

St Agatha's

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ST. AGATHA'S PARISH

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Sixth Sunday of Easter - 21st May 2017

Readings

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

WEEKDAY MASSES

Monday 22 May: 6.30am
Wednesday 24 May: 9am
Our Lady, Help of Christians
Thursday 25 May: 9am
Friday 26 May: 9am
Saint Philip Neri

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 22nd
SVDP Meeting 5pm Parish Office
Catholics Returning Home
7.30pm Parish Office
• Saturday 27th/ Sunday 28th
Sacramental Preparation
Presentation of the Lord's Prayer at any Mass
Saturday 5pm;
Sunday 7am, 9am, 5.30pm
Rite of Enrolment
this weekend for First
Communion candidates...

50 DAYS FOR OUR DELIGHT: FOR CHRIST IS RISEN AS ALL THINGS
TELL. GOOD CHRISTIAN, SEE YE RISE AS WELL. ☼☼☼

Dear friends,

The first reading traces the story of Phillip whom we met in the first reading last week. The persecution which claimed the life of Stephen has scattered the young Christian community. Phillip, who was appointed to "serve at table" becomes Luke's example of what Christian preaching can do in the lives on people. Joy is the clear marker of the acceptance of the gospel.

The letter of Peter provides some practical advice to Christians in difficult circumstances. A few verses later, although not included in this reading, the author mentions the waters of the baptism. Some scripture scholars have suggested that the whole of the First Letter of Peter is a homiletic address to those who are about to be baptised. In any case, the practical advice is pertinent to any believer. The author is clear that the ethics and behaviour of followers of Christ is meant to set them apart. We should always be ready to give an account of the hope that is within us. Hope is one of the three great Christian virtues. Could it be said of Christians today that hopefulness is a clear and indelible mark on our character? Would anyone ask us what is the reason for the hope they see in us? Believers do need to be "good news", and to be seen to be "good news", in the world around us.

The gospel for this sixth Sunday of Easter is more a preparation for the weeks that follow than a "stand alone" narrative. Hearing the words of Christ, we are being prepared for the feasts of the Ascension, Pentecost and Trinity Sunday. However, in a sense, this gospel places before us a key aspect of the Paschal Mystery. The yearly cycle of the Easter season renews us in faith. This faith is meant to have an effect on the way in which we live our lives. Jesus urges us to live in his commandants of love by deepening our sense of communion with the mystery of Trinitarian love. As God is a community of love, so too are we called to live this community here and now. By entering into this communion of love we live the Easter mystery every day.

Fr. Anthony

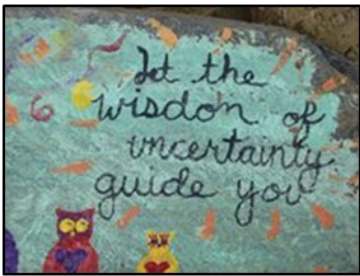
The Wisdom of Pope Francis

The world needs men and women who are not closed in on themselves, but filled with the Holy Spirit. Closing oneself off from the Holy Spirit means not only a lack of freedom; it is a sin. There are many ways one can close oneself off to the Holy Spirit: by selfishness for one's own gain; by rigid legalism; by neglect of what Jesus taught... However, the world needs the courage, hope, faith and perseverance of Christ's followers.

Clayfield Conversations

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

Step by Step along The Way (Week 5)



I write this two days out from completing our journey at Santiago de Compostela. By the time that you read this, we will have crossed the finishing line and celebrated the Pilgrims Mass at the Cathedral. I will leave the experience of crossing the finishing line until next week, but for now, here are some more reflections which have emerged along the way.

A few days ago, a few of us were walking through one of the many villages that you come across along the way. One of the dilapidated houses which litter the path had been remodelled into a hospitality space by an Australian (a Spanish Qantas lounge of sorts). I don't know the story of how this came to be, but outside was a series of inspirational messages. It is not unusual to be greeted by the thoughts of previous pilgrims along the way, but these "Leunigesque" words caught my eye (The photo was taken by one of my walking companions). The quote simply says, "Let the wisdom of uncertainty guide you." This quote has become something of a discussion point among the group; for some the quote resonated with their spirituality, and for others, it made no sense.

For me, it brought to mind two quotes: one from St. Augustine and the other from Anne Lamott. Firstly, St. Augustine: "We are talking about God. What wonder is it that you do not understand? If you do understand, then it is not God." And then, some centuries later, Anne Lamott added, "The opposite of faith is not doubt, but certainty." The point is not that we are all drifting along in a great sea of spiritual opaqueness, but that all of us, in one form or another, are involved in this great pilgrimage of faith. Faith is not starting out with all the answers and plodding your way through. Faith is simply life one step at a time. We can't know, and we don't know, all lies ahead with any certainty. This is true of the Camino – all the maps are wrong! But this is also true of life.

One of the great lessons of the Camino for me has been letting go of any thought of control. The Camino is foreign territory in almost every way. I wouldn't know if I were lost or not, and if I were lost, I wouldn't be able to explain to someone where I was so that I could be found. In the real world, we like to have our days – our lives – "mapped out" under the illusion that we are in control. We are not, and the disappearance of the illusion of control is a humbling experience.

This final week has seen an explosion of pilgrims. The path is packed with a grand collection of humanity, walking the Way for various reasons, at their own pace and style. I have witnessed a blind person being led through sharp hilltops, toddlers toddling, fathers pushing strollers, the young striding out, the old keeping a steady speed, all amid an increasing sea of pilgrims ranging from believers to people whose motivations remain obscure even to them.

I can't clearly remember the scene from the movie, "The Way," in which Martin Sheen undertakes the journey with his son's ashes, but at one point, he is asked why he is walking the Camino. Martin Sheen's character replies something along these lines, "I am not doing this because I am religious, but because I am a human being." Every face I see, I think of that line. I hope that the most religious of us, are also the most uncertain of us; not in a sense of dizzying confusion, but with a steadiness of step that is open to the way ahead in all its glorious uncertainty.

ST AGATHA'S PARISH CARE & CONCERN MINISTRY – VOLUNTEERS NEEDED

We would like to put together a register of volunteers for the re launch of our Care & Concern ministry.

We desperately need drivers who can assist on occasion to commute those in our parish to appointments. We would ideally like to have at least 6 drivers available to share the load. We would also like to provide short term assistance with meal provision to parishioners of all ages when the need arises. If you would like to add your name to our register in either capacity or you would like any further information please contact the Parish Office.



WOULD YOU LIKE TO EXPERIENCE CAMBODIA FROM THE BACK OF A BIKE?

Take part in Catholic Mission's fundraising ride through the rice-fields and villages of Cambodia, from November 15-26. Along with the 9 participants already confirmed, including Wilcannia-Forbes Bishop Columba Macbeth-Green, you will have a chance to not only see the beauty of Cambodia, and meet its people, for yourself but also to encounter some of the life-changing work being supported by the Catholic Church. Please consider being part of this unique opportunity – we would love to have you riding with us.

Call our Brisbane office on 3336 9239 for more details or for a FREE information pack.

In our prayers we remember



Those who have died recently:

Eileen McSweeney

and those whose anniversaries occur about now:

Fleming & Molly Hickey, Maurice Griffin, Ray & Bell Logan, Ethel Wallin, Elizabeth Stewart, Andrew Collier

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

For more information, please contact Lisa on 0418 734 147

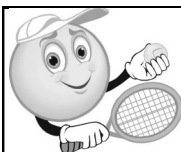
ST AGATHA'S PARISH SACRAMENTAL PROGRAM - 2017

(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)



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: This 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

With great joy we welcome
Izabelle Denman
and
Sydney Gough
who will be baptised this Sunday.

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

CORPUS CHRISTI FLOWER GIRLS

The Corpus Christi Committee are looking for girls aged 10 to 18 to take part in the Corpus Christi procession Sunday 18 June as flower girls. Girls will need to wear a white dress or a black skirt and white blouse. Limited places. If interested please contact Catherine on 0431 117 139 or at catherinemcdowall@hotmail.com by Tuesday 6 June.

NATIONAL WEEKEND for MEN MAX17 UNLESS

THIS A MUST ATTEND EVENT FOR MEN hosted and run by menALIVE.

The menALIVE MAX 17 weekend is an **Annual National Catholic Men's Conference Event.**

Now in its 14th year. It is not just a conference of presentations but a comprehensive experience.

The theme this year is "UNLESS". The material and experience on the weekend is all NEW to previous years and comprehensively different to the parish weekends run nationally.

When: 7.30 pm Friday 14 July to 2 pm Sunday 16 July 2017

Where: St Leo's Catholic College, University of Queensland, Brisbane

Cost: from \$245 per person includes 2 nights' accommodation 6 meals and a great event.

Register Now!! Contact: mail@menalive.org.au /Peter Carrigan - 0404 496 405 /Robert Falzon - 0412 745 734

Few brochures available on table at the back of the Church.

This weekend we welcome Fr John Grace for the 5pm & 5.30pm Masses and Fr Orm Rush for the 7am & 9.00am Masses. We also welcome back Tom Zaranski (5pm), Damien Everitt (7am) and Matthew Hasking (9am).

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

5.00pm

7.00am

9.00am

5.30pm

READERS:

20/21 May	Graham Gibson Julie-Anne Gibson	James Robinson Annette Riba	Denis Keating Don Macpherson Amrita Moss	Life Teen Mass
27/28 May	Marian Nolan Lauren McMullan	Andrew Douglas <i>Volunteer</i>	Joseph O'Brien Wilma O'Connell Trish Ryan	Life Teen Mass

COMMUNION MINISTERS:

20/21 May	<i>Volunteer</i>	Lorraine Atkinson-MacEwan <i>Volunteer</i>	Erin Bledsoe Amrita Moss	Life Teen Mass Life Teen Mass
27/28 May	<i>Volunteer</i>			

ORGANISTS:

20/21 May	Mark Leung	<i>Volunteer</i>	Jenny McKeon	Life Teen Mass
27/28 May	<i>Volunteer</i>	<i>Volunteer</i>	Catrina McPherson	Life Teen Mass

ALTAR SERVERS:

20/21 May	<i>Volunteer/s</i>	Lachlan Hinneberg	Bart Marino Billy Crutcher Amelia Marino Daniel Benjamin	Caitlin Marshall Sharon Mathew
27/28 May	<i>Volunteer/s</i>	<i>Volunteer/s</i>	Charlotte Corrigan Xavier Coorey Dominic Coorey	Sophia Lazzarini Max Lazzarini

CHILDREN'S LITURGY:

21 May			Katrina Murphy & Naoko Leotta	
28 May			Jane Cameron, Giulia Coorey, Michelle Wille	

SANCTUARY CARERS:

3 June	Victor Podesta			
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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.

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.

MAY IS DOMESTIC and FAMILY VIOLENCE PROTECTION MONTH

AUSTRALIAN CATHOLICS

Magazine (Winter 2017 issue) is now available. Please take a copy home.

THE EPISCOPAL OFFICE invites applications for the full-time position of Executive Assistant to the Auxiliary Bishops. To obtain a copy of the position description and salary information please email: hroffice@bne.catholic.net.au Applications close Sunday 28 May 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.



YOU ARE CORDIALLY INVITED to...

an exclusive premiere screening of the newest DC film, 'Wonder Woman', to help raise funds for a real life 'wonder woman', Sr Mary Goretti. Proceeds from this night will support Sr Mary's life saving work at the St Luke Bujuni Health Clinic in Uganda and other projects around the world, including Cambodia.

Date: 1 June 2017 | Time: 6:15 arrival for a 6:45pm start

Venue: Palace Cinemas Barracks, 5-61 Petrie Terrace, Brisbane City

Tickets: \$30 per person + booking fee (tickets sold online)

This price is inclusive of a small donation, popcorn, soft drink/water and choc top. Book online by May 22.

www.eventbrite.com.au/e/wonder-woman-premiere-tickets-34451637776

Enquiries please contact Jessica Laidler donorrelationsbne@catholicmission.org.au

Readings - The Ascension of the Lord - 28 May 2017

1st Reading: Acts 1:1-11; 2nd Reading: Ephesians 1:17-23; Gospel: Matthew 28:16-20