

St Agatha's

CLAYFIELD

ST. AGATHA'S PARISH

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Fourth Sunday of Easter - 7th May 2017

Readings

1st Reading: Acts 2:14, 36-41; 2nd Reading: 1 Peter 2:20-25; Gospel: John 10:1-10

WEEKDAY MASSES

Monday 8 May: 6.30am
Wednesday 10 May: 9am
Thursday 11 May: 9am
Friday 12 May: 9am

WEEKEND MASSES

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

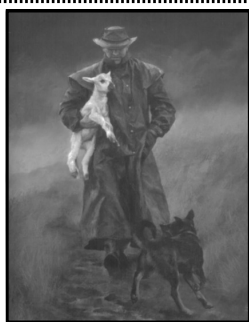
Rosary before Mass.

Parish Calendar

MAY

- Monday 8th
SVDP Meeting 5pm Parish Office
- Monday 8th
Catholics Returning Home 7.30pm Parish Office
- Wednesday 10th
Community and Mission Council Meeting 6.30pm Parish Office
- Sunday 14th
P26 Mass 9.00am

MAY IS DOMESTIC and
FAMILY VIOLENCE
PROTECTION MONTH



*Shepherd, seek the sheep that strayed!
Come to contrite Peter's aid!
Strengthen him to be the rock;
Make him shepherd of your flock! (James Quinn)*

Dear friends,

The Fourth Sunday of Easter is traditionally known as "Good Shepherd Sunday". Every year the gospel reading focuses our attention on the image of Christ the Good Shepherd. This gospel reading draws upon two images: Jesus is the "shepherd" and the "gate". There is some confusion in the text and the distinction between the shepherd and the gatekeeper is not readily apparent. The reason for the Pharisees confusion at the use of the image is not explained, but presumably it has something to do with Jesus' point about perceiving (or not) the voice of the shepherd. It should also be remembered that the previous chapter also contains the story of the man born blind which was read on Fourth Sunday of Lent. A similar scenario happens in that story, as the Pharisees reject the testimony of the formerly blind beggar and throw him out of their midst.

In the imagery that Jesus paints, the "sheep" are on the move. The shepherd calls his sheep by name and leads them out. The "sheep" who respond "come in" and "go out" and find pasture. The Messianic Shepherd is one who leads the sheep. This is exodus imagery. One of the central moments in the sacred memory of the Israelites is enacted in the person of Jesus. The followers of Christ are led out and discover a far richer pasture than they previously imaged. The role of the Messianic Shepherd is to lead Israel on its ultimate journey of exodus and liberation.

This is also the story of the individual and collective Christian journey. We are not called to settle in one place – where that be a spiritual place, emotional place, sentimental place or geographical place. The task of the individual disciple and church as a whole is to be part of a constant pilgrimage. We follow the voice of the Shepherd, who goes ahead of us. He leads us out of whatever traps us, whatever hinders us from embracing the way of the Kingdom. This is true for the individual believer. It is also true for the church. While it is tempting to be comfortable where we are, and however alluring it is to imagine a glorified past, this gospel firmly places us on the road of pilgrimage. The Shepherd is on the move and we must decide if and how we follow. Listening is the key to knowing the way. *Fr. Anthony*

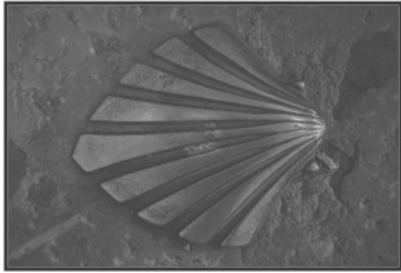
The Wisdom of Pope Francis

We cannot live Easter without entering into the mystery. It is not something intellectual, something we only know or read about... It is more, much more! "To enter into the mystery" means the ability to wonder, to contemplate; the ability to listen to the silence and to hear the tiny whisper amid great silence by which God speaks to us.

Clayfield Conversations

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

Step by Step along The Way (Week 3)



The city of León, in north-western Spain, has become our base, as we steady ourselves for the next two or so weeks of almost continuous walking. Being spring time, the weather is variable and we have faced a gamut of conditions: cold, the remnants of snow, fog, gales, rain and sun. We were concerned that we might be blown off the Pyrenees by the withering force of the chilling wind but we crossed safely – but I was badly in need of moisturiser to repair my otherwise glowing skin! We did hear that the next day, they (whoever “they” are) closed the crossing because someone nearly coming to grief due to the high winds.

The winds were followed by rain: constant, steady and drenching. It is actually quite freeing to walk in the rain. It is something that you can get away with as a child, but as an adult, it seems slightly absurd. Absurd or not, and certainly no more absurd than walking across the mountains in the face of the Arctic winds, there was nowhere to escape. All that it was possible to do was to water-proof our belongings as best you could and walk on. The rain in Spain falls mostly on everything. The wet made for an interesting descent on the slippery, rocky track. Most of the group felt that this was the most difficult day so far, but I didn’t mind it so much. Perhaps it is the child within me.

The wet day was followed by a delightful stay at a country farmhouse in Akerreta and which, apparently, was featured in the movie, “The Way”. Warm food and warm company were an excellent remedy for a trying day. The next day’s trip into Pamplona was a pleasant relief – a steady walk and warm, sunny weather.

Pamplona is famous for the *encierro* (“the running of the bulls”). The *encierro* is part of the week long St. Fermin festival. It is fascinating how, in this part of the world, religious and civic festivals have common roots, with the result that prayer and party combine to form a cultural marriage of sorts – and “the party” becomes the breadwinner. As an example, I came across this description of the *Sanfermin* festival: “On feast day of *Sanfermin* (the patron of Pamplona), 7th July, there is an important procession in his honour around the old part of the city. It is to this saint that the runners in the morning of the “Running of the Bulls” sing a hymn to implore his protection just before the bulls are released onto the streets. However, the partying and other events in fiestas do not have any religious character.” I wouldn’t doubt that the fiestas have no religious character, but it is a vivid example of how religion and culture are blended in the European imagination. One wonders how Europe can turn away from Christianity without losing its cultural bearings, as well as its spiritual ones.

The first week of the Camino has been an excellent experience. The changes in scenery and conditions have been more constant than I imagined – the next corner can reveal changing styles of walking tracks (rocky, gravel, sealed, leaf-covered) and different terrain (wooded areas, mountaintop views, river walks). The Camino is intended to be a spiritual journey and the rhythm of walking can be meditative and reflective. At this stage, my greatest spiritual response is gratitude. I hope that I will continue to be grateful in the days ahead, when I am standing in more rain, staring at the walking track ahead as it ascends towards a high peak, and find myself asking, “Remind me again, why am I doing this?”

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.

ST RITA’S 50 YEAR SCHOOL REUNION

The 1965 Junior and the 1967 Senior classes have organised a Buffet Luncheon to be held at St. Rita’s College Clayfield on Saturday 3 June 2017.

If you are interested in attending this special reunion, please contact Diana Wilson - phone 33595646 or email margdiwilson@bigpond.com.

RSVP: 15 May 2017.

Centenary Celebrations of first Apparition of Our Lady at Fatima | Saturday 13 May 2017

Our Lady of Victories Church, Bowen Hills
Beginning at 4pm: Exposition with prayer and devotions.
7.15pm Holy Mass followed by the rosary, Fatima prayers and candlelight Eucharistic procession.
Overnight adoration until 8am Sunday Mass.
Visit: [facebook.com/BowenHillsParish](https://www.facebook.com/BowenHillsParish)

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, Esther Condon

and those whose anniversaries occur about now:

Ross McKenzie, Monsignor John English

Those who are sick:

Brenda Brodie, 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 8 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 7.00am, 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 1 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>

Music at St Rita's College presents the

ST AGATHA'S CONCERT

Thursday 11 May | 6.30pm - 7.30pm | St Agatha's Church

Featuring Nano's Chorale, St Rita's Voices, Show Choir and Clarinet Ensemble.

With a special performance by the Queensland Conservatorium Clarinet Choir.

Gold coin donation entry



WORLD DAY OF PRAYER FOR VOCATIONS - 7 May

Today the Church asks each of us to pray for, or to consider a vocation to the priesthood or consecrated life. Each person in the community has a role to play in encouraging vocations – whether by prayer, encouragement or personal suggestion. The Pope, in his Letter for today, tells us 'There is no room for fear!'

May each one of us be fearless in praying for, and promoting more vocations.

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 1st Saturday morning of each month.

This weekend we welcome Fr Paul Chandler for the 5pm & 5.30pm Masses and Fr Or Rush for the 7am & 9am Masses.

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

5.00pm

7.00am

9.00am

5.30pm

READERS:

6/7 May	Jack Williamson Cate Barrett	Rafael Chase Ruby Chase	Eileen Duncan Peter Gilroy Tim Hancock	Life Teen Mass
13/14 May	Eddie Foley Ann Goves	Kate O'Neill Anne O'Connor	St Agatha's P26 Mass	Life Teen Mass

COMMUNION MINISTERS:

6/7 May	Eddie Foley	Helen Roberts	Volunteer	Life Teen Mass
13/14 May	Deborah Hall	Paulette Archer	Volunteer	Life Teen Mass

ORGANISTS:

6/7 May	Volunteer	Mark Leung	Catriona McPherson	Life Teen Mass
13/14 May	Volunteer	Volunteer	Robyn Cuming/ Paul Fiumara	Life Teen Mass

ALTAR SERVERS:

6/7 May	Milla Brady	Joey Douglas	Xavier Coorey Dominic Coorey Milly Ryan	Caitlin Marshall Eve Ryan Claire Ryan
13/14 May	Felicity Shepherd Charlotte Shepherd	Volunteer/s	P26 Mass	Tia Manuel Alex Oliveri

CHILDREN'S LITURGY:

7 May			Ewan McPherson & Susan DeMedici	
14 May			No Children's Liturgy - P26 Mass	

SANCTUARY CARERS:

20 May	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 3rd and 4th Sundays of the month

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

**St Agatha's Parish P26 Mass
Sunday 14 May 9am**

All children in Grade Prep to Year 6 are invited to participate in our next P26 Mass which will be at 9am next Sunday 14 May. 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 8 May.

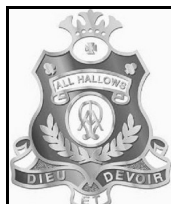


We invite you to pray for, or consider registering to attend: **Mission: One Heart, Many Voices**
<http://mohmv.com.au/2017conference/>

The fourth Sunday of Easter is known as 'Good Shepherd Sunday'. This is because, every year, the gospel reading is on this theme. It is fitting that a gospel passage in which we hear Jesus declare: "I have come so that they may have life and have it to the full" not only celebrates His presence in our lives as the Good Shepherd but is also the theme for Catholic Mission's annual Propagation of the Faith appeal. As the official agency for Mission and Evangelisation, we help those who shepherd the flock, in more than 1100 dioceses, across 160 countries, including Australia. But Catholic Mission also has a part to play in helping each of us take on the role of shepherd, through empowering, equipping and enabling. This is what the *Mission: One Heart, Many Voices* conference will be all about on May 15-17: helping those who attend become a 'gate', through which they can lead others to a fuller life, in the same way Jesus modelled for his disciples. Please pray for the success of this event.

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



All Hallows' School Open Day
Sunday 28 May 2017
Time: 11.00am
www.ahs.qld.edu.au



Readings - Fifth Sunday of Easter - 14 May 2017

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