



**St Agatha's**  
CLAYFIELD

# ST. AGATHA'S PARISH

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## Third Sunday in Ordinary Time - 22<sup>nd</sup> January 2017

### Readings

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

#### WEEKDAY MASSES

Monday 23 January: 6.30am  
Wednesday 25 January: 9am  
Thursday 26 January: 9am  
Friday 27 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 23<sup>rd</sup>  
SVDP Meeting 5pm Parish Office
- Tuesday 24<sup>th</sup>  
School resumes
- Thursday 26<sup>th</sup>  
Australia Day 9am Mass (followed by morning tea)
- Saturday 28<sup>th</sup>/Sunday 29<sup>th</sup>  
The Little Kings's Movement Annual Appeal

**WORLD DAY OF PRAYER**

Friday 3 March 2017



*As Jesus was walking by the Sea of Galilee he saw two brothers, Simon, who was called Peter, and his brother Andrew; they were making a cast in the lake with their net, for they were fishermen. And he said to them, "Follow me and I will make you fishers of people."*

Dear sisters and brothers,

This melting heat reminds us that we are right in the middle of summer. Even so, the lazy days of January are coming to an end. I'm sure that is the sound of the school bell that I can hear warming up — not that anything takes much warming up at the moment. Our school staff has already returned, preparing for the year ahead. Our children will join them on Tuesday, and our Prep students take the bold step of starting on Friday. We wish everyone an enjoyable and easy start to the year, and especially welcome new families to our school and parish community.

The start of the school year announces that the new year is well and truly under way. We have some important events coming in the approaching week or two. This Thursday is Australia Day. We will celebrate Mass at 9am, followed by a morning tea hosted by our community and mission council. Please come along and be part of the celebrations.

On Friday, 3<sup>rd</sup> February, we will celebrate the feast of St. Agatha (the actual date is the 5<sup>th</sup> but that will be a Sunday). St. Agatha is the patron saint of sufferers of breast cancer, and to mark the feast day, we will host a Ladies' breakfast for sufferers and people who have been touched by breast cancer. The breakfast, from 7:15am, will be held in the Presentation Centre, followed by tea and coffee in the APAC building with guest speaker Erin Heath. This will be followed by our opening year school Mass at 9am. The cost will be \$12.50 per adult and all profits will go to the "Mummy's Wish" foundation. This is our inaugural feast day event, and I hope that it will become an important community gathering for our school and parish community.

Tickets can be purchased (as of Tuesday 24 January) through Sticky Tickets at [www.stickytickets.com.au/47961](http://www.stickytickets.com.au/47961). I will provide more information next week, but for now, please keep this important community gathering free and come along to celebrate St. Agatha and offer a hand to those who are in need of our support and friendship.

*Fr. Anthony*

### The Wisdom of Pope Francis (to parents at baptisms in the Sistine Chapel - 8th January 2017)

Then ... the concert has begun! [babies cry]. It is because the babies are in a place they don't know; they have gotten up earlier than usual. One starts, gives the note and then the others "mimic".... Some cry simply because the other has cried.... Do you know that Jesus did the same? I like thinking that Jesus' first sermon in the stable was a cry, the first.... Then, since the ceremony is rather long, some cry out of hunger. If this is the case, you mothers, feel free to nurse them, without worry, completely as usual. As Our Lady nursed Jesus....

## Clayfield Conversations

Martin Scorsese's latest film, *Silence*, is about Jesuit priests in 17<sup>th</sup> Century Japan. It stars Andrew Garfield (Spiderman). In preparation for the role, Garfield undertook the Ignatian Spiritual Exercises under the guidance of Fr. James Martin, SJ. Below is an extract of an interview with Garfield by Fr. Brendan Busse published in *America Magazine*.

### Grace Enough

People make the Spiritual Exercises of St. Ignatius Loyola for a variety of reasons. Preparing to play a featured role in a Martin Scorsese film is not one you hear often, but it's probably not the worst reason. After getting to know one another briefly, we began to talk about how Andrew Garfield came to acting as a vocation and what kind of spiritual experience he brought to the Exercises. "Films were really my church," he said. "As a young kid it was movies and books; it was nothing remarkable really, just that is where I felt soothed, that is where I felt most myself...safest."

Perhaps, as he noted, a childhood love of story is not that remarkable, but then he added something that seemed to me a very Ignatian insight: "In books and movies, I was transported into myself, into the vast inner landscape of myself." St. Ignatius Loyola was similarly transported when he began writing the Spiritual Exercises. After a grave failure, wounded while foolishly trying to play the hero during a hopeless battle, with nothing like an endless newsfeed to occupy his time during a long and painful recovery, Ignatius began to read. The wounded reality of his inner life became a place of graced imagination. Ignatius' conversion began when he became sensitive to the complexity of his own interiority.

Garfield was, for lack of a better word, successful in the Exercises. "There were so many things in the Exercises that changed me and transformed me, that showed me who I was...and where I believe God wants me to be," he told me. That's about as good a retreat outcome as one can hope for. And his success should not surprise us. His training as an actor prepared him well for the dynamics of Ignatian prayer, whereby one imagines oneself within a series of biblical scenes in order to attain "interior knowledge" of God and to articulate that knowledge in a life of compassionate action and generous service. What was more surprising, what surprises him still, was falling in love. When I asked what stood out in the Exercises, he fixed his eyes vaguely on a point in the near distance, wandering off into a place of memory. Then, as if the question had brought him back into the experience itself, he smiled widely and said: "What was really easy was falling in love with this person, was falling in love with Jesus Christ. That was the most surprising thing."

He fell silent at the thought of it, clearly moved to emotion. He clutched his chest, just below the sternum, somewhere between his gut and his heart, and what he said next came out through bursts of laughter: "God! That was the most remarkable thing — falling in love, and how easy it was to fall in love with Jesus." I suddenly came to appreciate the authenticity with which he experiences the joy of love and the sorrow of its frustration, the pain of its absence. When I say that Garfield was successful in the Exercises, it is exactly this profession of love that proves the point: He falls in love with Jesus. He suffers with and for the beloved. And his compassionate suffering is given over in a vocation that intends to help others into love and out of its absence. "That's for me the beautiful agony of creating," he continued, "the beautiful agony of never being able to fully express the possibility of love and the possibility of loving as he teaches, and living as he wants us to live. My compulsion to work is this longing to express that very thing."



### 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 1<sup>st</sup> and 3<sup>rd</sup> 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](mailto: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

### *And those whose anniversaries occur about now:*

Bob Needham, Fr Francis O'Connell, John O'Brien, Ismael Limas, Restituta Limas, Eric O'Hagan

### *Those who are sick:*

Isabel Leddick, 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*



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.*

### **THE LITTLE KINGS'S MOVEMENT APPEAL - Next weekend 28/29 January**

The Little King's Movement once a year conducts a Door Knock and a Parish Appeal. The Movement caters for people with disabilities in social and spiritual activities. There is no Government funding and the Movement is staffed by volunteers. Each year the calls for their services are increasing. The Movement, though based on Catholic beliefs is truly ecumenical, and all members are welcomed and respected for their own beliefs. There is no charge for any of the services provided by the Movement. **Envelopes will be available next weekend.**

### **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](mailto: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:**

21/22 Jan	Jack Williamson Ryan Smethurst	Helen Roberts Kirsty Stevens	Eileen Duncan Tim Hancock Denis Keating	Life Teen Mass
28/29 Jan	Lauren McMullan Katrina Murphy	Mark Burton Jeanine Bygott	Volunteer Amrita Moss Don Macpherson	Life Teen Mass

**COMMUNION MINISTERS:**

21/22 Jan	Volunteer	Lorraine Atkinson-MacEwan	Volunteer	Life Teen Mass
28/29 Jan	Volunteer	Volunteer	Volunteer	Life Teen Mass

**ORGANISTS:**

21/22 Jan	Robyn Cuming	Mark Leung	Catriona McPherson	Life Teen Mass
28/29 Jan	Volunteer	Mark Leung	Robyn Cuming	Life Teen Mass

**ALTAR SERVERS:**

28/29 Jan	Volunteer/s	Volunteer/s	Volunteer/s	Volunteer/s
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**CHILDREN'S LITURGY:**

29 Jan	Jane Arkininstall & Mel Ryan			
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**SANCTUARY CARERS:**

4 Feb	Victor Podesta
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**THE CATHOLIC LEADER - COPIES ON SALE - \$2.00**

**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 3<sup>rd</sup> and 4<sup>th</sup> Sundays of the month

For bookings and further information, please phone the parish office on 3262 2859.



With great joy we welcome  
**Indiana Hicks, Hilary Horwood,  
Persephone Templeman, & Plum Templeman**  
who will be baptised this weekend.



**CHRISTMAS RAFFLE WINNERS**

*Congratulations to:*

Joan Warren, Donna Howard and Diane Hull.  
\$890.00 was raised.

**Thank you** to everyone who purchased tickets.

*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 1<sup>st</sup> Saturday morning of each month.

**HOLY LAND PILGRIMAGE**

Fr George Joseph MCBS, is leading a 14-day pilgrimage to the Holy Land from 21 May - 3 June 2017. This pilgrimage is being organised by Magi Pilgrimages and features Petra, Bethlehem, Sea of Galilee, Dead Sea, Jericho, Mt Carmel, Mt Tabor, Mt Nebo and Jerusalem. This all-inclusive pilgrimage is priced at an early bird offer of \$4,990. Reserve your seats with an initial deposit of \$500 prior to 31 January 2017. For the detailed itinerary or to reserve your seats contact Mr Rajesh George on 0422 215 855.

*Magi Pilgrimages / Phone: 03 8562 2246 / 1300 721 561*

A VOCATION VIEW: Jesus said: "Come after me and I will make you fishers of men." Today he could say: "I will make you mechanics of souls; doctors of wounded hearts, counsellors of broken families; clowns in a joyless society."  
But regardless, Come.

**Readings - Fourth Sunday in Ordinary Time - 29 January 2017**

**1st Reading: Zephaniah 2:3; 3:12-13; 2nd Reading: 1 Corinthians 1:26-31; Gospel: Matthew 5:1-12**