



ST. AGATHA'S PARISH

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Outside School Hours Care Coordinator: Ashleigh Stacpoole

Second Sunday in Ordinary Time - 15th January 2017

Readings

1st Reading: Isaiah 49:3, 5-6; 2nd Reading: Corinthians 1:1-3; Gospel: John 1:29-34

WEEKDAY MASSES

Monday 16 January: 6.30am
Wednesday 18 January: 9am
Thursday 19 January: 9am
Friday 20 January: 9am

WEEKEND MASSES

Saturday 5.00pm
 (1st Rite of Reconciliation:
Saturday 4.30pm)
Sunday 7.00am
 9.00am
 5.30pm

Rosary before Mass.

Parish Calendar

JANUARY

- **Monday 23rd**
 SVDP Meeting 5pm Parish Office
- **Tuesday 24th**
 School resumes
- **Thursday 26th**
 Australia Day 9am Mass
 (followed by morning tea)
- **Saturday 28th/Sunday 29th**
 The Little Kings's Movement
 Annual Appeal

WORLD DAY OF PRAYER

Friday 3 March 2017



*Seeing Jesus coming towards him,
 John said, "Look, there is the lamb of God
 that takes away the sin of the world."*

Dear Friends,

We begin the season known as "Ordinary Time". "Ordinary Time" does not mean ordinary in the usual sense of the term. "Ordinary" refers to "ordinal time", as in "ordinal numbers" or, if you like, "counted time" (e.g. First, second, third, etc). The liturgical colour is green, which is the colour of growth. It is meant to be the season in which we continue to grow in faith and grow in our humanity. It is the longest feast of the Church's year. "Ordinary Time" is not the name we give to the season when nothing is happening — it is the season in which we live the ordinary moments that make-up our life. Let us embrace this season as an opportunity to continue to deepen our faith and broaden our horizon.

A number of people have asked if there will be a second priest appointed to the parish. At this stage, there will be no permanent appointment. Given that I have a number of outside commitments at the seminary and with Brisbane Catholic Education, we will rely on supply priests to assist with week day and Sunday Masses. Fr. John Sullivan is available to help us with some of the week day Masses (at this stage, Wednesdays and Fridays) and Fr. Orm Rush, who lectures in theology at ACU, will support us on weekends. Fr. Orm will commence towards the end of January. I am grateful to both for their assistance with the parish Masses and I know that you will make them welcome.

Our teachers are back at school this coming week, and I will be joining the staff of St. Agatha's School down at the Gold Coast later in the week for some professional development days. This means that the start of school for our children is not far away (is that a sigh of relief I hear from some of our parents?). The summer holidays come and go, and we will soon be in full swing. May this "ordinary time" be a season of new growth for each of us and our parish community. *Fr. Anthony*

The Wisdom of Pope Francis

How important it is for our families to journey together towards a single goal! We know that we have a road to travel together; a road along which we encounter difficulties but also enjoy moments of joy and consolation. And on this pilgrimage of life we also share in moments of prayer. What can be more beautiful than for a father and mother to bless their children at the beginning and end of each day, to trace on their forehead the sign of the cross, as they did on the day of their baptism? Is this not the simplest prayer which parents can offer for their children?

Proclamation of Feasts for 2017

While a day like Christmas is fixed in our minds and on the calendars on December 25th, many of the important feasts of the Church year move, based upon the date that Easter is set. Easter changes each year moving to the Sunday after the “Paschal Full Moon,” and can fall between March 22 and April 25.

In ancient times before calendars were common, most people did not know the dates for the upcoming Liturgical year. On Epiphany Sunday (which was last Sunday), the upcoming dates were “proclaimed” after the gospel in this way:

Dear brothers and sisters, the glory of the Lord has shone upon us,
and shall ever be manifest among us, until the day of his return.

Through the rhythms of times and seasons let us celebrate the mysteries of salvation.

Let us recall the year’s culmination,

the **Easter Triduum** of the Lord:

his last supper, his crucifixion, his burial, and his rising celebrated
between the evening of the Thirteenth day of April and the evening of the Fifteenth day of April,

Easter Sunday being on the Sixteenth day of April.

Each Easter — as on each Sunday —

the Holy Church makes present the great and saving deed by which Christ has for ever conquered sin and death.

From Easter are reckoned all the days we keep holy.

Ash Wednesday, the beginning of Lent, will occur on the First day of March.

The Ascension of the Lord will be commemorated on Sunday, the Twenty-Eighth day of May.

Pentecost, the joyful conclusion of the season of Easter, will be celebrated on the Fourth day of June.

And, this year the **First Sunday of Advent** will be on the Third day of December,
making Advent the shortest it can be.

Likewise the pilgrim Church proclaims the passover of Christ in the feasts of the holy Mother of God,
in the feasts of the Apostles and Saints, and in the commemoration of the faithful departed.

To Jesus Christ, who was, who is, and who is to come, Lord of time and history,
be endless praise, for ever and ever. *Amen.*



Australia Day - Thursday 26 January

Mass will be celebrated at 9.00am.

Followed by morning tea. All welcome!



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: The 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>

CARE AND CONCERN Please contact the Parish Office on 3262 2859.

VOLUNTEERS NEEDED

We are looking for volunteers to join our Children’s Liturgy Team. The ministry is open to all over the age of 18. (A blue card will be organised for you if you do not already have one). Each session is run by two adults, one to facilitate and the other to assist. You will only be needed once or twice a term and not at all in school holidays.

No experience necessary. Session content is provided. If you would like to assist please email: clayfield@bne.catholic.net.au or phone the parish office on 3262 2859.



In our prayers we remember



Those who have died recently:

Angie Sturges, Junie Phelan, June Blanshard, Maria Fernandes, Allan Metcalf

And those whose anniversaries occur about now:

Fr Francis O'Connell, John O'Brien, Ismael Limas, Restituta Limas, Eric O'Hagan, Philip Collins, Sue McSweeney, Peter Stephenson, Craig Andrews

Those who are sick:

Carmel Elms, Helen Orosz, Trevor Simpson, 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, Eileen Clarke, Rob Bruce, Mel Purwo, Hellen Passente, Philomena L'Hiullier.

IS GOD'S WILL IN YOUR WILL?

Including the church in your Will teaches others about giving back to God for the blessings He has given you.

With your wishes expressed in a Will, the ministries of St Agatha's Parish can be blessed.

Your gift can also impact our parish in perpetuity by supporting our parish endowment fund.

Contact the Catholic Foundation at 3324 3200 for more information or call the parish office.



THANK*YOU!



On behalf of the Clayfield St Vincent De Paul Society we want to pass on our sincere thanks for your support for the SVDP Christmas Appeal. The SVDP were able to supply 30 hampers to people in the conference area who had no way of celebrating Christmas. Now they had presents for their children and grandchildren, and food for the table. Our administering to these families in need has been enhanced by your very generous support. Thank you all, Sara Pearce, children and families from Goodstart Early Learning Clayfield, Hamilton / Clayfield Girl Guides, St Agatha's Choir, St Agatha's School parents & students, and you our parishioners. We are indeed lucky to be assisted by all of the community. May God Bless All. - *St Vincent De Paul Society Clayfield*

CHRISTMAS RAFFLE WINNERS

Congratulations to:

Joan Warren, Donna Howard and Diane Hull.

\$890.00 was raised.

Thank you to everyone who purchased tickets.



Thank you to everyone who generously donated to the Catholic Mission Church Appeal in August.

A total of \$2,079.35 was raised from St Agatha's Parish Community.



On behalf of Mary MacKillop International, I thank you for your generous support in supplying and assisting with used stamps. During 2016 we raised approximately \$62,000.00. This has surpassed our 2015 effort, thank you to one and all. From 2001 till now our total is almost \$186,000.00!! It is through your efforts that the legacy of Saint Mary MacKillop continues in Peru today - *Sr Helen Saunders, for Sisters of St Joseph*
If you would like to contribute any used stamps please leave them at the Piety Stall or Parish Office.

DO YOU ENJOY MEETING PEOPLE? DO YOU LOVE YOUR CATHEDRAL?

DO YOU REVEL IN GOOD ART AND JUICY HISTORY?

DO WE HAVE AN OPPORTUNITY FOR YOU!

Talk with us about becoming a volunteer welcomer and/or guide at the Cathedral of St Stephen. The commitment is three hours per month on roster; booked tours according to your availability Monday to Fridays and bi-monthly meetings. The rewards are beyond measure - a wonderful opportunity to delve into the rich history, art and significance of the Cathedral and Precinct and to share it with others. Everyone you meet, greet and guide will become an ambassador for this historic architectural gem which is the mother church of the archdiocese.

Volunteering is a sure way to find friends that you didn't even know you had. An information session will be held on Wednesday 1 February 2017 at 10.30. A comprehensive five day training program will begin on Thursday 9 February 2017 and continue weekly until completion on 16 March with a celebration to follow on 23 March.

Contact the Cathedral office on 3324 3030 or e-mail cathedral@bne.catholic.net.au by

Friday 27 January if you'd like to share in this mission!

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

5.00pm

7.00am

9.00am

5.30pm

READERS:

14/15 Jan	Eric van der List Phil Zammit	Mark Burton Annette Riba	Heidi Cooper Jane Arkinstall Michael Crutcher	Life Teen Mass
21/22 Jan	Jack Williamson Ryan Smethurst	Helen Roberts Kirsty Stevens	Eileen Duncan Tim Hancock Denis Keating	Life Teen Mass

COMMUNION MINISTERS:

14/15 Jan	Jan Zammit	Paulette Archer	Volunteer	Life Teen Mass
21/22 Jan	Volunteer	Lorraine Atkinson-MacEwan	Volunteer	Life Teen Mass

ORGANISTS:

14/15 Jan	Volunteer	Volunteer	Robyn Cuming	Life Teen Mass
21/22 Jan	Volunteer	Volunteer	Catrina McPherson	Life Teen Mass

ALTAR SERVERS:

10 Dec - 22 Jan 2017	Volunteer/s	Volunteer/s	Volunteer/s	Volunteer/s
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CHILDREN'S LITURGY: Children's Liturgy resumes 29 January 2017.

SANCTUARY CARERS:

21 Jan	Beverley O'Brien
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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.



With great joy we welcome
**Archer Krebs, Molly McLaughlin and
Cianna Wright**
who will be baptised this weekend.

HAVE YOU RECENTLY MOVED?

PHONE NUMBER CHANGED?

EMAIL ADDRESS CHANGED?

Please contact the parish office, either by phone 3262 2859 or email clayfield@bne.catholic.net.au, so that we can update our parish records. Thank you.



*Am I Being
Unfair to You?*
- theme for
World Day of
Prayer 2017

BURNIE BRAE

The Burnie Brae not-for-profit community organisation at Chermside 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.



CENTENARY OF THE DAUGHTERS OF OUR LADY OF THE SACRED HEART CORINDA 1917 ~ 2017

Mass will be celebrated by Bishop Brian Finnigan, 6pm
Saturday 28 January at St Joseph's Church, Oxley Rd, Corinda.
Dinner will follow at the Sherwood Services Club, Clewley St, Corinda. Cost of dinner is \$30 per person (two course dinner with tea/coffee). Please contact the Corinda Graceville Parish Office on 3379 1534 or at corindagraceville@bne.catholic.net.au to make a booking and arrange payment. All present and past parishioners and students of St Joseph's School Corinda, OLSH School Darra and OLSH College Corinda are invited to attend the celebrations.

Readings - Third Sunday in Ordinary Time - 22 January 2017

1st Reading: Isaiah 8:23-9:3; 2nd Reading: 1 Corinthians 1:10-13, 17; Gospel: Matthew 4:12-23