



# ST. AGATHA'S PARISH

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**Office Hours:** Monday - Friday: 8.00am to 12.30pm and 1.30 pm to 4.30pm  
 (Please note: the Office is closed between 12.30 - 1.30pm)

**Local Safeguarding Children and Vulnerable Adults Representative:** Georgia Allan (0456 441 717)

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**School Principal:** Mrs Carol Sayers **APRE:** Mr Nick Fogarty

**Outside School Hours Care Coordinator:** Ashleigh Stacpoole

## The Most Holy Body and Blood of Christ - 18<sup>th</sup> June 2017

### Readings

**1st Reading:** Deuteronomy 8:2-3, 14-16; **2nd Reading:** 1 Corinthians 10:16-17; **Gospel:** John 6:51-58

### WEEKDAY MASSES

**Monday 19 June:** 6.30am

**Wednesday 21 June:** 9am

*Saint Aloysius Gonzaga*

**Thursday 22 June:** 9am

*Saints John Fisher &*

*Thomas More*

**Friday 23 June:** 9am

*The Most Sacred*

*Heart of Jesus*

### 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 19<sup>th</sup>**

SVDP Meeting 5pm Parish Office

• **Tuesday 20<sup>th</sup>**

Finance Meeting 6pm Parish Office



Dear sisters and brothers,

It is good to be home. I feel as though I have been away for a long time – you may well be thinking, “Is he back already?” I am delighted to be back on the weekend that we celebrate First Communion for many of our 90 children. This is the high-point of Christian initiation for our children and their families, and is always a joyous celebration for any Christian community. We wish these children and their families every joy and blessing.

My thanks to all those who have help to keep the wheels of the parish turning over the past two months. Firstly, to our parish staff, Rosemary Greer and Jane Cameron; I have no doubt that they have gone above and beyond the call of duty. Also to Peter Bowden, who invests so much of himself into this parish community.

I am grateful to those priests who have filled in for me while I have been away: Frs. Orm Rush; John Grace; Paul Chandler; John Sullivan; and Peter Casey. Their presence has enabled me to do the things that I have been doing over the last two months.

I would also like to acknowledge the contribution of our three seminarians in the parish community: Damien Everitt; Matthew Hasking; and Tom Zaranski. I am sure that their presence has been a significant asset to St. Agatha's and I thank them for their on-going contribution.

Finally, no parish can survive without a flourishing lay ministry. I have been delighted with the way in which parish ministries have continued in my absence, particularly the Community and Mission Council under the leadership of Erin Bledsoe, and the Finance Council under the leadership of Wayne Wessels. Both of these groups have been dealing with important issues while I have been away, and for me, the mark of leadership is what happens when you are not around. And so, I am delighted to report to you about the high level of lay leadership that is present in this parish. In truth, I am redundant.

Enough thanks. For now, let us rejoice in the gift of the faith in the young, and may their joy and excitement wash off on us.

*Fr. Anthony*

### The Wisdom of Pope Francis

The Eucharist is Jesus who gives himself entirely to us. To nourish ourselves with him and abide in him through Holy Communion, if we do it with faith, transforms our life into a gift to God and to our brothers and sisters.

To let ourselves be nourished by the “Bread of Life,” means to be in tune with the heart of Christ, to assimilate his choices, thoughts, behaviours.

## Clayfield Conversations

On this feast of The Body and Blood of Christ, let us reflect on the words of Cardinal Joseph Bernadine of Chicago, over three decades ago, as he reflects on the place of the Eucharist in our lives.

Excerpt from *Our Communion, Our Peace, Our Promise: Pastoral Letter on the Liturgy* by Joseph Cardinal Bernadine, Archbishop of Chicago, 1984.

At this table we put aside every worldly separation based on culture, class, or other differences. Baptised, we no longer admit to distinctions based on age or sex or race or wealth. This communion is why all prejudice, all racism, all sexism, all deference to wealth and power must be banished from our parishes, our homes, and our lives. This communion is why we will not call enemies those who are human beings like ourselves. This communion is why we will not commit the world's resources to an escalating arms race while the poor die. We cannot. Not when we have feasted here on the "body broken" and "blood poured out" for the life of the world.

Let that be clear in the reverent way we walk forward to take the holy bread and cup. Let it be clear in the way ministers of communion announce: "The body of Christ," "The blood of Christ". Let it be clear in our "Amen". Let it be clear in the songs and psalms we sing and the way we sing them. Let it be clear in the holy silence that fills this church when all have partaken.

Before coming forward we say, "Lord, I am not worthy". We are never worthy of this table, for it is God's grace and gift. Yet we do come forward. This is "food for the journey" that we began at baptism. We may eat of it when we are tired, when we are discouraged, even when we have failed. But not when we have forgotten the church, forgotten the way we began at the font; not when we have abandoned our struggle against evil and remain unrepentant for having done so. Let us examine our lives honestly each time before approaching the eucharist. "Worthy" none of us ever is, but properly prepared each one of us must be. Christ, present in the eucharist and in us, calls us to be a holy communion, to grow in love and holiness for one another's sake.



Congratulations to all the children receiving their First Holy Communion this weekend.



### 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.

### 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)

Kangaroo Point East Brisbane Parish *incorporating* St Benedict's Church cordially invites you to the  
**CENTENARY MASS AND ALTAR DEDICATION**

To be celebrated by His Grace Archbishop Mark Coleridge followed by dinner  
Saturday 12 August at 6.00pm

St Benedict's Church | 81 Mowbray Terrace, East Brisbane | \$50/head; \$15/child 12 years and under  
RSVP: 27 July | For more information and payment details email: [kpoint@bne.catholic.net.au](mailto:kpoint@bne.catholic.net.au) or 3391 4663

You are invited to the Teams Oceania Conference on

### MARRIAGE BEYOND THE WEDDING - You're not alone on this journey

1 & 2 July 2017 at Marist College, Ashgrove. Come along and hear some great speakers who will enrich your marriage:

Fr Adrian Farrelly | Dr Ryan Messmore | Shayne & Shanelle Bennett - and many more!

For the full program, flyer & prices (\$45-\$95/person) go to Teams Oceania website: [www.teamsoceania.com.au](http://www.teamsoceania.com.au) and click on upcoming events +. You can also go to [www.trybooking.com/256672](http://www.trybooking.com/256672) to book. Everyone is welcome!

## *In our prayers we remember*



### *Those who have died recently :*

Margaret O'Brien, Oleg Golikov

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

Hugh McBride, Eileen Brumpton, Paul McGuire

### *Those who are sick:*

Alexandra Manning, Wayne Pierce, 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



Fr Anthony. We hope you had an enjoyable and memorable holiday!!

### **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.



### **ST AGATHA'S PARISH SACRAMENTAL PROGRAM - 2017**

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

#### **First Holy Communion**

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

**First Holy Communion celebrated on Sunday 25 June (9am Mass only)**



### **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.

### **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**

CATHEDRAL HOUSE  
229 Elizabeth Street (GPO BOX 282)  
Brisbane QLD 4001  
1300 133 544 | [vocation@bne.catholic.net.au](mailto:vocation@bne.catholic.net.au)



*Prayer for the*

*Novena are*

*available on table at  
the back of Church.  
(business card size)*

### **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

**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 later.

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

**5.00pm**

**7.00am**

**9.00am**

**5.30pm**

**READERS:**

17/18 June	First Communion Candidates	Mark Burton Jeanine Bygott	First Communion Candidates	First Communion Candidates
24/25 June	Cate Barrett Jack Williamson	Kirsty Stevens Andrew Douglas	First Communion Candidates	Life Teen Mass

**COMMUNION MINISTERS:**

17/18 June	Deborah Hall	Paulette Archer	Julianne Ryan	Life Teen Mass
24/25 June	Ann Goves	<i>Volunteer</i>	<i>Volunteer</i>	Life Teen Mass

**ORGANISTS:**

17/18 June	Robyn Cuming	Mark Leung	Robyn Cuming	Life Teen Mass
24/25 June	<i>Volunteer</i>	<i>Volunteer</i>	Jenny McKeon	Life Teen Mass

**ALTAR SERVERS:**

17/18 June	<i>Volunteer/s</i>	Joey Douglas	Charlotte Corrigan Bart Marino Amelia Marino Billy Crutcher	Caitlin Marshall Eve Ryan Clare Ryan
24/25 June	<i>Volunteer/s</i>	<i>Volunteer/s</i>	<i>Volunteer/s</i>	<i>Volunteer/s</i>

**CHILDREN'S LITURGY:**

18 June	<i>No Children's Liturgy - First Holy Communion</i>
25 June	<i>No Children's Liturgy - School Holidays</i>

**SANCTUARY CARERS:**

1 July	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 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  
Tom Zaranski, Damien Everitt and  
Matthew Hasking.*



Congratulations to all our students who are celebrating the reception of Holy Communion this weekend, and next weekend at Mass at St Agatha's Church. 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*

**DISCERE DISCERNMENT DAY RETREAT**

Saturday 8 July 2017 | 9am - 5pm

Carmelite Monastery, 287 Wellington St, Ormiston

Vocations Brisbane is running a day for young women and men who are keen to explore more about a vocation to priesthood or religious life. All young women and men 18-40 years old are welcome to come along and discover more about where God is calling you!

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

**BIBLE INSTITUTE FOR EVERYDAY LIVING**

An excellent faith formation opportunity | July 7-8, 2017

***"Friends of God & Prophets" - The Biblical Foundations of Friendship!***

Presenter: Laurie Brink, O.P, ACU, Banyo

'Our life's ultimate goal is friendship with God!

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**IN THE FOOTSTEPS OF MARY MACKILLOP 2017 NATIONAL PILGRIMAGE**

The Sisters of St Joseph invite you to join the National Pilgrimage, giving you the opportunity to journey to significant places in Australia made holy by St Mary MacKillop. Commence Melbourne 8 November, travel through Victoria & South Australia, conclude in Sydney 18 November 2017. Cost Ex Brisbane: \$3,265.00 (all inclusive: airfares, accommodation, coach travel, admission fees and meals). Single Supplement: \$610.00 For further information or a Pilgrimage brochure, please contact Sr Therese Leydon 02 89124845 or Sr Annie Bond 02 89124818, or at [mmp.nationalpilgrimage@sosj.org.au](mailto:mmp.nationalpilgrimage@sosj.org.au).

**Readings - Twelfth Sunday in Ordinary Time - 25 June 2017**

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