



St Agatha's
CLAYFIELD

ST. AGATHA'S PARISH

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Fifth Sunday in Ordinary Time - 5th February 2017

Readings

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

WEEKDAY MASSES

Monday 6 February: 6.30am
Saint Paul Miki & Companions
Wednesday 8 February: 9am
Thursday 9 February: 9am
Friday 10 February: 9am
Saint Scholastica

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

- **Monday 6th**
SVDP Meeting 5pm Parish Office
- **Wednesday 8th**
Community and Mission Council Meeting 7pm Parish Office
- **Sunday 12th**
P26 Mass 9am
Reconnect 7 5.30pm Mass
- **Monday 13th**
Altar Serving Training 3.30pm Church
- **Tuesday 21st**
Finance Meeting 6pm Parish Office



*Jesus said to his disciples:
"You are the salt of the earth.
You are the light of the world."*

Dear Friends,

The name "Agatha" means "the good and kind one". St. Agatha is the patron saint of breast cancer patients, martyrs, nurses, bell-makers and bell-ringers, bakers, jewellers and protectress against fire and earthquakes. As they would say in politics, St. Agatha has a vast portfolio. On Friday, we shared in a spirited and joyous celebration for St. Agatha's feast day. Over 150 people gathered for breakfast, followed by a thought-provoking presentation by Erin Heath, and then onto a joyful celebration in our church for Mass. This was an event that came together very quickly, and I would like to thank and congratulate Jane Cameron and Rosemary Greer from our parish office, Erin Bledsoe as Chair of the Community and Mission Council and Julie Kordic as President of the P&F for their energy and generosity in organising the morning. I would also like to extend my gratitude to Susan McDonald from Super Butcher, Eagle Farm for donating the breakfast eats and to Erin Heath and Tricia Steffen for donating gifts in the raffle. Thanks also to Carol Sayers and the school community for their help and co-operation. And a big thank you to all who attended and raised money for "Mummy's Wish". Given the wonderful community spirit that we experienced on Friday, my hope is that this will become an annual event to celebrate St. Agatha's feast day. To commemorate the feast day, we have some prayer cards available (this weekend the prayer cards are free! But only one please - after this weekend they will be available for purchase from our piety stall). The prayer accompanying the cards holds before God all who are sick and those who care for them. We will say this prayer at each of our Masses this weekend:

God of all strength and hope, St. Agatha, Your daughter, endured the pains of anguish and suffering. May her steadfast virtue comfort those who face the anxiety of illness and bear the distress of sickness. Give them strength to overcome every difficulty and disappointment, surround them with the tenderness of family and friends, and support them through the companionship of those who care for them. Healer of our every ill, renew us in Your Love and restore us to life. Amen. St. Agatha, pray for us.

Fr. Anthony

The Wisdom of Pope Francis

Sometimes I think the best thing that we can do for many Christians is to sell them mothballs so that they put them in their clothes and in their lives, so that they aren't eaten by moths. Many Christians are locked up, and they are going to get eaten by moths. They have to go out, they have to go and bring the message of Jesus to others; the Good News is meant to be shared, not stored away.

Clayfield Conversations

Archbishop Mark Coleridge has prepared a message for the Archdiocese this weekend which is timed to coincide the commencement of the final 3 weeks of hearings into the Catholic Church at the Royal Commission into Institutional Responses to Child Sexual Abuse. The Catholic Church will be in the spotlight for the entire three weeks. The Archbishop has recorded a video message which will be shown at all Masses this weekend (with text below) in anticipation of what will be a confronting reflection on a part of our church history, but also significantly a moment for the victims voices to again be heard and for relevant questions to be asked about ensuring the future protection of children.

Address By Archbishop Mark Coleridge

By now the Royal Commission into the institutional abuse of the young is into its fourth year. It's been a long and agonising but very important journey for the Church and for many others as well. On Monday the 6th of February, the final hearing into the Catholic Church will begin and it will go for about three weeks. It seems I will appear a number of times through that final hearing. In those weeks, the Royal Commission will try to do two things:

- It will ask the question, first of all, what has the Church learnt from the experience of the Royal Commission? What have we done on the basis of what we've learnt and what will we do in the future? That's a very important question.
- Secondly, the Royal Commission will ask what were the cultural factors that led to the abuse in the Church and to the mishandling of the abuse by Church leaders? That, too, is a very important question because it's not enough to change procedures and protocols. That has to happen.

But we have to shift the culture. And that's a much more difficult thing to do. So, that's why that second question – what were the cultural factors – is again a very important one.

Through these three weeks there will be some grim moments and there will be some shocks, inevitably. But there will also be a chance to tell a better story of what has been done and what is being done now and what will be done in the future to ensure that the future is very much better than the past. We say this is the final hearing into the Catholic Church but, in fact, there will be a story to be told beyond the final hearing. The Commission will present its report at the end of the year and that will be important.

But it will also have a long tail. The journey will continue long after the final report has been published. So, I invite all of you to join me on the journey through the three weeks of this final hearing and the journey that stretches before us beyond that, so that together we can do everything possible to ensure a better future for the Church; a better future particularly for young people; and even more particularly for those who have survived abuse. That justice and healing may be done to them. So, a better future for them and for the whole of society as well.

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:

Avril Niemeyer, Bill Edge

And those whose anniversaries occur about now:

Daphne Mellor, Helen Richards, Les, Arthur & Myrtle Brumpton, Jack McBride, Sr Marcella Claffey, Angus Burke, Fay Treston

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.

GOOD READS FROM ST AGATHA'S LIBRARY

Our library at the back of the church holds many biographies – lives of the saints, religious and ordinary people who have achieved interesting goals in life or served their fellow human beings well.

Why not look at our display and sign one of these out for the next four weeks!

ST AGATHA'S PARISH P26 MASS - 12 FEBRUARY 9.00AM

All children in Grades Prep to Year 6 are invited to participate in our next P26 Mass which will be at 9am on Sunday 12 February. At the Mass, children are asked to do the readings, bring the gifts to the Altar, collecting, altar serve and welcome people as they arrive. If your child/children would like to participate please phone the

Parish office on 3262 2859 or email: clayfield@bne.catholic.net.au by no later than Monday 6 February.



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 HISTORICAL 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.

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

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:

4/5 Feb	Marian Nolan Eddie Foley	Rafael Chase Ruby Chase	Wilma O'Connell Trish Ryan Clare Smethurst	Life Teen Mass
11/12 Feb	Jack Williamson Ryan Smethurst	Andrew Douglas Anne O'Connor	St Agatha's P26 Mass	Life Teen Mass "Reconnect 7"

COMMUNION MINISTERS:

4/5 Feb	<i>Volunteer</i>	Helen Roberts	<i>Volunteer</i>	Life Teen Mass
11/12 Feb	Eddie Foley	Paulette Archer	Erin Bledsoe	Life Teen Mass

ORGANISTS:

4/5 Feb	<i>Volunteer</i>	<i>Volunteer</i>	Robyn Cuming	Life Teen Mass
11/12 Feb	<i>Volunteer</i>	Mark Leung	Robyn Cuming/ Paul Fiumara	Life Teen Mass

ALTAR SERVERS:

4/5 Feb	<i>Volunteer/s</i>	<i>Volunteer/s</i>	Bridget Birchley Kate Taylor	Sofia Lazzarini
11/12 Feb	<i>Volunteer/s</i>	Joey Douglas	P26 Mass	Caitlin Marshall

CHILDREN'S LITURGY:

5 Feb			Eleonora Kowitz & Erin Bledsoe	
12 Feb			No Children's Liturgy - P26 Mass	

SANCTUARY CARERS:

18 Feb	Beverley O'Brien
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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.

HOLY SPIRIT PARISH - NEW FARM

invites applications for the part-time position of Administration Assistant (12 hours per week)

The position is available immediately.

Applications close on 8 February 2017.

Full position description is available from:

The Parish Priest at Holy Spirit Parish
16 Villiers Street, New Farm 4005. Ph 3358 3744 or
email newfarm@bne.catholic.net.au



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)

WORLD DAY OF PRAYER

Friday 3 March 2017

Clayfield Uniting Church
170 Bonney Avenue, Clayfield

MARCH FOR LIFE 2017

If ever there was a time to stand up for life, it's now.

Please come and join us as we "March for Life".

When: Saturday February 11 at 3.00pm

Where: Start assembling from 2.30pm in Queens Gardens (corner of George, Elizabeth and Williams Streets in the CBD)

Why: State politicians are poised to vote on decriminalisation of abortion just days after the march

What's Provided: March organisers will provide all signs and banners – please just bring yourselves, family and friends

More info: www.marchforlife.com.au

Sign the e-petition to Qld Parliament via this shortcut URL:

<http://www.cherishlife.org.au/petition>

Readings - Sixth Sunday in Ordinary Time - 12 February 2017

1st Reading: Sirach 15:15-20; 2nd Reading: 1 Corinthians 2:6-10; Gospel: Matthew 5:17-37