



ST. AGATHA'S PARISH

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Our Lord Jesus Christ, King of the Universe - 20th November 2016

Readings

1st Reading: 2 Samuel 5:1-3; 2nd Reading: Colossians 1:12-20; Gospel: Luke 23:35-43

WEEKDAY MASSES

Monday 21 November: 6.30am

The Presentation of the Blessed Virgin Mary

Wednesday 23 November: 9am

Thursday 24 November: 9am

Saints Andrew Dũng-Lạc

Friday 25 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

• **Monday 21st**

SVDP Meeting 5pm Parish Office

• **Thursday 24th**

Choir Practice 6pm-7pm

"...giving thanks to the Father, who has made you fit to share in the inheritance of the holy ones in light."
Colossians 1:12

Dear friends,

This feast day of Christ the King marks the end of the Church's year. This Sunday, we are fortunate to have Bishop Brian Finnigan with us. Bishop Brian will be receiving a number of adults into the Catholic Church and celebrating as well as Confirmations. For some months now, a number of people have been gathering weekly to explore the Catholic faith and prepared to be initiated into the Church. Some of these have not been baptised and are now called catechumens. They will be baptised and fully initiated into the Church at the Easter vigil next year. Others have been baptised in other traditions and now wish to be received into the Catholic church. We celebrate this for four members of the group on this feast day. Katrina Greenup, Maddison Marquis, Penny and Rupert Templeman will be received into the Catholic church, Confirmed and receive First Communion. Alongside Katrina, Maddison, Penny and Rupert, we will also celebrate the Confirmation of Greg Hibbett, Donna Howard, and Ming Leung who have been baptised Catholic but have missed on out being Confirmed until now. Finally, we have a group of three youngsters who will also celebrate their Confirmation - Georgia and Libby Tiffin, and Lottie Burns. Georgia and Libby will also receive First Communion. It may all sound a little confusing but I am sure that Sunday will be a joyful celebration for those involved and our whole parish community. I am very grateful to Tricia Howard from our school community for her work in preparing Georgia and Libby for today's celebration. I'm sure that the community gathered at the 9am Mass this Sunday will joyfully welcome and celebrate with those who at taking this important step in their journey of faith.

The Feast of Christ the King is a relatively young feast. It was initiated by Pius XI in 1925 – the period between two world wars. It was really a feast which promoted peace. The way toward peace, Pius XI said, was to allow Christ to reign in our hearts and our relationships. Being the last Sunday of the Church's year, this feast is a little like the Church's New Year's Eve. Next Sunday we begin a new liturgical year with the season of Advent. This last Sunday of the Church's year is an invitation to look back over the previous twelve months, look back at our own lives and our world, at everything that has happened – the good and bad, the happy and sad – and see in everything the redeeming presence of Christ. So on this Feast Day of Christ the King, we say, "Happy New Year!"

Fr. Anthony

2016 - The Last Sunday of the Year of Mercy

A Word of Mercy... Today, in the cathedrals and sanctuaries throughout the world, the Doors of Mercy are being closed. Let us ask for the grace not to close our eyes to God who sees us and to our neighbour who asks something of us. Let us look with trust to the God of mercy, with the certainty that "love never ends". (Pope Francis)

Clayfield Conversations

Since December 8th last year, we have been celebrating the Extraordinary Jubilee Year of Mercy. This Sunday, Pope Francis will close the Holy Doors at St. Peter's signalling the end of this Jubilee Year. Let us consider how mercy will continue to be at the forefront of our image of God and our relationship with others. Below is a sample of Pope Francis' words during this Jubilee of Mercy.

Mercy

The history of sin can only be understood in the light of God's love and forgiveness. Sin can only be understood in this light. Were sin the only thing that mattered, we would be the most desperate of creatures. But the promised triumph of Christ's love enfolds everything in the Father's mercy....How much wrong we do to God and his grace when we speak of sins being punished by his judgment before we speak of their being forgiven by his mercy. But that is the truth. We have to put mercy before judgment, and in any event God's judgement will always be in the light of his mercy. (8th December, 2015)

It is the Jubilee of Mercy. It is time to rediscover the presence of God and his fatherly tenderness. God does not love rigidity. He is Father; he is tender. He does everything with the tenderness of the Father. (13th December, 2015)

This is how God is among us. If you want to find God, seek him in humility, seek him in poverty, seek him where he is hidden: in the neediest, in the sick, in the hungry, in the imprisoned. And when Jesus preaches life to us he tells us how we will be judged. He will not say to you come with Me because you made so many fine offerings to the Church, you are a benefactor of the Church, come, come to Heaven. No. The entrance to Heaven is not bought with money. He will not say: you are very important. You have studied so much and received so many honours. Come to Heaven. No. Honours do not open the doors to Heaven. (18th December, 2015)

For us, Mary is an icon of how the Church must offer forgiveness to those who seek it. The Mother of forgiveness teaches the Church that the forgiveness granted on Golgotha knows no limits. Neither the law with its quibbles, nor the wisdom of this world with its distinctions, can hold it back. The Church's forgiveness must be every bit as broad as that offered by Jesus on the Cross and by Mary at his feet. There is no other way. (1st January, 2016)

There may be a few obstacles, which close the door of the heart. There is the temptation to *lock the doors*, or to live with our sin, minimizing it, always justifying it, thinking we are no worse than others; this, however, is how the locks of the soul are closed and we remain shut inside, prisoners of evil. Another obstacle is the *shame of opening* the secret door of the heart. Shame, in reality, is a good symptom, because it shows that we want to break away from evil; however, it must never be transformed into apprehension or fear. There is a third pitfall, that of *distancing ourselves from the door*: it happens when we hide in our misery, when we ruminate constantly, connecting it to negative things, until sinking into the darkest repositories of the soul. Then we even become kindred with the sorrow that we do not want, we become discouraged and we are weaker in the face of temptations. This happens because we bide alone with ourselves, closing ourselves off and avoiding the light; while the Lord's grace alone frees us. Therefore let us be reconciled, let us listen to Jesus who says to those who are weary and oppressed: "Come to me". Not to dwell within themselves, but to go to him! Comfort and peace are there. (10th February, 2016)

Hope is a gift of God. We must ask for it. It is placed deep within each human heart in order to shed light on this life, so often troubled and clouded by so many situations that bring sadness and pain. We need to nourish the roots of our hope so that they can bear fruit; primarily, the certainty of God's closeness and compassion, despite whatever evil we have done. There is no corner of our heart that cannot be touched by God's love. Whenever someone makes a mistake, the Father's mercy is all the more present, awakening repentance, forgiveness, reconciliation and peace. (6th November, 2016)

We cannot go about our business quietly at home while Lazarus lies at the door. There is no peace in the homes of the prosperous as long as justice is lacking in the home of everyone. (13th November, 2016)

CARE AND CONCERN

Please contact the Parish Office on 3262 2859.

ANNUAL PETER'S PENCE COLLECTION - next weekend 26/27 November

The Peter's Pence Collection is an annual collection of the Catholic Church around the world.

The collection allows the Holy Father to respond to the most needy throughout the world, to offer timely, effective emergency assistance to our suffering brothers and sisters.

This very special collection will be taken up as a retiring collection after all the Masses next weekend.

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.



CHRISTMAS RAFFLE

Selling of Christmas Raffle tickets will begin next weekend 26/27 November. Tickets \$2 each or 3 for \$5.

In our prayers we remember



Those who have died recently:

Judy McCluskey, Kathleen Horne, Sam Paradiso, Barry Derhem, Bill McAvoy FMS, Kath Delahunty

And those whose anniversaries occur about now:

Joseph Riba, Max, Alan & Jennifer Leutenegger, Rosemary Ryan, Ben Kennedy, Doreen Haine, Bill Lim

Those who are sick:

Carmel Elms, Angie Sturges, Helen Orosz, Marie Ho, Trevor Simpson, Tony Druary, Lisa Bowes, Sophia Horrocks, 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.

This month we celebrate another **CLAYFIELD CONTRIBUTOR**

VERY BIG "THANK YOU" RUPERT and GLORIA LEE

Rupert and Gloria Lee moved from Ingham and retired to Clayfield in 2000 and joined our community. Rupert soon joined the Parish Council and quickly formed a friendship with Blue Doyle. Together they sought to bring change to bring together a closer spirit in our community. Another way of getting to know parishioners was to join the groups who would distribute Hand in Hand to parishioners houses! When Pope Benedict XVI announced 2009/10 to be the Year of the Priest, Rupert organized a luncheon for the priests who care and guide us in our spiritual lives. This was held at the Cricket Club and attended by nearly 100 priests and parishioners. In 2008 both Rupert and Gloria joined the parish committee to host young people for World Youth Day, which was a wonderful time as parishioners came together by accommodating the pilgrims who travelled from many countries to visit our parish before travelling onto Sydney. Later Rupert was asked to maintain and provide morning tea for the family group get together after 9am Mass, and to keep the room at the back of the church neat and tidy! Rupert and Gloria have found the best way to be part of the Parish family was, not only to be part of the Church community but to work and pray with fellow parishioners.



As a community, we wish to acknowledge and say THANK YOU Rupert and Gloria for your service to the Parish.

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.

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*).

St Luke's Uniting Church in association with the North East Brisbane Inter Church Council invites you to *JOY TO THE WORLD*. Come and join in singing carols for Advent and Christmas Sunday 27 November, 2.00pm at St Luke's Uniting Church, cnr Jackson & Oxford Streets, Hamilton. Entry by note donation. A plate of food to share for afternoon tea would be appreciated.

FREE HEALTH AND WELLNESS INFORMATION SESSION FOR OVER 65S

Mercy Community Services (Aged Care) is holding a community information session on "improving your well-being through exercise". Their allied health team will be discussing the serious risk of falling and what can be done about it, to help maintain health, wellbeing, balance, strength and flexibility. The event starts at 8:45am on Wednesday 30 November and will be followed by morning tea and a chance to talk to their allied health team. Bayview Building, 125 Queens Rd Nudgee. For more information or to RSVP (by 24 November) call 3260 9555.

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

5.00pm

7.00am

9.00am

5.30pm

READERS:

19/20 Nov	Marian Nolan Katrina Murphy	Andrew Douglas Anne O'Connor	Amrita Moss Wilma O'Connell <i>Volunteer</i>	Life Teen Mass
26/27 Nov	Graham Gibson Julie-Anne Gibson	Annette Riba Helen Roberts	Trish Ryan Peter Gilroy Leanne O'Shea	Life Teen Mass

COMMUNION MINISTERS:

19/20 Nov	<i>Volunteer</i>	Helen Roberts	<i>Volunteer</i>	Life Teen Mass
26/27 Nov	Eddie Foley	Lorraine Atkinson-MacEwan	<i>Volunteer</i>	Life Teen Mass

ORGANISTS:

19/20 Nov	<i>Volunteer</i>	Mark Leung	Jenny McKeon	Life Teen Mass
26/27 Nov	<i>Volunteer</i>	Mark Leung	Catriona McPherson	Life Teen Mass

ALTAR SERVERS:

19/20 Nov	Xavier Coorey	Joey Douglas	Alyssa Godinho Sarah Baker Charlotte Corrigan	Alexi Oliveri Ella Shepherd Stella Pampellone
26/27 Nov	Olivia Dillon Mikayla Dillon Emma Dillon	<i>Volunteer/s</i>	Billy Crutcher Lachlan Hinneberg Bridget Birchley Kate Taylor	Caitlin Marshall

CHILDREN'S LITURGY:

20 Nov
27 Nov
No Children's Liturgy
Mel Ryan & Erin Bledsoe

SANCTUARY CARERS:

3 Dec Victor Podesta & Jane Lynn

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 24 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 this Sunday 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 - First Sunday of Advent - 27 November 2016

1st Reading: Isaiah 2:1-5; 2nd Reading: Romans 13:11-14; Gospel: Matthew 24:37-44