

# ST. AGATHA'S PARISH

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## Pentecost Sunday - 4<sup>th</sup> June 2017

### Readings

**1st Reading:** Acts 2:1-11; **2nd Reading:** 1 Corinthians 12:3-7, 12-13; **Gospel:** John 20:19-23

### WEEKDAY MASSES

**Monday 5 June:** 6.30am

*Saint Boniface*

**Wednesday 7 June:** 9am

**Thursday 8 June:** 9am

**Friday 9 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 5<sup>th</sup>

SVDP Meeting 5pm

Parish Office

##### • Tuesday 6<sup>th</sup>

Sacramental Preparation

*Workshop 5pm & 7pm*

*APAC St Agatha's School*

##### • Wednesday 14<sup>th</sup>

Community and Mission

Council Meeting 7pm Parish

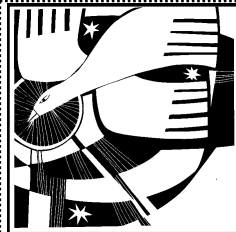
Office.

### FIRST HOLY COMMUNION

*June 17th 5pm*

*June 18th 9am & 5.30pm*

*June 25th 9am*



*When Pentecost day came round, the apostles had all met in one room, when suddenly they heard what sounded like a powerful wind from heaven, the noise of which filled the entire house in which they were sitting; and something appeared to them that seemed like tongues of fire; these separated and came to rest on the head of each of them. They were all filled with the Holy Spirit, and began to speak foreign languages as the Spirit gave them the gift of speech.*

Dear friends,

We use the term "spirit" in all sorts of ways. We talk about human spirit, or national spirit, or school spirit or community spirit; we talk about being in good spirits, or our spirits being low. We get told to lift our spirits, we talk of spirited performances on the sporting field, and we get encouraged to show some spirit. Our secular world seems to like speaking about spirit quite a lot. It is some recognition that we human beings are more than skin and bone. There is more going on inside us than our biology. There is more going on in our world than simply one thing after another. The way we use the word "spirit" shows that we have an instinct that there is something much more mysterious going on than we care to admit.

The Holy Spirit is the mysterious sense that inspires us, encourages us, comforts us and strengthens us. As Pope Francis said of Pentecost, "the Spirit made the Apostles go forth from themselves and turned them into heralds of God's wondrous deeds, capable of speaking to each person in his or her own language.... Jesus wants followers who proclaim the good news not only with words, but above all by a life transfigured by God's presence."

We can sometimes mistakenly think that the Holy Spirit is like some kind of electric charge, that zaps us. But the Spirit is at work in us in much more subtle ways. In the Acts of the Apostles we learn that where the Spirit of God is active in our lives in a number of ways. We are told God's Spirit gives us: a boldness to stand up for what we believe; the ability to hear and listen and to make choices and decisions; the courage to break through the fear that locks us in on ourselves; a confidence and hope that ultimately God's love saves us; the strength to follow Jesus' commandment to love; a clarity about what's good and true and beautiful and real; and a feeling of an 'at homeness' with God'. Today, on this Feast of Pentecost, Christ breathes on us again and says, "Receive my gift. Receive my spirit."

*Fr. Anthony*

### The Wisdom of Pope Francis

The Holy Spirit teaches us, reminds us, and lets us speak, with God and with people. There are no muted Christians, mute of soul; no, there's no place for this. The Holy Spirit lets us speak with God in prayer. Prayer is a gift that we freely receive; dialoguing with him in the Holy Spirit, who prays in us and allows us to address God, calling him Father, Dad, Abba; and this is not merely an "expression" but a reality: we truly are children of God.

### Step by Step along The Way (Week 7)



I am now in Leuven, about 30kms outside Brussels in Belgium. I am here with 32 others from Catholic Education in Queensland for a two week intensive on Catholic identity in Catholic schools. This is a joint project which has been undertaken between the Catholic University in Leuven and many dioceses in Australia for some years now. The project attempts to address some of the issues that diminishing church practice has upon the nature and character of our Catholic schools. There are no simple answers to all this, but at least the Leuven intensive provides a framework for understanding the effects of secularisation upon the members of our school communities.

The Catholic University of Leuven (Katholieke Universiteit Leuven) is the oldest continuing Catholic university in the world. Founded in 1425, it is now Belgium's largest university. History is always complicated in this part of the world, and the university has gone through many variations: closed by the French in the 18<sup>th</sup> century, re-opened in the 19<sup>th</sup> century, bombed, burnt during two world wars, and then, in the second half of the 20<sup>th</sup> century, the university split into two autonomous universities: one French-speaking and the other Dutch-speaking. Thankfully, nothing quite as dramatic as these turns of history has happened (so far) during our stay, but let's not tempt fate.

The library of the university is a heritage library of the Belgium government. One of the highlights for me during this past week was a guided tour of the historical section of the library, where the 14<sup>th</sup> century Anjou Bible is kept. It is a beautifully and skilfully illustrated bible with remarkable medieval calligraphy. It originated from the Royal Court of Naples and is truly a masterpiece of style and design. Although almost seven centuries old, the colours are still vibrant and the gold still gleams as if it was created yesterday. It was an honour to be shown this splendid work, still in excellent condition, despite its moth-eaten pages and missing scenes which had been souvenired over time. It is a miracle that a work such as this has survived into the 21<sup>st</sup> century.

Over the next week here in Leuven, we will continue to consider simple but challenging questions, such as, "What does it mean to say that a school is Catholic today?" given the declining rate of practicing Catholics. Maybe something of our thinking can be framed by the experience of viewing the Anjou Bible. The Church carries an ancient treasure, yet it is a treasure that is unappealing to many. There is no use locking this treasure away, and keeping it as a museum relic; the treasury that makes the "Good News" good needs to be re-presented, re-formulated and re-imagined. Then, the imagery of the gospel might become vibrant again – and like the Anjou Bible – although ancient, the proclamation of the Living Jesus might be received as fresh and new and living.

Spending time in Europe is a reminder of how much of our cultural heritage is grounded in Christianity. A culture without a compass of faith is a dying culture. So these questions that we are asking about Catholic identity are, at the end of the day, not just about parishes, or schools or the Church, but also crucial questions for future of "meaning" itself within our culture.

#### **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.

#### **PALMS AUSTRALIA**

Pope tells us to get up and go. No matter your age, this is your chance!

If you are an experienced professional, business or trades person, in any area, here is a volunteering opportunity that will change your life. Communities in Asia, the Pacific and Africa are looking to provide mentoring opportunities for local personnel and to improve processes and procedures for organisations, both vital to reducing poverty. To ensure sustainable development they prefer those who can come for two years, but accept that some are only available for 12 months.

If you want to find out more, please contact Christine on 02 9560 5333 or email [palms@palms.org.au](mailto:palms@palms.org.au)



## *In our prayers we remember*



### *Those who have died recently:*

Tony Kilminster, Eileen McSweeney

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

Cecily Dobson, Gloria McKenzie, May, Martin & Ivy Leheldt, Lily Best, Lila & Lionel Russell

### *Those who are sick:*

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

## **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.



## **ST AGATHA'S PARISH SACRAMENTAL PROGRAM - 2017** **(For all children in Year 4 that have been Confirmed)**



### **First Holy Communion**

**Tuesday 6 June** Workshop 5pm & 7pm APAC, St Agatha's School

**Tuesday 13 June** Practice 3.30pm for 17th June 5pm candidates

**Wednesday 14 June** Practice 3.30pm for 18th June 9am candidates

**Thursday 15 June** Practice 3.30pm for 18th June 5.30pm candidates

**Monday 19 June** Practice 3.30pm for 25th June 9am candidates

**First Holy Communion** celebrated on weekend **17/18 June**: Saturday 5.00pm; Sunday 9.00am and 5.30pm and **Sunday 25 June (9am Mass only)**

**A VOCATION VIEW:** "There are different gifts, but the same Spirit." Each of us has been graced with certain gifts of the Spirit. And they are active, if we utilise them for the building up of the Church. Name the way the Lord has gifted you.



## **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.

## **MARRIAGE, DIVORCE AND REMARRIAGE IN THE CATHOLIC CHURCH:**

If you would like information about annulments and re-marriage in the Catholic Church, please phone the Brisbane Tribunal Office on 3324 3033 or email [tribbris@bne.catholic.net.au](mailto:tribbris@bne.catholic.net.au).

Information can also be found on the Archdiocesan website: <http://brisbanecatholic.org.au/life/marriage-annulments/>

## **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 14<sup>th</sup> 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](mailto: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 Sullivan at all the Masses.

We welcome Robert Standish-White from St Mark's Anglican Clayfield, as our Reader Exchange at the 9am Mass.

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

**5.00pm**

**7.00am**

**9.00am**

**5.30pm**

**READERS:**

3/4 June

Edward Foley  
Katrina Murphy

Rafael Chase  
Ruby Chase

Dominic Ryan  
Robert Standish-White (*Reader Exchange*)  
Heidi Cooper

Life Teen Mass

10/11 June

Phil Zammit  
Eric van der List

Aleira Egan  
Sr Cecily Foster

Ryan Smethurst  
Michael Crutcher  
Jane Arkinstall

Life Teen Mass

**COMMUNION MINISTERS:**

3/4 June

Edward Foley

Helen Roberts

Christine Iannarella

Life Teen Mass

10/11 June

Jan Zammit

Lorraine Atkinson-MacEwan

*Volunteer*

Life Teen Mass

**ORGANISTS:**

3/4 June

*Volunteer*

Mark Leung

Robyn Cuming

Life Teen Mass

10/11 June

*Volunteer*

*Volunteer*

Catrina McPherson

Life Teen Mass

**ALTAR SERVERS:**

3/4 June

Felicity Shepherd  
Charlotte Shepherd  
Laura Barrett

*Volunteer/s*

Sofia Iannarella  
Joy Kordic  
Milly Ryan

Caitlin Marshall  
Tia Manuel  
Alex Oliveri

10/11 June

Milla Brady

Lachlan Hinneberg

Bridget Birchley  
Kate Taylor  
Daniel Benjamin

Sophia Lazzarini  
Max Lazzarini  
Sharon Mathew

**CHILDREN'S LITURGY:**

4 June

11 June

Ewan McPherson, Mel Ryan

Eleonora Kowitz, Erin Bledsoe, Michelle Wille

**SANCTUARY CARERS:**

17 June

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 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.

**VOCATIONS NOVENA**

**(V9) Prayer Campaign 2017**

Nine weeks of prayer for vocations in the Archdiocese of Brisbane

11 June - 6 August 2017



**BOBBY'S  
BLANKET  
DRIVE**

*Keeping our community warm*  
After food and water, blankets are the most needed item for the homeless.

How can you help? Donating blankets you no longer need. Blankets can be dropped off at the Parish Office during office hours.

**DAY OF PRAYER**

The Canossian Sisters are running a day of prayer and reflection for young women and men from 18 - 40 years.

Date: Saturday 10 June 2017 | Time: 9am-5pm

Venue: Lay Centre, Canossa Complex, 169 Seventeen Mile Rocks Rd, Oxley

Cost: \$10 (Includes lunch)

For more information or to RSVP contact Sr Melissa 0484 007 508

**LOURDES HILL COLLEGE PAST PUPILS ASSOCIATION**

Annual Seniors Past Pupils Morning Tea

Venue: Duhig Hall ~ Lourdes Hill College

Date: Tuesday 20 June 2017 | Time: 10am | Cost \$25

Bookings essential please by Thursday 15 June 2017

Enquiries: Marilyn Loth 0422854737 or email [marilynloth@hotmail.com](mailto:marilynloth@hotmail.com)

Loreto Lotz 0412769708 or email [rlclvtz@gmail.com](mailto:rlclvtz@gmail.com)

**POSITION VACANT - PARISH SECRETARY LITURGY**

Applications are open for a position at the Pine Rivers Catholic Parish. A person with sound liturgy knowledge and excellent administration and secretarial skills is required for a part time position of parish secretary – liturgy up to 37.5 hour a fortnight.

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.*

**Readings - The Most Holy Trinity - 11 June 2017**

**1st Reading: Exodus 34:4-6, 8-9; 2nd Reading: 2 Corinthians 13:11-13; Gospel: John 3:16-18**