



St Agatha's
CLAYFIELD

ST. AGATHA'S PARISH

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

Readings

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

WEEKDAY MASSES

Monday 14 November: 6.30am

Wednesday 16 November: 9am

Thursday 17 November: 9am

Friday 18 November: 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

NOVEMBER

• Tuesday 15th

Finance Meeting 6pm

Parish Office

• Wednesday 16th

Community and Mission

Council Meeting 6.30pm

Parish Office

THE CATHOLIC LEADER COPIES ON SALE - \$2.00

* 'God's work of art' -

Banyo seminary - turns 75.

* Seminary rector thanks

Queenslanders for their

support and reminds the

Church Jesus is still calling

'disciples' to be priests.

Dear friends,

In the new Trumpian presidential era, this Sunday's readings seem to take an extra ominous tone. The prophet Malachi turns up the heat with this scorching observation: "The day is coming now, burning like a furnace; and all the arrogant and the evil-doers will be like stubble." (I'm sure I heard something like that during the Presidential debates). The history books will analyse the election result but it now seems that we live in a world intent on turning-in on itself. Brexit, now the political rhetoric of Donald Trump, and not to mention some of our own home-grown agendas, tap into the deep sense of distrust, dis-enfranchisement and fragmentation simmering away in modern western society. In one way or another, many people sense that something isn't quite right in the world, things seem unstable, and as a result, people come up with quite divergent answers to what they see as the most pressing problems.

Even Jesus comments today that what seems unshakeable in the present, might not be there in the future. Of the great and imposing Temple, Jesus says, "All these things you are staring at now - the time will come when not a single stone will be left on another: everything will be destroyed." Jesus was right, of course; about four decades later the Temple would be destroyed by the Romans. But in the midst of all the chaotic rumblings, Jesus also says words of reassurance. The disciples - and we - might live in an age of many heated words and competing ideals, but Jesus says, "Keep the faith! Despite all the noise, I will give you an 'eloquence and a wisdom' that cannot be easily defeated." It is a paradox that at a time in history when we are more prosperous, more educated, more healthy, and have more opportunities to flourish as human beings, we are also haunted by a deep sense of cultural emptiness and dis-satisfaction which entices us to turn towards isolationism and suspicion of the other. In the light of all the rhetorical flourishes of this year - at home and abroad - we are beholden to ask ourselves, "Which voices appeal to our imaginations? What vision of the world do we respond to?" Our contemporary world is awash with words and images, opinions and personalities. In such a world, how do we discover the "eloquence and wisdom" that Jesus promises? Certainly not in the people who yell the loudest, no matter how appealing they might sound. Perhaps this eloquence of which Jesus speaks is the inner whisper of God which we first need to notice, and then listen to with a sense of peaceful reassurance which runs counter to all the anxious agitation of those who can see things crumbling but don't really know what to do about it. Jesus says that all the shouting of the world won't help - that only destroys. Wisdom and eloquence born of God and grace are far more useful tools when it comes to re-building all that crumbles before our very eyes.

Fr. Anthony

2016 - The Year of Mercy

A Word of Mercy... One cannot turn one's gaze and look the other way so as not to see the many forms of poverty that call for mercy. And this turning to go the other way so as not to see hunger, sicknesses, exploited individuals ..., this is a grave sin! It is also a modern sin; it is a sin of today! (Pope Francis).

Lisa Carter, one of our parishioners, featured prominently on the back page of a recent edition of *The Catholic Leader*.

Here is Lisa's story (part 2) written by *The Catholic Leader* writer, Peter Bugden.

Part One appeared in last week's newsletter.

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

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.

Lisa has heard similar stories from people coming to Catholics Returning Home.

"They all come along and they'll say, 'Oh, I just felt something was missing' ...," she said.

"That same story is repeated in all of us and we've just got to go on the journey of discovery, I suppose, of a more spiritual life."

On her own experience of being prompted by the bells, Lisa said "you always say that's the Holy Spirit connecting you with maybe who you need to be connected with at the time".

"Other people have come along and have seen our banner or one fellow said, 'I kept driving past that church and I thought, 'I've got to go in there one day',," she said.

"And eventually he got around to it and got a brochure for the Catholics Returning Home program and that's when he came back.

"So, I guess, pay attention, but we always say people will come when they're ready; we can't force it. Sometimes it takes years, like myself and a few other people on the team who've passed through – it can be years."

Lisa said "landing in the right parish" was also a blessing for her.

She is grateful that parish priest at St Agatha's when she arrived there was Brisbane archdiocese's judicial vicar Fr Adrian Farrelly.

"I went through that annulment process and that probably wouldn't have happened if I hadn't have gone to where we had the judicial vicar who knew how to approach things and knew how to approach people," she said.

Fr Farrelly's pastoral approach was also crucial in Lisa's return.

"His message has been the same all the time, which is 'You're loved by God and as a Christian this is what we do, we try and help people'," she said.

Fr Farrelly had a big influence in Lisa's early days of reconnecting.

"The way his homilies came out you could start to get an understanding of what the Church was really about – obviously not just going to Mass; it's Christian life," Lisa said.

She said Fr Farrelly was "very much an instrument of faith, an example of faith" whose message hit home.

It was important for "returning Catholics" to have that kind of example – "someone who's living a Christian life and showing you how to go".

"That's what you're looking for – someone, I guess, to show you who Christ is," Lisa said.

CARE AND CONCERN

Please contact the Parish Office on 3262 2859.

BISHOP FINNIGAN

Next Sunday (20th November) at the 9am Mass, Bishop Finnigan will join us for a special occasion. At this 9am Mass, 7 adults and 3 young people will complete their initiation in the Catholic Church through Confirmation and First Communion. I hope that you can come along to be part of a joyous parish celebration.

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.

CONGRATULATIONS AND BLESSINGS FR ANTHONY

Fr Anthony celebrates his 19th Anniversary of his ordination to the Priesthood on Saturday 12 November.

Fr Anthony, we hope you enjoy your Special Day! *Best wishes from your parish family!*

In our prayers we remember



Those who have died recently:

Sam Paradiso, Barry Derhem, Bill McAvoy FMS, Kath Delahunty, Mary Hanifin, Peter McCarthy, Nathan Thompson

And those whose anniversaries occur about now:

Rosemary Ryan, Ben Kennedy, Doreen Haine, Bill Lim, 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, 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.

CENTENARY AND JUBILEE YEAR OF MERCY BALL

Banyo Nundah Youth invite you to join them on Saturday 3 December at 7pm in the Mary MacKillop College Hall, 60 Bage Street, Nundah. This is a themed event with red, black and white colours of the 1950's. There is a live band, dancing, delicious dinner, cash bar, historical memorabilia, various prizes. Tickets are \$75 per person **before 28 November**. After this date, pre-purchase tickets will be \$85. Tickets available at the door for \$90.

To pay online: <https://www.eventbrite.com.au/e/centenary-year-of-mercy-ball-tickets-28814805860>.

Further details contact Joan 0401 899 747

EMMANUEL - Daily Advent and Christmas Reflections 2016 - **FOR SALE AT PIETY STALL \$4.00 each**

Based on the Lectionary, the reflections in this handy pocket-sized book aim to help us exploit day-by-day, the richness of the Church's Advent-Christmas experience as we prepare for and celebrate the ground-breaking fact that the eternal Almighty God sent his Son, Jesus, born of the Virgin Mary, to live in our world and be our Saviour and Redeemer, Emmanuel - God with us (*Matthew 1:23*).

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.

CATHEDRAL OF ST STEPHEN ADVENT FAIR

The St Stephen's Cathedral Choir is holding their annual fundraising event on the 1st Sunday of Advent (27 November 8.00am-1.00pm), 249 Elizabeth Street. There will be stalls of multicultural cuisine, freshly homemade Christmas Cakes, sweets, savouries and handmade crafts. The Parish Council is providing FREE tea and coffee throughout the event. Pancakes for breakfast and a good Aussie Sausage Sizzle will be available in the duration of the Fair. Come in the spirit of Advent and enjoy festive music.

Daily Mass Book \$20.00
each for sale at Piety

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

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:

12/13 Nov

Eric van der List
Phil Zammit

Rafael Chase
Ruby Chase

St Agatha's P26 Mass

Life Teen Mass

19/20 Nov

Marian Nolan
Katrina Murphy

Andrew Douglas
Anne O'Connor

Amrita Moss
Wilma O'Connell
Volunteer

Life Teen Mass

COMMUNION MINISTERS:

12/13 Nov

Jan Zammit

Paulette Archer

Volunteer

Life Teen Mass

19/20 Nov

Volunteer

Helen Roberts

Volunteer

Life Teen Mass

ORGANISTS:

12/13 Nov

Volunteer

Mark Leung

Robyn Cuming /
Paul Fiumara

Life Teen Mass

19/20 Nov

Volunteer

Mark Leung

Jenny McKeon

Life Teen Mass

ALTAR SERVERS:

12/13 Nov

Milla Brady
Eva Locantro

Max Van Balen
Georgia Van Balen

St Agatha's P26 Mass

Tia Manuel
Sofia Lazzarini

19/20 Nov

Xavier Coorey

Joey Douglas

Alyssa Godinho
Sarah Baker
Charlotte Corrigan

Alexi Oliveri
Ella Shepherd
Stella Pampellone

CHILDREN'S LITURGY:

13 Nov

20 Nov

No Children's Liturgy - P26 Mass

No Children's Liturgy

SANCTUARY CARERS:

19 Nov

Beverley O'Brien

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

Choir Practice

CHOIR PRACTICE FOR CHRISTMAS
Thursday 17 November
6.00pm - 7.00pm
in the Church.
New members welcome.



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 - Our Lord Jesus Christ, King of the Universe - 20 November 2016
1st Reading: 2 Samuel 5:1-3; 2nd Reading: Colossians 1:12-20; Gospel: Luke 23:35-43