

St Agatha's

CLAYFIELD

ST. AGATHA'S PARISH

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Fifth Sunday of Easter - 14th May 2017

Readings

1st Reading: Acts 6:1-7; 2nd Reading: 1 Peter 2:4-9; Gospel: John 14:1-12

WEEKDAY MASSES

Monday 15 May: 6.30am
Wednesday 17 May: 9am
Thursday 18 May: 9am
Friday 19 May: 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

MAY

- Monday 15th / Tuesday 16th
Sacramental Preparation
(First Communion)
Parent Information Night
6.30pm APAC - St Agatha's School
- Monday 15th
Catholics Returning Home
7.30pm Parish Office
- Saturday 20th / Sunday 21st
Sacramental Preparation
Rite of Enrolment at any Mass
Saturday 5pm;
Sunday 7am, 9am, 5.30pm
- Monday 22nd
SVDP Meeting 5pm Parish Office



*"Do not let your hearts be troubled.
Trust in God still, and trust in me.*

There are many rooms in my Father's house."

Dear friends,

The Fifth Sunday of Easter provides a rich array of readings. The first reading describes some of the tensions in the fledgling church and its response as it begins to organise itself and establish what we would later understand as a leadership structure. The seven named in the reading provide a parallel to the Twelve. It is interesting to note that they were appointed to "serve at table". This involved distribution of food to widows and/or the keeping of records of the distribution. The Second Reading from Peter provides a bridge between Christianity as a Jewish sect and Christianity as a community growing in self-awareness of its own particular vocation. In this chapter of Peter's letter, the young community is applying to itself designations applied to Israel. It is a clear marker of a generation of transition.

The gospel is a familiar one, as the first part is frequently used for Christian funerals. In this context, however, the emphasis of the gospel is based in the search for faith. Thomas asks for directions. Phillip asks for a sign. In a list of frequently-prayed prayers throughout the course of Christian history, no doubt prayers for direction and prayers for signs would be in the top handful. In any case, the answer to both Thomas' and Phillip's question is Jesus. In response to Thomas' query about "knowing the way", Jesus replies, "I am the way!" In response to Phillip's suggestion that Jesus might like to show them a sign, Jesus replies (in a rather irritated fashion), "I am the sign!" These two questions are not unfamiliar to us. Every believer, at some point, would like to know more clearly "the way". Every believer, at some stage, seeks greater certainty. Believers follow, not one who has answers to our every question, but ultimately the One who is the answer to our every question. We are called into relationship with this One and follow believers. By following, we discover the way. By searching, we recognise the sign. As St. Augustine observed so many centuries ago, we believe so that we might understand.

Fr. Anthony

The Wisdom of Pope Francis

The Gospel is very clear: we need to go back to see Jesus risen, and to become witnesses of his resurrection. This is not to go back in time; it is not a kind of nostalgia. It is returning to our first love, in order to receive the fire which Jesus has kindled in the world and to bring that fire to all people, to the very ends of the earth.

Clayfield Conversations

Fr. Anthony is away walking the ancient pilgrimage route of the Camino in Spain.
Below is his fourth report of his journey.

Step by Step along The Way (Week 4)



Last Sunday was Mother's Day in Spain. Happy Mother's Day in Australia for this Sunday. We are continuing our westward march towards Santiago de *Compostela* and entering into a final week. Some days have been tough and exhausting; others, easy and (relatively) relaxing. It is interesting how a 16km walk can quickly come to feel like a stroll in the park. Every day is different – every hour is different along the Way. As we have travelled along, many things have come to mind. Some of these thoughts will take a little while to mature, but as we turn towards our destination, three things in particular are crystallising for me: the rhythmic freedom of pilgrimage; the gift of companionship; the necessity of surrendering. These hold true, not only for the Camino, but also for the pilgrimage of life as well.

It is surprising for me how easily the routine and concerns of the life have vanished away. The things that occupy my everyday living now feel very far away. It won't take long to return to normal with a thud, but that's not the point. Distance gives us perspective and that is what the rhythmic freedom of pilgrimage is all about. We enter into a different mode of existence, a different way of being, if only for a short time, and the narrow confines which control our thoughts and imagination melt away. At least, when we return home, we will carry with us the memory that other ways of "thinking" and "seeing" are possible, and that is what the rhythmic freedom of pilgrimage provokes. Each day, we get up and walk, but with a certain sense of freedom to concentrate on one thing – the day's journey ahead. In normal mode, we can look too far ahead in life, as if all things depend on us. The rhythmic freedom of pilgrimage deepens a sense of providential care. My hope is that this deepened sense will remain with me beyond the journey's end.

I am grateful for the gift of companionship. Some of the people that I am walking with have been close friends for a long time, others I know well, one or two I hadn't meet until the beginning of the walk. One of my sisters and brother-in-law have now joined us for the last week of the trek. Sometimes these sorts of journeys can be claustrophobic and smothering, but there has been a great spirit of freedom and companionship among this group. We begin each day's walk together, but soon spread out, quickly establishing our own rhythm and pace, sometimes walking alone or with others, meeting up somewhere along the way, and then arriving at our next destination in our time. The evening meal becomes the place to share war stories, experiences, sights, and prepare for the next day. This experience of companionship makes me grateful for all who have shared my walk across a whole lifetime.

Finally, there is the necessity of surrender. Weather is the one thing that we have no control over – and we have encountered most things that the weather can throw at us (barring extreme "weather events", of course – although we did have a hail storm the other night). If the day's journey requires a walk in the rain or the heat, then that is simply what is necessary to do. If you leave something behind, lose something along way, break something (hopefully not a bone), then you simply must make do as best you can. If a hill needs to be climbed, or worse, descended (believe me, going downhill is often more dangerous and painful), then you must follow the path ahead. This is not a form of passivity, but a surrendering. Passivity leaves you unaffected by what is happening around. Surrendering, on the other hand, requires involvement - leaving aside the need to be in control or dominate your environment or others. I am learning that "surrendering" is an active participation in and formation of life's circumstances. So with these thoughts, onward to Santiago! Again, happy Mother's Day.



FURNITURE NEEDED

The St Vincent de Paul Society is presently very low in furniture stock. If anyone has any furniture, especially beds, in reasonable condition, that are no longer required, please contact the SVDP depot at Lawnton on 1300 551 894 to arrange for it to be picked up.

Centenary of St Joseph's School Cordina Saturday 27 May 2017

Past pupils, parents, staff and the present community are invited to join in celebrating this event. The day begins with Mass at 10:30am followed by festivities in the school grounds: food vans, rides, open classrooms, memorabilia, entertainment by past and present students.
pcorinda@bne.catholic.edu.au

In our prayers we remember



Those who have died recently:

Dan McCluskey

and those whose anniversaries occur about now:

Elizabeth Stewart, Andrew Collier, Ross McKenzie, Monsignor John English

Those who are sick:

Paul Gaynor, 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, 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'Huillier.

STRENGTHEN THE HOUSEHOLD OF FAITH

Jesus asks us to demonstrate our love for Him through our generosity to others. In our everyday lives, He calls us to share our gifts. "Amen I say to you, whatever you did for one of these least brothers of mine, you did for me." (Matthew 25: 40). Please consider a gift in any amount given through your Will to strengthen our Parish.

For more information about how you can leave a legacy to St Agatha's Parish, call the Catholic Foundation at 3324 3200 or call the parish office.

CATHOLICS RETURNING HOME - ST AGATHA'S CLAYFIELD

Monday 15 May 7.30pm to 9pm at St Agatha's Parish Office, 52 Oriel Road.

For more information, please contact Lisa on 0418 734 147

ST AGATHA'S PARISH SACRAMENTAL PROGRAM - 2017

(For all children in Year 4 that have been Confirmed)

First Holy Communion

Weekend of **17/18 June**: Saturday 5.00pm; Sunday 9.00am and 5.30pm

Sunday 25 June (9am Mass only)

Parent Information Evening: 15 & 16 May, 6.30pm, APAC St Agatha's School

(N.B. Parents need only attend one of these sessions)

Rite of Enrolment: 20/21 May at any Mass: Saturday 5.00pm; Sunday 7.00am, 9.00am & 5.30pm

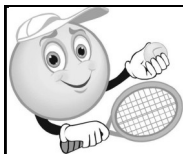
LIFE TEEN MASS - Sunday 5.30pm

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>



INVITATION - YOUNG ADULTS SOCIAL CATCH-UP

This year join in Aggies Youth series of social catch-ups for 18-35's.

The first event is a FREE Social Tennis afternoon.

BYO racquet. You do not have to be an expert. You can even be a spectator!

When: Sunday 21 May | **Where:** 69 Reeve St. Clayfield (Ascot S/S Tennis Courts)

Time: 3pm - 4.30pm | Afternoon tea provided | RSVP to Ewan: 0423 452 011

SEE YOU THERE



A PRAYER FOR MOTHERS

We pray for young mothers, who give life and count toes and tend to our every need;
May they be blessed with patience and tenderness to care for their families and themselves with great joy.

We pray for our own mothers who have nurtured and cared for us;

May they continue to guide us in strong and gentle ways.

We remember mothers who are separated from their children because of war, poverty, or conflict;

May they feel the loving embrace of our God who wipes every tear away.

We pray for women who are not mothers but still love and shape us with motherly care and compassion.

We remember mothers, grandmothers, and great-grandmothers who are no longer with us but who live forever in our memory and nourish us with their love. Amen.

This weekend we welcome Fr Orm Rush for the 5pm & 9.00am Masses and Fr John Grace for the 7am & 5.30pm Masses.

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

5.00pm

7.00am

9.00am

5.30pm

READERS:

13/14 May Eddie Foley Kate O'Neill St Agatha's P26 Mass Life Teen Mass
Ann Goves Anne O'Connor

20/21 May Graham Gibson James Robinson Denis Keating Life Teen Mass
Julie-Anne Gibson Annette Riba Don Macpherson
Amrita Moss

COMMUNION MINISTERS:

13/14 May Deborah Hall Paulette Archer Volunteer Life Teen Mass
20/21 May Volunteer Lorraine Atkinson-MacEwan Erin Bledsoe Life Teen Mass

ORGANISTS:

13/14 May Volunteer Volunteer Jenny McKeon/ Paul Fiumara Life Teen Mass
20/21 May Volunteer Mark Leung Jenny McKeon Life Teen Mass

ALTAR SERVERS:

13/14 May Felicity Shepherd Volunteer/s P26 Mass Tia Manuel
Charlotte Shepherd Alex Oliveri

20/21 May Volunteer/s Lachlan Hinneberg Bart Marino Caitlin Marshall
Billy Crutcher Sharon Mathew
Amelia Marino
Daniel Benjamin

CHILDREN'S LITURGY:

14 May No Children's Liturgy - P26 Mass
21 May Katrina Murphy & Naoko Leotta

SANCTUARY CARERS:

20 May Beverley O'Brien

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.

Congratulations to

Elliot Carr and Emily Plucknett who were married this weekend.



CATHEDRAL OF ST STEPHEN invites applications for the part-time position of Parish Administration Assistant (2 days per week, one of which must be a Friday; 8.30am to 4.30pm)

For a copy of the position description please email hroffice@bne.catholic.net.au

Applications close on Friday 26 May. Start date will be in early July 2017.

CATHOLIC PSYCHIATRIC PASTORAL CARE invites you to the **Thirtieth Anniversary of Catholic Psychiatric Pastoral Care** and the **Annual St Dymphna's Day Celebrations**

Saturday 27 May 2017

A Healing Mass with the Sacrament of Anointing of the Sick will be Concelebrated at 10.00am in St Patrick's Church, 58 Morgan Street, Fortitude Valley.

This event is the CPPC Annual Donation Day. For more information contact: CPPC 3252 5461.

ANNUAL RACING MASS

will be held at Our Lady Help of Christians Church, Manson Road, Hendra - Sunday 4 June 2017, 11.00am. Light refreshments will be served after Mass. All welcome.

CORPUS CHRISTI PROCESSION

Procession through the city streets led by the Archbishop Sunday 18 June 2.00pm St Stephen's Cathedral | Elizabeth Street, Brisbane.

For parish bus schedule and more information:

www.corpuschristibrisbane.com

MAY IS DOMESTIC and FAMILY VIOLENCE PROTECTION MONTH



All Hallows' School Open Day

Sunday 28 May 2017

Time: 11.00am

www.ahs.qld.edu.au



OPEN DAY

Sun 21 May 11am-2pm
padua.qld.edu.au

Readings - Sixth Sunday of Easter - 21 May 2017

1st Reading: Acts 8:5-8, 14-17; 2nd Reading: 1 Peter 3:15-18; Gospel: John 14:15-21