lazzarini

CHILDREN'S LITURGY:

6 Nov			Nicola Warda & Susan De Medici	
13 Nov			<i>No Children's Liturgy - P26 Mass</i>	

SANCTUARY CARERS:

19 Nov	Beverley O'Brien
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Readers are asked to collect their copy of *Break Open the Word 2017*

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

YERONGA CATHOLIC PARISH

invites applications for the part-time position of Parish Secretary (Tues & Friday 10 hours per week, 5 hours per day) - with flexibility to increase 12 hours per week over 3 days in the near future.

For more information contact
Cindy Hayer on 3367 6332
or hroffice@bne.catholic.net.au.

Applications close on
Friday 11 November 2016



ST AGATHA'S SCHOOL PREP FOR 2018

If you have a child born between 1/7/12 – 30/6/13, they are eligible to commence Prep in 2018. The enrolment process for Prep 2018 commences at the beginning of 2017. If you would like your child included in the enrolments for prep 2018, please *email* your details along with your child's name, D.O.B. and address to the:

Enrolment Secretary: wkwhite@bne.catholic.edu.au or phone the school on 3326 9222.

LIFE TEEN MASS - Sunday 5.30pm

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

NOTE: Starting on 20 November our third Sunday menu will be drinks and nibbles and first Sunday will remain as the usual supper. Volunteers eagerly accepted.

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

Readings - Thirty-third Sunday in Ordinary Time - 13 November 2016

1st Reading: Malachi 3:19-20; 2nd Reading: 2 Thessalonians 3:7-12; Gospel: Luke 21:5-19