



ST. AGATHA'S PARISH

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Fourteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time - 9th July 2017

Readings

1st Reading: Zechariah 9:9-10; 2nd Reading: Romans 8:9, 11-13; Gospel: Matthew 11:25-30

WEEKDAY MASSES

Monday 10 July: 6.30am
 Wednesday 12 July: 9am
 Thursday 13 July: 9am
 Friday 14 July: 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

JULY

- Monday 10th
Community and Mission Council Meeting 7pm Parish Office
- Sunday 16th
NET Encounter Day (Free Event)
Hands and Feet
10.00am-1.00pm Presentation Centre, St Agatha's School
- Monday 17th
SVDP Meeting 5pm Parish Office
- Saturday 29th/Sunday 30th
Catholic Mission Appeal



Dear friends,

Religion – faith – is sometimes understood as a fall-back position when life falls apart. People can see it as some kind of spiritual and emotional safety net. Sometimes this works for people, but often enough, people just become angry, or depressed, or bitter when life hits a hurdle. They feel denied the opportunities that they presumed were rightly theirs. This weekend, Jesus isn't talking about faith in him as a safety net. Quite the contrary; faith

in Jesus puts everything, success and failure, and everything in between, into perspective.

Jesus begins by saying, "The learned and the clever think they have everything worked out – everything sorted! But only fools think like that." Jesus then goes on to explain, "The truly wise discover divine wisdom, and let go of worldly wisdom." And we can only learn this divine wisdom through Jesus' eyes. And, then, perhaps the most startling thing for us, Jesus says, "It is those whose lives have been crushed, those who have been drained and wearied by what life has thrown at them, are the ones who are truly capable of understanding the Good News."

Failures, disasters, shattered dreams are the currency of gossip, rumours and denial. Particularly in these days of social media, our vindictive, nasty, judgemental streak comes to the fore. We hold people up to ridicule and shame. But all of us carry our own failures, disasters and shattered dreams. The voice that we long to hear is the voice of Jesus: "Come, have a rest. And we will work together and discover how you can overcome life's burdens." But this won't be a kind of success based on the world's definition. It will be a creative way forward that springs from the heart and mind of God. We not only search for that voice of Jesus in our lives, and are also commissioned to be that voice of Jesus for others. We are called to help carry one another's burdens. Our apprenticeship in discovering the voice of Jesus and being the voice of Jesus continues here at this Eucharist.

Fr. Anthony

The Wisdom of Pope Francis

Let us ask ourselves if we are *parlour Christians*, who love to chat about how things are going in the Church and the world, or *apostles on the go*, who confess Jesus with their lives because they hold him in their hearts. Those who confess Jesus know that they are not simply to offer opinions but to offer their very lives. They know that they are not to believe half-heartedly but to "be on fire" with love. They know that they cannot just "tread water" or take the easy way out, but have to risk putting out into the deep, daily renewing their self-offering.

Clayfield Conversations

The Apostleship of the Sea is the Catholic Church's Missionary work to the Seafarers whether they be on merchant, passenger, war or fishing vessels. While the Church has always been interested in Seafarers since Christ first gathered his fishermen-disciples around him, the modern movement began in the 1890s with several isolated and independent beginnings. The purpose of the Apostleship of the Sea is to care for the Spiritual, Social, and Material welfare of all Seafarers without distinction of colour, race or creed:

SPIRITUAL – Inspired by our Catholic faith and respecting the beliefs and practices of all seafarers, we nourish their spiritual lives by being Christ for them and finding Christ in them.

SOCIAL – Concerned for the social well-being of seafarers, we provide internet and telecommunications facilities, to allow them to keep in contact with their families, and recreational activities promoting their mental and physical health.

MATERIAL – Committed to social justice for all and believing in the dignity of the human person, we support seafarers in their right to fair remuneration, appropriate on-board accommodation, safe working conditions and non-discriminatory treatment by advocacy and working with other organisations.

As a missionary work, it serves ALL seafarers. Please give generously to our leaving collection this weekend.

Prayer for Seafarers

O Mary, Star of the Sea,
light of every ocean,
Guide seafarers across all dark and
stormy seas that they may
reach the haven of peace and
light prepared in Him
who calmed the sea.

As we set forth upon the
oceans of the world and
cross the deserts of our time,
show us, O Mary, the fruit of your womb,
for without your Son we are lost.

Pray that we will never fail on life's journey,
that in heart and mind,
in word and deed, in days of turmoil and in days of calm,
we will always look to Christ and say,
"Who is this that even wind and sea obey him?"

Our Lady Star of the Sea,
Pray for us.
- Amen

Pope John Paul II

pastoral.life@catholic.org.au

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 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

IGNITE CONFERENCE 2017 | 21 - 24 September

Mueller Performing Arts Centre, 75 Morris Road, Rothwell.

The Ignite Conference aims to draw young people from all across Australia and beyond to encounter Jesus and be drawn into a positive experience of the Church, equipping them to live out their faith and empowering them to impact their world. The theme for 2017 is "COME"

Various brochures available at the back of the Church, or visit www.igniteconference.com.au/downloads for additional resources. For further information contact the team on 3217 5199 or at info@igniteconference.com.au.

When we think of being good stewards, we may think that God is asking too much of us when He calls us to generously share our time, talent and treasure. However, we must re-member that we are not "owners" of anything; we are merely "stewards" of the gifts God has given us. All He is asking is that we give back a small portion of what He has already given to us.

In our prayers we remember



Those who have died recently:

Anthony Carlow, Alexandra Manning

Those whose anniversaries occur about now:

Eileen Williamson, Alfs Camols, Iysle Killoran, Meriel Healy

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, 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

THIS WEEKEND 8/9 JULY is "SEAFARERS SUNDAY"- this year's theme "In the midst of the storm"

"This celebration is destined to the Seafarers and Fishing communities, and to those that are involved in cruise ships, together with all port personnel. On this occasion, we give thanks and celebrate, as we are reminded of the debt our society owes to all these workers of the sea and their families, and everyone engaged, in one way or another in this ministry." There will be a **retiring collection after each Mass** and you are asked to give generously to this worthy Apostolate.



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.

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.

RCIA ENQUIRY NIGHT

Wednesday 26 July, 7.00pm at the Parish Office.

If you are interested in coming along to this enquiry night, please contact the Parish Office 3262 2859.

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



GOOD READS FROM ST AGATHA'S LIBRARY

Once each year the library features copies of The 25 Books Every Christian Should Read in its display.

Unfortunately 2 of these books are missing from the shelf.

They are: **The Brothers Karamazov** by Fyodor Dostoevsky

Dark Night of the Soul by St John of the Cross

If you have either of these books please return it as soon as possible. Remember also that the library welcomes any suggestions for purchase – either specific books or areas of interest.



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

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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| 8/9 July | Ann Goves Lauren McMullan | Helen Roberts Annette Riba | Don Macpherson Amrita Moss Denis Keating | Life Teen Mass |
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| 15/16 July | <i>Volunteer</i> Katrina Murphy | James Robinson Anne O'Connor | Joseph O'Brien Trish Ryan First Communion Candidates | Life Teen Mass |
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COMMUNION MINISTERS:

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| 8/9 July | Deborah Hall | Paulette Archer | <i>Volunteer</i> | Life Teen Mass |
| 15/16 July | Edward Foley | Lorraine Atkinson-MacEwan | Erin Bledsoe | Life Teen Mass |

ORGANISTS:

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| 8/9 July | Robyn Cuming | <i>Volunteer</i> | Jenny McKeon | Life Teen Mass |
| 15/16 July | <i>Volunteer</i> | Mark Leung | Catrina McPherson | Life Teen Mass |

ALTAR SERVERS:

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| 8/9 July | <i>Volunteer/s</i> | <i>Volunteer/s</i> | <i>Volunteer/s</i> | <i>Volunteer/s</i> |
| 15/16 July | Felicity Shepherd Charlotte Shepherd | <i>Volunteer/s</i> | Charlotte Corrigan Billy Crutcher Daniel Benjamin | Caitlin Marshall Alex Oliveri Tia Manuel |

CHILDREN'S LITURGY:

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| 9 July | | | | <i>No Children's Liturgy - School Holidays</i> |
| 16 July | | | | Jane Arkinstall & Mel Ryan |

SANCTUARY CARERS:

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| 15 July | Beverley O'Brien |
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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.

CARITAS AUSTRALIA

Thank you to everyone who donated towards the Caritas Australia Project Compassion 2017. A total of **\$10,161.65** was raised from St Agatha's Parish.



"For my yoke is easy, and my burden light."
MATTHEW 11:30

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.

NET ENCOUNTER DAY | Sunday 16 July

Presentation Centre,
St. Agatha's Primary School

10am – 1pm (lunch included)

Connect with friends and enjoy the NET team presenting:

"HANDS AND FEET"

What action do I need to take in my own life and circle of influence? The Hands and Feet Encounter Day reminds young people of their own human dignity and the dignity of others and looks at leaders who have modelled a strong sense of social justice. The morning will be filled with energy, thought provoking discussion and opportunities to explore this topic.

If you are in grades 6,7,8 &9 then please come along!

Book now at- <https://www.stickytickets.com.au/54667>



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



Readings - Fifteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time - 16 July 2017

1st Reading: Isaiah 55:10-11; 2nd Reading: Romans 8:18-23; Gospel: Matthew 13:1-23