



# ST. AGATHA'S PARISH

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**Office Hours:** Monday - Friday: 8.00am to 12.30pm and 1.30 pm to 4.30pm  
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**School Principal:** Mrs Carol Sayers **APRE:** Mr Nick Fogarty

**Outside School Hours Care Coordinator:** Ashleigh Stacpoole

## Sixth Sunday in Ordinary Time - 12<sup>th</sup> February 2017

### Readings

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

#### WEEKDAY MASSES

**Monday 13 February:** 6.30am  
**Wednesday 15 February:** 9am  
**Thursday 16 February:** 9am  
**Friday 17 February:** 9am

#### WEEKEND MASSES

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

Rosary before Mass.

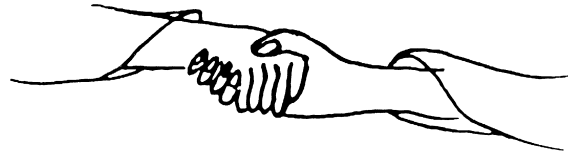
#### Parish Calendar

#### **FEBRUARY**

- **Monday 13<sup>th</sup>**  
Altar Serving Training 3.30pm  
Church
- **Tuesday 21<sup>st</sup>**  
Finance Meeting 6pm Parish  
Office
- **Monday 20<sup>th</sup>**  
SVDP Meeting 5pm Parish  
Office

#### **WORLD DAY OF PRAYER**

Friday 3 March 2017  
10.00am  
Clayfield Uniting Church  
170 Bonney Avenue,  
Clayfield



Jesus said to his disciples:

"If you are about to place your gift on the altar and remember that someone is angry with you, leave your gift there in front of the altar. Make peace with that person, then come back and offer your gift to God."

Dear friends,

After the untarnished delivery of the statistics of child abuse within the Catholic Church at the Royal Commission this past week, it is difficult to know what to say. Perhaps an sombre unnerved disquiet is the most appropriate response. The statistics covered the period between 1950 and 2010. There has been sufficient coverage of the raw data without needing to go over it again; it is important to remember that every statistic represents a human life irrevocably changed. In response to the data, Francis Sullivan, CEO of the Truth, Justice and Healing Commission which liaises between the Catholic Church and the Royal Commission, addressed the Hearing:

*It is a history that must be told and reckoned with. These numbers are shocking, they are tragic and they are indefensible. And each entry in this data, for the most part represents a child who suffered at the hands of someone who should have cared for and protected them. And let's not forget the ripples of the abuse also felt by their family, friends and carers. These secondary victims need not only to be acknowledged but to be tangibly supported and compensated for the impact on their lives.*

Notwithstanding the fact that the average period of time to report abuse is more than thirty years, the figures do show a substantial drop off of reported cases in recent decades. Being involved in Catholic Education, I absolutely believe that our schools are as safe as any educational environment. Being involved in seminary formation, I know that substantive efforts have been made to improve the quality and depth of human development in our future priests. Being involved in parish communities, I know that a number of protocols and processes have been established which serve to raise our awareness of our common responsibilities in regard to child protection. This searing experience of the Royal Commission is important because facing our difficult and troubling history is the first step in walking towards a safer and more faithful future.

*Fr. Anthony*

#### The Wisdom of Pope Francis

We must ask the Lord for two graces. The first: to know what is in our own heart, not to deceive ourselves, not to live in deceit. The second grace: to do what is good in our hearts and not to do the evil that is in our hearts. Why is speaking ill of another a sin? Because there is hatred in my heart, not love. We must always ask for this grace: to know what is happening in our heart, to constantly make the right choice, the choice for good.

## Clayfield Conversations

In these days of the final examination of the Royal Commission into the Catholic Church, this reflection by Fr. David Ranson, Vicar General of the diocese of Broken Bay, and one of the experts appearing at the Commission sessions, offers us some hope for a way forward. It comes from his book, *The Paschal Paradox*.

### The Quality of Grief

This story is one about a Zen monk in Japan: *The emperor had an absolutely magnificent vase that was ancient and intricately beautiful. One day someone let the vase fall and it split into millions of fragments. The fragments were gathered up and the best potter in the land was called to reassemble the vase. He came but failed. He paid for his failure by losing his head. The emperor called the next best potter and he also failed. This continued for weeks until, finally, all the best artists in the land had died, having failed to reassemble the broken, beautiful vase. There was only one artist left, an old Zen monk who lived in a cave in the mountains. He had a young apprentice. He came and collected all the fragments himself and brought them back to his workshop. For weeks and weeks he worked until, finally, the vase was there again. The apprentice looked at it and thought how beautiful it was. The two of them made the journey to the city and brought the vase into the palace. The emperor and all his courtesans beamed in admiration at the beauty of the reassembled vase. The old Zen monk was graciously rewarded. He and his young apprentice went back to their cave in the mountains. Then, one day, the young apprentice was looking for something and unexpectedly came upon the fragments of the vase. He ran into his master: "Look at all the fragments of the vase. You never assembled them at all. How did you make a vase as beautiful as the ancient one that was broken?" The old master said, "if you do the work that you do from a loving heart, then you will always be able to make something beautiful."*

Spiritual leadership begins in a climate of grief: grief for what has been lost, grief for what could be but which negative forces obstruct. The Lutheran scripture scholar, Walter Brueggemann, in his landmark work, *The Prophetic Imagination*, describes the prophet as the one in society who articulates the grief of the people. People are wounded, people are hurting, people experience a profound hunger. But this wound, or hunger or grief is lulled, and, at worst, denied by an ethos that can promise the situation is otherwise if one only subscribes to its logic - the logic of consumerism, of individualism, of success, of youth and glamour, for example - or even of military and economic imperialism. The genuinely spiritual voice is the one that has resisted the seduction and seen it for what it is: an empty promise, an illusion peddled out of self-interest and greed. The spiritual voice is the one, awake and alive, that gives back to people their hunger, their wound, their grief. It is the voice that has listened ever so deeply, reverently and attentively to the true situation of people and spoken out a word in which people can recognise their truth. The spiritual voice speaks out a word which, because it captures the truth of people, seizes their imagination and invites them into a new way of living, and onto a pathway which will not rob them of their humanity but which offers them fresh and constructive means of living out their humanity with one another. The truly spiritual voice does not condemn. Rather, it invites, it opens up new vistas, new horizons for the imagination. It does not tell people what they should be doing. It invites them to wonder how they could be. The spiritual leader thus acts like the creator of the new vase in the Zen story. In love, it gathers the fragments and generates something new and altogether beautiful.

### 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.

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

### 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.

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<https://www.facebook.com/aggiesyouth>



### INVITATION - ST AGATHA'S YOUTH MINISTRY (AGGIES YOUTH)

We would love to have new members with new ideas to continue to provide a connection for the young people of the Parish. If you are over 18 please consider attending our next meeting on

**Tuesday 28 February** at 6.45pm at the Parish Office.

As it happens to be Shrove Tuesday (the day before Ash Wednesday) you will be able to enjoy pancakes too!!!



## *In our prayers we remember*



### *Those who have died recently:*

Brian Sullivan, Neil Betts, Avril Niemeyer

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

Fr Vincent Rowan, Fr Brendan Dooley, Agatha Archer, Daphne Mellor, Helen Richards, Les, Arthur & Myrtle Brumpton, Jack McBride, Sr Marcella Claffey

### *Those who are sick:*

Savita Chhaniyara, Shilla Solgama, 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.

## **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](mailto: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](http://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.

## **CHERISH LIFE**

Last year, MP Mr Rob Pyne succeeded in passing a motion to have two abortion bills debated together on the first Wednesday evening sitting of 2017. The debate on the two bills could begin as soon as February 15. One of the bills allows abortion till 24 weeks for any reason, but after this gestational date a second doctor's opinion is called for. This is simply a ruse as there are no penalties in place should a second doctor's opinion not be sought. A law with no penalty is no law at all. Cherish Life Queensland and other pro-life organisations encourage you to take on any and/or all of the following action points:

- \* make an appointment to see your state MP and explain your opposition to more permissive abortion laws.
- \* if you cannot see your MP, write him/her a handwritten letter.
- \* write to Premier Anastasia Palaszczuk and LNP Leader Tim Nicholls.

Sign the e-petition to Qld Parliament via this shortcut URL: <http://www.cherishlife.org.au/petition>.



**ST AGATHA  
PRAYER CARDS**  
now available for sale at  
the Piety Stall - \$1.00 each.



**ASH WEDNESDAY (1 MARCH) MASSES**  
6.30am and 9.00am

*Welcome*

This weekend we welcome Fr John Grace,  
Rector of Holy Spirit Seminary Banyo,  
for the 5pm and 7am Masses.

## **SPECIAL INVITATION TO ALL SAINT JOSEPH'S STUDENTS AND FAMILIES**

50<sup>th</sup>/60<sup>th</sup> 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

## **DATE CLAIMER Caritas Kitchen**

Sunday 19 March following the 5.30pm Mass



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

**5.00pm**

**7.00am**

**9.00am**

**5.30pm**

## READERS:

11/12 Feb	Jack Williamson Ryan Smethurst	Andrew Douglas Anne O'Connor	St Agatha's P26 Mass	Life Teen Mass "Reconnect 7"
18/19 Feb	Phil Zammit Eric van der List	Sister Cecily Aleira Egan	Heidi Cooper Michael Crutcher Jane Arkinstall	Life Teen Mass

## COMMUNION MINISTERS:

11/12 Feb	Eddie Foley	Paulette Archer	Erin Bledsoe	Life Teen Mass
18/19 Feb	Jan Zammit	Paulette Archer	Volunteer	Life Teen Mass

## ORGANISTS:

11/12 Feb	Volunteer	Mark Leung	Robyn Cuming/ Paul Fiumara	Life Teen Mass
18/19 Feb	Volunteer	Mark Leung	Catriona McPherson	Life Teen Mass

## ALTAR SERVERS:

11/12 Feb	Volunteer/s	Joey Douglas	P26 Mass	Caitlin Marshall
18/19 Feb	Felicity Shepherd Charlotte Shepherd	Volunteer/s	Xavier Coorey	Sofia Lazzarini

## CHILDREN'S LITURGY:

12 Feb	No Children's Liturgy - P26 Mass
19 Feb	Julie Kordic and Ewa Marino-Cebulski

## SANCTUARY CARERS:

18 Feb	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 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.

## KEDRON CATHOLIC PARISH

invites applications for the casual position of  
*Sacramental Coordinator* (10 hours per week)  
For full job description, email [kedron@bne.catholic.net.au](mailto:kedron@bne.catholic.net.au).  
Applications close on 3 March 2017.

## THE CATHOLIC LEADER COPIES ON SALE - \$2.00

**CATHOLIC SCHOOLS GUIDE 2017**  
Copies of the Catholic Schools Guide 2017  
are available on the table at the back of the church.

A VOCATION VIEW: God in his wisdom predestined our glory before the ages began. Some people he predestines to be priests or religious - might you be one of them? Listen to the call!

## 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. 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*

## 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.



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

**Readings - Seventh Sunday in Ordinary Time - 19 February 2017**

**1st Reading: Leviticus 19:1-2, 17-18; 2nd Reading: 1 Corinthians 3:16-23; Gospel: Matthew 5:38-48**