

# ST. AGATHA'S PARISH

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St Agatha's

CLAYFIELD

## Twelfth Sunday in Ordinary Time - 25<sup>th</sup> June 2017

### Readings

1st Reading: Jeremiah 20:10-13; 2nd Reading: Romans 5:12-15; Gospel: Matthew 10:26-33

### WEEKDAY MASSES

**Monday 26 June:** 6.30am  
**Wednesday 28 June:** 9am  
*Saint Irenaeus*  
**Thursday 29 June:** 9am  
*Saints Peter and Paul*  
**Friday 30 June:** 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

#### JUNE

• Monday 26<sup>th</sup> - Friday 7<sup>th</sup>

#### July

School Holidays

#### JULY

• Monday 3<sup>rd</sup>

SVDP Meeting 5pm Parish Office

• Sunday 16<sup>th</sup>

NET Encounter Day



Dear friends,

Again, this Sunday, we welcome 18 of our children to the Table of the Lord for the first time at our 9am Mass. We continue to hold all of our children and families who have celebrated First Communion in recent weeks before God and ask God to be near to them in a special way during this time. Again, my thanks to all who have helped prepare these children for this special celebration.

Next year is a significant milestone for our parish community as it will mark 100 years since the first Mass was celebrated and first educational outreach was established within the parish community. While I have been away, both the Community and Mission Council (formerly the Pastoral Council) and the Finance Council have been working away on plans to mark this important occasion. Very soon, we will be able to announce our plans for a variety of celebrations and opportunities to festively mark this milestone. I hope that it will be a great occasion to remember, give thanks and look to the future. If you are in contact with former parishioners, you might like to mention to them that the centenary of the parish is approaching next year, and to keep an ear out for news of important celebrations.

While not everyone will want to be part of the planning of these occasions, I hope that most parishioners will find a way to contribute to the various festivities in different capacities. We will be asking for your support and assistance as the centenary year unfolds, and I am sure that we will be able to rely on your generosity and good will. There will be much to look forward to and many avenues to contribute.

We will have an opening soiree to kick-start the centenary year in the coming months, and when all the details have been finalised, we will be announce a list of dates and initiatives we will hold to celebrate 100 years of the presence of the Catholic community in Clayfield. I am sure that it will be an exciting year, and given the amount of energy and enthusiasm that has already been on display in these preliminary planning days, I am confident that it will be a year of great joy, thanksgiving and renewal for whole parish community.

Fr. Anthony

### The Wisdom of Pope Francis

The spirit of forgiveness resolves everything in harmony, and leads us to reject every other way: the way of hasty judgement, the cul-de-sac of closing every door, the one-way street criticizing others. Instead, the Spirit bids us to take the two-way street of forgiveness received and forgiveness given, of divine mercy that becomes love of neighbour, of charity as the sole criterion by which everything must be done or not done, changed or not changed.

## Clayfield Conversations

This week's reflection comes from Michael Wright, reflecting on the second anniversary of the publication of Pope Francis' encyclical, *Laudato Si: On Care of Our Common Home*. It was originally published on the *National Catholic Reporter* website and below is an edited version of the article.

### **“Laudato Si” at 2: Have Francis' words been taken seriously?**

It's been two years since the release of “*Laudato Si*, on Care for Our Common Home,” the first encyclical in the history of the Catholic Church to focus on ecology and care for creation. Yet in those two years, the appreciation for this document among the Catholic faith community is not entirely evident. Nor is the gravity of the social and environmental issues about which Pope Francis so eloquently exhorts, including the exploitation of natural resources, our “‘throwaway’ culture of consumerism,” and climate change — a grave issue that is already impacting the lives of millions worldwide. Two years later, care for creation is highlighted as an important aspect of Catholic social teaching within environmental justice organizations. Sadly, however, it seems not much has really changed when it comes to “mainstream” Catholics. While there has been acknowledgement by some in the church that care for the environment is a “life” issue, the full body and its most visible structures have yet to truly recognize this connection. As Francis pointed out in his encyclical, the environment needs to be protected in order to protect life itself. Furthermore, he makes clear that not caring for God's creation is tantamount to sin. It's like the strange dichotomy that I heard in a homily once: It is hard to believe that a hospital that performs abortions can in one room save a life, and in another take it. Likewise, Catholics seem inconsistent in respecting human life and yet opposing, or simply being indifferent to, protecting the very systems that sustain life. In fact, destruction of the environment is metaphorically like unplugging a medical life-support system.

Could it be that it's possible to take the words of Francis too seriously? Could it be that it doesn't matter if we destroy our air, water and forests for the sake of the jobs and the economy? Or that the intrinsic value of creation and its connection with life can be ignored for our own selfish interests or those of big business? I doubt that the pope intended for his encyclical to be simply good bedtime reading. Rather, it is to be taken seriously in its call for each of us, including our leaders, to respect life by respecting the environment and protecting it for future generations. If we as Christians call ourselves “pro-life,” then we must necessarily be *pro-creation*. Climate change in particular is a grave issue that now requires urgent action after years of uninformed neglect, indifference and active defiance. As Francis stated, “The climate is a common good, belonging to all and meant for all. At the global level, it is a complex system linked to many of the essential conditions for human life” (*Laudato Si*, 23). Our dependence on fossil fuels is fundamentally impacting God's creation, putting at risk the life-sustaining environment on which all life depends. “The pace of consumption, waste and environmental change,” the pope explains, “has so stretched the planet's capacity that our contemporary lifestyle, unsustainable as it is, can only precipitate catastrophes, such as those which even now periodically occur in different areas of the world. The effects of the present imbalance can only be reduced by our decisive action, here and now” (*Laudato Si*, 161). Protecting the environment is, in fact, one of the key tenets of Catholic social teaching that has its roots in Scripture in the calls to do unto others as to ourselves, to love thy neighbor, to feed the hungry and care for the poor, and to promote the common good. In caring for our environment, and particularly the climate, we not only help protect it for ourselves but also for our children and those most vulnerable — from those suffering the ravages of extreme weather in our own country, to those already suffering from drought, flooding and famine elsewhere in the world. If all we care about are our own interests, including living high-consumption lifestyles, then we are shortchanging our brothers and sisters who depend on a healthy environment for their very survival.



Congratulations to all the children receiving their First Holy Communion at the 9am Mass this weekend.



### **RELAUNCH of ST AGATHA'S PARISH CARE & CONCERN MINISTRY**

This service is provided for individuals in our community who require short term assistance with transport and meal provision. Complete anonymity is granted to those wanting to make use of this service. See brochures on seats or at the rear of the church. Everything will be co-ordinated through the Parish office. Phone: 3262 2859 or email: [clayfield@bne.catholic.net.au](mailto:clayfield@bne.catholic.net.au)

### **INVITATION – YOUNG ADULTS SOCIAL CATCH-UP**

Following on from our Aggies Youth Social Tennis afternoon in May we will be hosting PUTT-PUTT at Victoria Park. This event is for ages 18-35. New faces are very welcome.

When: Sunday 23 July | Where: 309 Herston Rd. Herston | Time: 7.00pm (after 5.30 pm Mass)

COST: \$19 each. Food can be purchased at the bar. RSVP to Joel 0438 241 524 or [joelgperkins@hotmail.com](mailto:joelgperkins@hotmail.com)

## *In our prayers we remember*



### *Those who have died recently :*

Jill Pozzi, Wayne Pierce, Robert Chinn, Maxine Macrossan, Margaret O'Brien, Oleg Golikov

### *Those whose anniversaries occur about now:*

Len Moynihan, Hugh McBride, Eileen Brumpton

### *Those who are sick:*

Alexandra Manning, Kahyam Baines, Lorraine Atkinson-McEwen, Camille Butler-Storms, Mary Ann Marcelo, 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

### **LEAVE YOUR LEGACY**

Are you wondering how you can make a lasting gift to St Agatha's Parish? Naming the parish in your Will, after taking care of your loved ones, can make a meaningful and profound gift to our parish. Gifts can be made to the parish or designated to our perpetual endowment fund. By learning more about these and many other giving options, you can create a legacy of giving to your parish community.

To learn more please contact the Catholic Foundation at 3324 3200 or call the parish office.



### **SVDP WINTER APPEAL**

The St Agatha's SVDP Conference will be conducting its Winter Appeal during June/July.

Envelopes will be placed on the church seats. The Conference visits people in a large area from Pinkenba to Bowen Hills, assisting families and single people, with food vouchers, clothing and furniture. Any donations will be gratefully appreciated. Please use the envelopes provided.

If paying by cheque, please make it payable to "*St Agatha's Clayfield SVDP Conference*".

Thank you on behalf of the people that the SVDP assist.

With great joy we welcome *Louisa King and Charlie Wallace* who will be baptised this Sunday.

### **'SAFEGUARDING CHILDREN AND VULNERABLE ADULTS POLICY' STATEMENT**

The Archdiocese of Brisbane holds that children and vulnerable adults are a gift from God with an intrinsic right to dignity of life, respect and security from physical and emotional harm.

They are to be treasured, nurtured and protected from any harm.

#### **VOCATIONS NOVENA**

#### **(V9) Prayer Campaign 2017**

Nine weeks of prayer for vocations in the  
Archdiocese of Brisbane  
11 June - 6 August 2017

#### **VOCATION BRISBANE | ARCHDIOCESE OF BRISBANE**

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*Prayer for the  
Novena are  
available on table at  
the back of Church.  
(business card size)*

### **HOLY LAND TOUR 2018**

12 Days from Sunday 28 January to Thursday 8 February 2018:

Following inspirational tours over the last several years, Fr Paul Chackanikunnel, CMI, Parish Priest of Mother of Mercy Parish, Hendra, Northgate and Hamilton, formerly Our Lady Help of Christians Parish, Hendra, will once again lead a pilgrimage to the Holy Land in January/February next year, his last pilgrimage for the foreseeable future due to parish commitments. You are invited to join a remarkable journey through the Holy Land, following in the footsteps of Christ, the Apostles and the early Christians. Fr Paul would very much like others to experience the Holy Land in the profound and meaningful way previous groups have experienced it. A fascinating 12 day tour combining visits to all the important sacred Christian sites in Bethlehem, Nazareth, Galilee and Jerusalem with other historical attractions will provide unforgettable experiences of the Holy Land. For further information please contact Fr Paul on 0428 624 287, Monica in the Parish Office on 3268 3040 (email: [hendra@bne.catholic.net.au](mailto:hendra@bne.catholic.net.au)) or Harvest Journeys on 1800 819 156 (visit [harvestjourneys.com](http://harvestjourneys.com)).

**DATE CLAIMER :** Aggies Youth will be holding a NET ENCOUNTER DAY again this year for young people in years 6, 7, 8 and 9 on Sunday 16 July. SAVE THE DATE! More details on flyer.

"Everyone who acknowledges me before others I will acknowledge before my heavenly Father."  
Matthew 10:32

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

**5.00pm**

**7.00am**

**9.00am**

**5.30pm**

**READERS:**

24/25 June Cate Barrett Kirsty Stevens First Communion Life Teen Mass  
Jack Williamson Mark Burton Candidates

1/2 July Graham Gibson Andrew Douglas Peter Gilroy Life Teen Mass  
Julie-Anne Gibson Andrew Douglas Tim Hancock  
Eileen Duncan

**COMMUNION MINISTERS:**

24/25 June Ann Goves Helen Roberts Volunteer Life Teen Mass  
1/2 July Ann Goves Volunteer Amrita Moss Life Teen Mass

**ORGANISTS:**

24/25 June Volunteer Volunteer Jenny McKeon Life Teen Mass  
1/2 July Volunteer Mark Leung Robyn Cuming Life Teen Mass

**ALTAR SERVERS:**

24/25 June Volunteer/s Volunteer/s Volunteer/s Volunteer/s  
1/2 July Volunteer/s Volunteer/s Volunteer/s Volunteer/s

**CHILDREN'S LITURGY:**

25 June No Children's Liturgy - School Holidays  
2 July No Children's Liturgy - School Holidays

**SANCTUARY CARERS:**

1 July Victor Podesta

Do you share your Catholic faith with others? Do you defend your Catholic faith or do you remain silent when the situation arises?  
Do you pray in public before meals? Pray for the strength and courage to be a joyful witness of our Catholic faith when the opportunity presents itself.

**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.

First Holy Communion cards are for sale on card stand, just outside piety stall

*This weekend we welcome year 6 students from Holy Spirit Seminary, Banyo:  
Tom Zaranski, Damien Everitt and Matthew Hasking.*

Congratulations to all our students who are celebrating the reception of Holy Communion at the 9am Mass this weekend. I know that you will remember them in your prayers, and ask God to bless them on their journey. Peace to you and your families, *Carol Sayers, Principal*

**POSITION VACANT – PARISH ADMINISTRATION ASSISTANT**

Applications are open for a position at the Zillmere Catholic Parish. A person with excellent administration and secretarial skills is required for a part time position of parish administration assistant for 24 hours a week.

**POSITION VACANT – ADMINISTRATION ASSISTANT**

Applications are open for a position at the Holy Spirit Seminary at Banyo. A person with excellent administration and secretarial skills is required for a part time position of Administration Assistant 2 days a week.

For additional information please visit the Archdiocese of Brisbane website <https://brisbanecatholic.org.au/> and to careers.

*The Archdiocese of Brisbane has standards of conduct for employees and volunteers to maintain a safe and healthy environment. Our commitment to these standards requires that we conduct background referencing for all persons who will engage in direct and regular involvement with children, young people and/or vulnerable adults.*

**YOU ARE INVITED**

Mrs Carol Sayers and the staff of St Agatha's School invite you to celebrate the retirement and long service to our community of **Miss Bernadette Keating** on

Thursday 27 July | 2pm Mass at St Agatha's Church.

After Mass you are invited for afternoon tea in the Presentation Centre

RSVP: Friday 21 July | Phone: 3326 9222 | [pclayfield@bne.catholic.edu.au](mailto:pclayfield@bne.catholic.edu.au)



**Readings - Thirteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time - 2 July 2017**

**1st Reading: 2 Kings 4:8-11, 14-16; 2nd Reading: Romans 6:3-4, 8-11; Gospel: Matthew 10:37-42**