



ST. AGATHA'S PARISH

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The Most Holy Trinity - 11th June 2017

Readings

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

WEEKDAY MASSES

Monday 12 June: 6.30am
 Wednesday 14 June: 9am
 Thursday 15 June: 9am
 Friday 16 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 12th
 Youth Ministry Meeting 6.45pm
 Parish Office
- Wednesday 14th
 Community and Mission
 Council Meeting 7pm Parish
 Office.
- Monday 19th
 SVDP Meeting 5pm Parish
 Office
- Tuesday 20th
 Finance Meeting 6pm Parish
 Office

FIRST HOLY COMMUNION

June 17th 5pm
 June 18th 9am & 5.30pm
 June 25th 9am



Dear friends,

The Trinity is one of the most central doctrines of the Church, but one that we have such difficulty explaining. In fact, the teaching of the Church was never meant to be an explanation, but an expression – a way of saying something without presuming that it was possible to put words around the inexpressible.

Our Christian experience has been to come to realise that there is one essence but, even so, Father is not the Son, and the Son is not the Father, and the Spirit is neither the Son or the Father, so we speak of three. But as St. Augustine asked, “three what?” He went on to explain: “The formula three person was coined, not in order to give a complete explanation, but in order that we might not be obliged to remain silent.” We can try to use human words to express the mystery of Salvation or we can say nothing. The Church has always followed the hardest path – to try to say something about the mystery of God. As beautiful as some of our images might be, our human language is never completely adequate to talk about God, and so we use metaphors, analogies, to talk about this life of God. We say that God is like this or like that....we say God is *like* a father, and God is *like* a son, and God is *like* a holy spirit. In our limited way, we try to express the mystery of God.

Fr. Anthony

The Wisdom of Pope Francis

The mystery of the Trinity also speaks to us of ourselves, of our relationship with the Father, the Son and the Holy Spirit. In fact, through baptism, the Holy Spirit has placed us in the heart and the very life of God, who is a communion of love. God is a “family” of three Persons who love each other so much as to form a single whole. This “divine family” is not closed in on itself, but is open. It communicates itself in creation and in history and has entered into the world to call everyone to form part of it.

Clayfield Conversations

Step by Step along The Way (Week 8)



With the Leuven Catholic identity intensive behind me, I have now made the long turn towards home, with a few days in London and then be back in Clayfield by the end of the week (just in time to be back to celebrate First Communions next weekend). It is rather unsettling to be in London given the events of the past week, but that is what terrorism is designed to do – create anxiety and sense threat. The Australian cricketers are here in the UK, so I might just stick with them.

The Leuven experience was quite intensive. Belgium, particularly Flanders where Leuven is situated, was once a very Catholic country. Many still identify as Catholic, but church practice has declined even more sharply than in Australia, to the point where now, people under 35 years old have all but disappeared from church practice. This, of course, has an impact in many ways, but most significantly in the area of Catholic schools. The Catholic education system is quite different in Belgium from Australia, and individual schools have a greater degree of independence. As a result, many schools in Belgium are “Catholic” in name only – and even if that. Students can complete their years of schooling with little religious formation. We met some of the students in their final weeks of schooling, and as well-spoken (in Dutch, English and French!) as they were, they had little or no religious language or connections. The world of faith was a foreign world to them. While our system is different, we have no room for complacency.

There are many answers to the question of “what makes a school Catholic?” There might be quick and simplistic answers to that question, but there are no easy answers. In this week’s *Tablet* journal, there is a short reflection from Carmody Grey about her sense of being Catholic, which can help as a starting-point for this broader discussion:

I wrote in my journal the other day: “What does it mean to be Catholic?” To my surprise, the answer came instantly, though it was unpremeditated: “It means, to belong to everyone.” It means that every single person has a claim on me. I have a total stake in every human life. I am asked to make sense of, to internalise, the whole human experience. To be indifferent to no moment of the human story. As the Pastoral Constitution Gaudiam et Spes says: the joys and the hopes, the griefs and the anxieties, of all human beings – these are the joys and the hopes, the griefs and the anxieties of the followers of Christ. Like Christ, we bear in our own hearts and bodies the whole of human history.

As part of our time in Belgium, we had the experience of visiting some of the war graves there. Tyne Cot is the largest Commonwealth War Cemetery anywhere in the world from any war. I was disturbed by the number of headstones that covered the earth, marking the death of those known and unknown. And that was only one side of the trenches. Who knows where the defeated enemy are buried? I felt the pain of the larger story of human folly and destruction. If being Catholic means anything, it means breaking open our isolated worlds and connecting us to a bigger, larger story, even if this story disturbs and unsettles us. Does the world today still believe in the possibility of larger stories? Larger stories beyond our own? I hope so, because there is nothing more sorrowful than isolated images of death scarring the earth. As human beings, we are made for stories, and we need grand stories of hope or we find ourselves in cycles of violence and fear. Jesus points us towards the biggest story there is. Breaking through the bleakness of dark stories that mark our human history are the bright faces of our children who are preparing to be in communion with the larger story of Jesus Christ in the Eucharist for the first time next week. Let us keep them and their families in our prayers this week, and may their joy, connect us with the great story of faith alive among us. See you next week!

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.

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 or 3391 4663

In our prayers we remember

Those whose anniversaries occur about now:

Paul McGuire, Cecily Dobson, Gloria McKenzie

Those who are sick:

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



Congratulations to Antony De Simone & Bee Western who were married this weekend.



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

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)**



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



/vocationbne

*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) or Harvest Journeys on 1800 819 156 (visit harvestjourneys.com).

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

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

5.00pm

7.00am

9.00am

5.30pm

READERS:

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| 10/11 June | Phil Zammit Eric van der List | Aleira Egan Andrew Douglas | Ryan Smethurst Michael Crutcher Jane Arkinstall | Life Teen Mass |
| 17/18 June | First Communion Candidates | Mark Burton Jeanine Bygott | First Communion Candidates | First Communion Candidates |

COMMUNION MINISTERS:

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| 10/11 June | Jan Zammit | Lorraine Atkinson-MacEwan | <i>Volunteer</i> | Life Teen Mass |
| 17/18 June | Deborah Hall | Paulette Archer | Julianne Ryan | Life Teen Mass |

ORGANISTS:

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| 10/11 June | <i>Volunteer</i> | <i>Volunteer</i> | Catriona McPherson | Life Teen Mass |
| 17/18 June | Robyn Cuming | Mark Leung | Robyn Cuming | Life Teen Mass |

ALTAR SERVERS:

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| 10/11 June | Milla Brady | Lachlan Hinneberg | Bridget Birchley Kate Taylor Daniel Benjamin | Sophia Lazzarini Max Lazzarini Sharon Mathew |
| 17/18 June | <i>Volunteer/s</i> | Joey Douglas | Charlotte Corrigan Bart Marino Amelia Marino Billy Crutcher | Caitlin Marshall Eve Ryan Clare Ryan |

CHILDREN'S LITURGY:

11 June
18 June
Eleonora Kowitz, Erin Bledsoe, Michelle Wille
No Children's Liturgy - First Holy Communion

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 3rd and 4th Sundays of the month

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

The Parish will be represented at the Episcopal Ordination of the Most Reverend Ken Howell on Wednesday 14 June, by James Robinson (*Community and Mission Council member*).



**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.

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.



ST AGATHA'S SCHOOL

has limited vacancies in Years 5 and 6 for 2018.
Please direct all enquiries to the Enrolment Secretary:
pclayfield@bne.catholic.edu.au or phone: 3326 9222

GRIEF AND LOSS SEMINAR

Hosted by The Compassionate Friends Qld
Saturday 17 June | 8.45am - 3.00pm
O'Shea Centre, 19 Lovedale Street, Wilston
Online booking: www.trybooking.com/PTFI
Or contact the Drop In Centre: 3254 2657 (Monday, Tuesday, Friday)
<mailto:info@CompassionateFriendsQld.org.au>

For the full programme of speakers & workshops, please visit:
www.CompassionateFriendsQld.org.au Book and pay by Monday 12 June
Supporting family after a child dies at any age and from any cause.

We welcome *Freyja Castillote* who will be baptised this weekend.

Readings - The Most Holy Body and Blood of Christ - 18 June 2017

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