

ST. AGATHA'S PARISH

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St Agatha's

CLAYFIELD

Fifteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time - 16th July 2017

Readings

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

WEEKDAY MASSES

Monday 17 July: 6.30am
Wednesday 19 July: 9am
Thursday 20 July: 9am
Friday 21 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 17th
SVDP Meeting 5pm Parish Office
- Saturday 29th/Sunday 30th
Catholic Mission Appeal



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



The Lord says: "As the rain and the snow come down from the heavens and do not return without watering the earth....so the word that goes from my mouth does not return to me empty, without carrying out my will and succeeding in what it was sent to do."

Dear friends,

On 11th August, 1918, the foundation stone for the St. Agatha's church/school was laid by Archbishop Duhig. Next year, we will celebrate our centenary of the beginnings of our parish community and educational outreach. The early years of the school were more similar to Sunday school, supported by Josephite Sisters from Nundah. The school took in its first enrolments in 1925. The foundation stone marks the beginnings, not of buildings, but of a Eucharistic community. Jesus Christ, present in the Eucharist, is the true foundation stone of any Christian community. Inside this newsletter is an invitation to our "Soiree under the Stars" to launch our centenary celebrations on Saturday, 26th August. We will be joined by some special guest and all the details are on the invitation. If you need help with booking, please contact the parish office, and we will assist you. Over the course of the following year, we will have a number of events and celebrations to mark this important year. You might like to mark two of these in your diary now. Firstly, on February 4th next year, we will celebrate St. Agatha's feast day with a special parish celebration. Secondly, on Sunday, August 12th next year, Archbishop Mark Coleridge will join us to acknowledge the centenary of the laying of the foundation stone, and the beginnings of our community. They will be other events and other ways that you can support the parish community during the next 12 months, but for the moment, we look towards Saturday, 26th August as the launch of a year of celebrations. In this Sunday's gospel, Jesus speaks of the sower who went out to sow. Let us celebrate the Word being sown amongst us for 100 years, and look to the future with new hope and confidence.

Fr. Anthony

The Wisdom of Pope Francis

The only strength Christians have is the Gospel. In difficult times, one must believe that Jesus is before us and does not cease to accompany his disciples. Persecution is not in contradiction to the Gospel but rather is part of it. If they persecuted our Teacher, how can we hope to be spared the fight? Christians therefore, must always be found on the "opposite side" of the world, that chosen by God: not persecutors but persecuted; not arrogant but meek; not charlatans but submissive to the truth; not imposters but honest men and women.

Clayfield Conversations

Below is Pope Francis' homily for the Feast of the Body and Blood of Christ (Corpus Christi) given on 18th June, 2017

Homily of Pope Francis

Today, to each of us, the word of God says, *Remember!* Remembrance of the Lord's deeds guided and strengthened his people's journey through the desert; remembering all that the Lord has done for us is the foundation of our own personal history of salvation. Remembrance is essential for faith, as water is for a plant. A plant without water cannot stay alive and bear fruit. Nor can faith, unless it drinks deeply of the memory of all that the Lord has done for us. "Remember Jesus Christ". *Remember.* Memory is important, because it allows us to dwell in love, to be *mind-ful*, never forgetting who it is who loves us and whom we are called to love in return. Yet nowadays, this singular ability that the Lord has given us is considerably weakened. Amid so much frantic activity, many people and events seem to pass in a whirl. We quickly turn the page, looking for novelty while unable to retain memories. Leaving our memories behind and living only for the moment, we risk remaining ever on the surface of things, constantly in flux, without going deeper, without the broader vision that reminds us who we are and where we are going. In this way, our life grows fragmented, and dulled within.

Yet today's Solemnity reminds us that in our fragmented lives, the Lord comes to meet us with a loving "fragility", which is the Eucharist. In the Bread of Life, the Lord comes to us, making himself a humble meal that lovingly heals our memory, wounded by life's frantic pace of life. The Eucharist is the *memorial of God's love*. There, "[Christ's] sufferings are remembered" and we recall God's love for us, which gives us strength and support on our journey. This is why the Eucharistic commemoration does us so much good: it is not an abstract, cold and superficial memory, but a living remembrance that comforts us with God's love. A memory that is both recollection and imitation. The Eucharist is flavoured with Jesus' words and deeds, the taste of his Passion, the fragrance of his Spirit. When we receive it, our hearts are overcome with the certainty of Jesus' love.

The Eucharist gives us a *grateful* memory, because it makes us see that we are the Father's children, whom he loves and nourishes. It gives us a *free* memory, because Jesus' love and forgiveness heal the wounds of the past, soothe our remembrance of wrongs experienced and inflicted. It gives us a *patient* memory, because amid all our troubles we know that the Spirit of Jesus remains in us. The Eucharist encourages us: even on the roughest road, we are not alone; the Lord does not forget us and whenever we turn to him, he restores us with his love.

The Eucharist also reminds us that we are not isolated individuals, but *one body*. As the people in the desert gathered the manna that fell from heaven and shared it in their families, so Jesus, the Bread come down from Heaven, calls us together to receive him and to share him with one another. The Eucharist is not a sacrament "for me"; it is the sacrament of the many, who form one body, God's holy and faithful people. Saint Paul reminded us of this: "Because there is one bread, we who are many are one body, for we all partake of the one bread". The Eucharist is the *sacrament of unity*. Whoever receives it cannot fail to be a builder of unity, because building unity has become part of his or her "spiritual DNA". May this *Bread of unity* heal our ambition to lord it over others, to greedily hoard things for ourselves, to foment discord and criticism. May it awaken in us the joy of living in love, without rivalry, jealousy or mean-spirited gossip. Now, in experiencing this Eucharist, let us adore and thank the Lord for this greatest of gifts: the living memorial of his love, that makes us one body and leads us to unity.

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

MARIAN MOVEMENT OF PRIESTS

You are cordially invited to participate in a MMP Cenacle and Mass with Fr Francis Geremia CS. Fr Geremia currently resides at the Marian Movement of Priests headquarters in Rome, and has been responsible for the movement in Canada and the USA.

Saturday 22 July | 11am | Holy Spirit Catholic Church | 102 Sparkes Road, Bray Park

Fraternity, news about the MMP, questions

BYO lunch / tea, coffee and some food supplied

For further enquiries, please contact Marg Wallace 3205 3829 or Sue Vasil 3843 0236

In our prayers we remember



Those who have died recently :

Pam Drysdale, Anthony Carlow

Those whose anniversaries occur about now:

Nell Treston, Alice Abercrombie, Basil & Edna Taylor, Eileen Williamson, Alfs Camols, Iysle Killoran

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



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

Maddison & Sebastian Ashby-Cliffe, Samuel Charlston and Amelia Ho
who will be baptised this weekend.



ST AGATHA'S PARISH SACRAMENTAL PROGRAM 2017

Sacrament of Confirmation | For all children in Year 3 and above

Parent Information Evening: Monday 7 August 7pm or Tuesday 8 August 7pm

Venue: APAC, St Agatha's School

(N.B. Parents need only attend 1 of these sessions)

Rite of Enrolment: 12/13 August at any of the Masses

Mass times: Saturday 5.00pm; Sunday 7.00am, 9.00am & 5.30pm

For further information call Jane Cameron at the Parish office: 3262 2859

or go onto our website: www.clayfieldparish.org.au



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.

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.



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

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



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

5.00pm

7.00am

9.00am

5.30pm

READERS:

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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22/23 July	Eric van der List Phil Zammit	Kate O'Neill Kirsty Stevens	<i>Volunteer</i> Jane Arkinstall Clare Smethurst	Life Teen Mass
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COMMUNION MINISTERS:

15/16 July	Edward Foley	Lorraine Atkinson-MacEwan	Erin Bledsoe	Life Teen Mass
22/23 July	Jan Zammit	<i>Volunteer</i>	Christine Iannarella	Life Teen Mass

ORGANISTS:

15/16 July	<i>Volunteer</i>	Mark Leung	Catriona McPherson	Life Teen Mass
22/23 July	<i>Volunteer</i>	<i>Volunteer</i>	Robyn Cuming	Life Teen Mass

ALTAR SERVERS:

15/16 July	Felicity Shepherd Charlotte Shepherd	<i>Volunteer/s</i>	Charlotte Corrigan Billy Crutcher Daniel Benjamin	Caitlin Marshall Alex Oliveri Tia Manuel
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22/23 July		Joey Douglas	Bridget Birchley Kate Taylor Sofia Iannarella	Sophia Lazzarini Max Lazzarini Sharon Mathew
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CHILDREN'S LITURGY:

16 July			<i>No Children's Liturgy</i>	
23 July			Eleonora Kowitz and Giulia Coorey	

SANCTUARY CARERS:

5 Aug	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 3rd and 4th Sundays of the month

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

This weekend we welcome back Tom Zaranski, Damien Everitt and Matthew Hasking (year 6 students from Holy Spirit Seminary, Banyo)

NET ENCOUNTER DAY | this 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"

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

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

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.

"The seed sown among thorns is the one who hears the word but then the cares of the world and the lure of riches choke the word and it bears no fruit." - MATTHEW 13:22

MRS SAYERS' MESSAGE - ST AGATHA'S SCHOOL

Term 3 offers Dance Cart for all classes from Prep to Year 6, and the programme began on Thursday. Dance Cart will instruct our children in dance and movement each Thursday throughout the term and will finish with an Expo for parents on Thursday 14 September. At the end of this term I will be taking some Long Service Leave. From Tuesday 5 September to Tuesday 17 October, Mr Nick Fogarty will be in the role of Acting Principal and Mrs Tricia Howard will take the role of Acting Assistant Principal. Mrs Carmen Gendle will be teaching the Prep class for the four weeks that Mrs Howard will be out of the Prep room. Our Year 6 students will be heading to Canberra for their Leadership Tour on Monday 31 July until Friday 4 August. Peace to you and your family... *Carol Sayers, Principal*

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 - Sixteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time - 23 July 2017

1st Reading: Wisdom 12:13, 16-19; 2nd Reading: Romans 8:26-27; Gospel: Matthew 13:24-43