



ST. AGATHA'S PARISH

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Fourth Sunday in Ordinary Time - 29th January 2017

Readings

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

WEEKDAY MASSES

Monday 30 January: 6.30am

Wednesday 1 February: 9am

Thursday 2 February: 9am

The Presentation of the Lord

Friday 3 February: 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

FEBRUARY

• Friday 3rd

Breakfast to celebrate The
 Feast Day of St Agatha's
(please see enclosed flyer)

• Monday 6th

SVDP Meeting 5pm Parish
 Office

• Wednesday 8th

Community and Mission
 Council Meeting 7pm Parish
 Office

• Tuesday 21st

Finance Meeting 6pm Parish
 Office



Seeing the crowds, Jesus went up the hill. There he sat down and was joined by his disciples. Then he began to speak. This is what he taught them...

Dear friends,

As I mentioned last week, this coming Friday we will be celebrating the feast day of St. Agatha (which is actually the 5th Feb.). St. Agatha is, among other things, the patron

saint of those who suffer from breast cancer. With this in mind, we will be holding a women's breakfast (men can come along too) in the Presentation Centre, followed by a guest speak, Erin Heath, who will speak about the needs of sufferers and how we can be of assistance. Following Erin's talk, we will gather for Mass with the school community at 9am. For more details, please see the flyer which accompanies this newsletter. Please feel free to contact the parish office. We have also produced prayer cards for the feast day, and these will be available next weekend.

You may also remember that last year we raised money to support the work placement of a refugee through the MDA "Work and Welcome Program". This week, Omid started his ten week placement, which covers the parish, St. Agatha's primary school and St. Rita's College. Omid will be working in the parish on Tuesdays. This is an important initiative, and our parish is the first parish to participate in the program and the first time a tripartite arrangement has been developed with MDA. I thank you for your financial support to enable this placement to happen. Omid's story is on page two of this week's newsletter.

This week's gospel places before us the familiar text of the Beatitudes as the basic pattern of Christian life. I am grateful that our parish community is putting into action these virtues of Christian life through activities such as our breakfast on Friday and our support of refugees such as Omid. May these virtues of Christian living continue to be the mark of St. Agatha's parish community.

Finally, this weekend we welcome Fr. Orm Rush who will be regularly assisting with our weekend Masses. Fr. Orm is a world renowned theologian and teaches theology at ACU, and I am very grateful of his on-going assistance. Fr. Orm is no stranger here, and I am sure you will enjoy his homilies and his presence.

Fr. Anthony

The Wisdom of Pope Francis

A parish is a community of communities, a sanctuary where the thirsty come to drink in the midst of their journey, and a centre of constant missionary outreach. Pastoral ministry in a missionary key seeks to abandon the complacent attitude that says: "We have always done it this way". I invite everyone to be bold and creative in this task of rethinking the goals, structures, style and methods of evangelization in their respective communities.

Clayfield Conversations

MDA is an organisation which assists in the resettlement of refugees. One of their programs is the “Work and Welcome Program” which offers short-term employment placements for refugees to gain work experience. In conjunction with St. Rita’s College and St. Agatha’s Primary School, we are participating in this program during this first term. We welcome Omid among us who will be working in our parish one day per week until Easter.

Omid’s Story

Omid was born in central Iran (south of Tehran) in 1977 and is of a Persian background. As a child, Omid recalls that life in Iran was “good”. Prior to the revolution in 1979, there was a strong university culture, plenty of opportunities for work and good jobs, and people enjoyed the resulting good economic conditions. Following the revolution, life changed in Iran.

After finishing high school, where he focussed on mathematics, Omid studied an Advanced Diploma in industrial drafting. Finding it necessary to leave Iran, Omid eventually made his way to Australia where he has been granted asylum. Omid settled in Brisbane to make a fresh start and enjoy the warmth of the Queensland weather.

As with many asylum seekers, Omid has faced many risks and dangers along the way. Now safely in Australia, Omid looks forward to securing a full time job. In the long term, Omid would like to complement and extend his education from Iran, with a view to becoming a civil engineer. During his time here working across the three placements (parish, primary school and St. Rita’s), Omid aims to develop his work skills which he hopes will open the door to future prospects.

Omid says learning English is one of his biggest challenges. He is continuing to work on his language skills by watching TV and reading books. Reflecting upon his experience as a refugee, Omid believes that it is important that people be informed about the realities of life in other parts of the world, so that we can form a balanced and educated view about the vexed question of refugees and asylum seekers.

Omid’s name means “hope” in Persian and he is very hopeful that his placement here, and working in our communities, will be a wonderful opportunity for him. He is looking forward to making connections and enjoying the friendly communities of St. Agatha’s and St. Rita’s. We warmly welcome Omid and we look forward to supporting him and accompanying him over the next ten weeks.

RECONNECT 7! — Sunday, 12th February, 5:30pm

We invite all those who graduated from St. Agatha’s Primary last year, and the boys who are now in Year 7, to “reconnect” by coming along to Mass on 12th February @ 5:30pm, followed by pizza. RSVP to the parish office.

LENTEN REFLECTION GROUPS (1 March - 12 April)

“*Up From the Waters*” is the title of this year’s Lenten program. The Lenten reflection group will commence on Wednesday 1 March, 7pm Parish Office, and will continue each Wednesday until 12 April. Please call or email Parish Office if you are interested in attending. Each meeting runs for approx. 80 minutes.

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:

Bill Edge

And those whose anniversaries occur about now:

Angus Burke, Fay Treston, Bob Needham

Those who are sick:

Michael Hogan, Harry Akhil, 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.

THE LITTLE KINGS'S MOVEMENT APPEAL - This 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 available on the seats.**

ALTAR SERVING TRAINING

Fr Anthony would like to invite any children from Grades 3 to 6 that are Confirmed and would like to altar serve, to a training session on Monday 13 February at 3.30pm in the Church. If your child is interested and is able to come please email the parish office at: clayfield@bne.catholic.net.au



PREP 2018

If you have a child born between 1/7/12– 30/6/13, they are eligible to commence Prep in 2018.

All enrolment applications are to be completed on-line through our website: www.stagathasclayfield.qld.edu.au

Sibling Applications for Prep 2018 close on 17 February, 2017.

Non Sibling Applications close for Prep 2018 on **24 March 2017**, interviews usually take place in April/May, and placements offered in June.



PALMS AUSTRALIA - Palms Encounter

An experience to share this Easter and beyond. A Palms Encounter is an intimate, immersive, inter cultural experience providing insights that challenge perceptions and deepen understanding. Palms long-term volunteers guide the Encounter with our Catholic Communities in East Timor. Register now for our **2 – 14 April Encounter** and receive **\$400 off a 2nd ticket**. Call Roger on 02 9560 5333 or go to www.palms.org.au/Encounters for more.

Real encounter, real people, real exchange, real life

THE BRISBANE CATHOLIC HISTORIAL SOCIETY

will hold its Annual General Meeting at 5pm on the first Tuesday of February (7th) in the Francis Rush Centre, Elizabeth Street, Brisbane. Following, Monsignor John Grace, will speak on the History of Banyo Seminary.

Non-members welcome. 2016 BCHS Journal now available. Contact 0409 075 739 to order.

'SAFEGUARDING CHILDREN AND VULNERABLE ADULTS POLICY' STATEMENT

The Archdiocese of Brisbane holds that children and vulnerable adults are a gift from God with an intrinsic right to dignity of life, respect and security from physical and emotional harm. They are to be treasured, nurtured and protected from any harm.

SPECIAL INVITATION TO ALL SAINT JOSEPH'S STUDENTS AND FAMILIES

50th/60th Year Reunion (around 1957)

Sunday 19 March 2017

9.00am Mass at St Joseph's Church, Kangaroo Point
10.30am Meet at the Pineapple Hotel - RSVP 16 March.

For more information contact
Jeanette Ayre 3891 5659 or 0419 792 012

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

5.00pm

7.00am

9.00am

5.30pm

READERS:

28/29 Jan	Lauren McMullan Katrina Murphy	Mark Burton Jeanine Bygott	<i>Volunteer</i> Amrita Moss Don Macpherson	Life Teen Mass
4/5 Feb	Marian Nolan Eddie Foley	Rafael Chase Ruby Chase	Wilma O'Connell Trish Ryan Clare Smethurst	Life Teen Mass

COMMUNION MINISTERS:

28/29 Jan	<i>Volunteer</i>	<i>Volunteer</i>	<i>Volunteer</i>	Life Teen Mass
4/5 Feb	<i>Volunteer</i>	Helen Roberts	<i>Volunteer</i>	Life Teen Mass

ORGANISTS:

28/29 Jan	Robyn Cuming	Mark Leung	Jenny McKeon	Life Teen Mass
4/5 Feb	<i>Volunteer</i>	Mark Leung	Robyn Cuming	Life Teen Mass

ALTAR SERVERS:

28/29 Jan	Felicity Shepherd Charlotte Shepherd	<i>Volunteer/s</i>	Charlotte Corrigan Billy Crutcher	Caitlin Marshall
4/5 Feb	<i>Volunteer/s</i>	<i>Volunteer/s</i>	Bridget Birchley Kate Taylor	Sofia Lazzarini

CHILDREN'S LITURGY:

29 Jan	Jane Arkinstall & Mel Ryan
5 Feb	Eleonora Kowitz & Erin Bledsoe

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 3rd and 4th Sundays of the month

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



Are you a parent, looking to raise your children in the Catholic faith? Do you work among non-Christians? Are you

involved in a ministry in this parish? If you answered 'yes', to any of these questions, then Catholic Mission would love to see you join us at a conference in Sydney from May 15-17. **Mission: One Heart, Many Voices** will offer practical tips and insights, as well as inspiration on "going forth boldly". To find out more, visit www.mohmv.com.au or call the Brisbane office of Catholic Mission on 3336 9239.



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

LOURDES HILL COLLEGE PAST PUPILS ASSOCIATION

Lourdes Day Mass and

Annual General Meeting

Venue: Our Lady of Lourdes
Chapel ~ Lourdes Hill College

Date: Sunday 12 February 2017

Time: 2pm

(Afternoon tea to follow meeting)

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

WORLD DAY OF PRAYER

Friday 3 March 2017

Clayfield Uniting Church

170 Bonney Avenue, Clayfield

A VOCATION VIEW: A child's handful of pulled dandelions will bring joy to a mother. A small act of kindness will surprise the lonely heart. Who will bring joy and kindness today?

Readings - Fifth Sunday in Ordinary Time - 5 February 2017

1st Reading: Isaiah 58:7-10; 2nd Reading: 1 Corinthians 2:1-5; Gospel: Matthew 5:13-16