

ST. AGATHA'S PARISH

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Sixteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time - 23rd July 2017

Readings

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

WEEKDAY MASSES

Monday 24 July: 6.30am
 Wednesday 26 July: 9am
 Saints Joachim and Anne
 Thursday 27 July: 9am
 Friday 28 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

- Wednesday 26th
RCIA enquiry night 7pm
Parish Office
- Saturday 29th/Sunday 30th
Catholic Mission Appeal
- Monday 31st
SVDP Meeting 5pm Parish
Office

AUGUST

- Tuesday 1st
Youth Ministry Meeting 6.45pm
Parish Office
- Monday 7th or Tuesday 8th
Parent Information night
(Confirmation) 7pm, APAC,
St Agatha's School



The Spirit comes to help us in our weakness. For when we cannot choose words in order to pray properly, the Spirit expresses our plea in a way that could never be put into words... (Letter to the Romans)

Dear friends,

I am pleased to announce that Archbishop Mark Coleridge has appointed Fr Saji George CMI as Associate Pastor of St. Agatha's from the 12th August. I am sure that you will welcome Fr. Saji when he arrives in the parish. The Congregation of Carmelites of Mary Immaculate (CMI) is the first indigenous religious congregation in the Catholic Church of India. The CMI community is based in Kerala in India, and is part of the Syro-Malabar Catholic Church, which is an Eastern Catholic Church in full communion with Rome. There are a number of CMI priests currently serving within the Archdiocese, and Fr. Saji will share more of his story when he arrives. Don't forget our "Soirée Under The Stars" to launch our centenary celebrations on Saturday, August 26th. I am thankful to Mrs. Carol Sayers and the school community for allowing us access to the APAC space for the evening. Flyers with the details are available at the front door of the church. If you require assistance with booking tickets, please contact the parish office. The centenary year will be marked with a number of celebrations and opportunities to support the parish community. I hope that it will be a memorable year of thanksgiving and rejoicing in the achievements of this community through the grace of God, and allowing the Spirit to renew our hopefulness in the future.

Jesus continues to talk about seeds and plants and growing in this Sunday's gospel. As one preacher once noted: "The parable in today's Gospel teaches us about God. God isn't angrily looking for ways to punish us when we fail. God is more like a grandparent who is patient with the grandchildren. That's a wonderful picture of God. The image of God as patient as a grandparent gives us something to think about into the week ahead.

Fr. Anthony

The Wisdom of Pope Francis

How do we begin to dialogue? With the ears. Unblocking the ears. Ears open to hearing what is happening. For example: I am going to visit a sick person and I start talking: "Don't worry, you will get better soon, blablabla Bye, God bless you". How often do we do this? The poor sick person remains there.... But he needed to be *listened to!* When you visit a sick person, be quiet. Give them a kiss, one question: "How are you?" And let them talk. They need to let off steam, they need to complain. They also need to say nothing but to feel that they are being seen and heard.

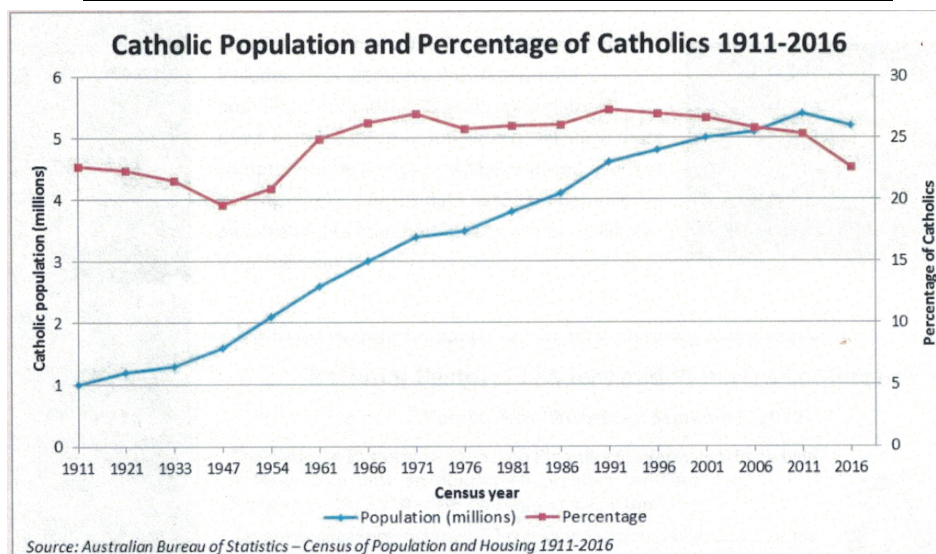
Clayfield Conversations

Recently, the latest census data on religious affiliation was released. The Pastoral Research Office of the Australian Catholic Bishops Conference has collated the census data.

2016 Census Data Reveals Growth, Diversity and Change in Population

The Australian Bureau of Statistics (ABS) has just released data from the 2016 Census and the results reveal a growing, culturally diverse and changing population. On the night of the Census, there were 23.7 million people in Australia, with around 5.3 million people, or 22.6 per cent, identifying as Catholic. Anglicanism was the second largest religious group, with 13 per cent of the population identifying, while the Uniting Church comprised 3.7 per cent of the population. Not surprisingly, given the change to the Census form and previous Census trends, the number of people who identified with 'No religion' rose to 30 per cent of the population, while just under one in ten people chose not to answer the optional question. The number of people identifying as Catholic between 2011 and 2016 decreased by a nett amount of around 147,000, a decrease of 2.7 per cent. It is noteworthy that the 2016 Census was the first time in Australia's 105 year Census history that Catholic identification decreased in number.

Catholic Population and Percentage of Catholics 1911-2016



While some commentators point to the latest Census results as further proof of the decline in the importance of religion amongst Australians and an increasing secularisation, it is worth noting that well over half the population (52.1%) identified with a Christian denomination and a further eight per cent with a non-Christian religion.

According to the 2016 Census, the Catholic population in Australia is getting older. In the 2001 Census, 12 per cent of Catholics were aged 65 years and over. By 2006 this had risen to 13.2 per cent and 14.1 per cent by 2011. In 2016, 16.6 per cent of Catholics were aged 65 and over. Inversely, the proportion of Catholics aged 0-14 years decreased from 22.2 per cent in 2001 to 19.8 per cent in 2016. However, the Catholic population actually reflected the general Australian population, which also experienced an increase in the proportion of people aged 65 and over. Around 15.7 per cent of Australians were aged 65 and over in 2016.

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

Next weekend 29/30 July our parish will be holding the annual CATHOLIC MISSION CHURCH APPEAL

This year we are invited to participate in Jesus' life-giving mission, supporting women and children's health in Uganda. In Uganda bringing life into the world is often fraught with danger, with many women taking great risks to reach health facilities. Despite the tireless work of Sister Mary Goretti and her small staff at St Luke Bujuni Health Centre, they do not have the capacity to deal with the influx of high-risk pregnancies amongst the many expectant mothers who come through the doors.

Please come prepared next weekend and give generously.

Freecall: 1800 257 296 catholicmission.org.au/uganda



In our prayers we remember



Those who have died recently:

Sr Rose Cavallo, Margaret Wilson, Pam Drysdale

Those whose anniversaries occur about now:

Mona Moynihan, Marie MacGinley, Fr William McCarthy, Emily Sherman, Peita Dodson, Pam McBride, Bill Wallin, Laurence & Eileen Quinlan, Fr Tom Gard, Shawn Macgroarty, Nell Treston, Alice Abercrombie, Basil & Edna Taylor

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

Fergus McKinnon and Madelyn Pinfold 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

CONFIRMATION CEREMONY NIGHT Tuesday 12 September - 5pm or 7pm



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



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

5.00pm

7.00am

9.00am

5.30pm

READERS:

22/23 July

Eric van der List
Phil Zammit

Kate O'Neill
Kirsty Stevens

Volunteer
Jane Arkinstall
Clare Smethurst

Life Teen Mass

29/30 July

Edward Foley
Cate Barrett

Sr Cecily Foster
Aleira Egan

Michael Crutcher
Ryan Smethurst
Heidi Cooper

Life Teen Mass

COMMUNION MINISTERS:

22/23 July

Jan Zammit

Volunteer

Christine Iannarella

Life Teen Mass

29/30 July

Ann Goves

Helen Roberts

Julianne Ryan

Life Teen Mass

ORGANISTS:

22/23 July

Volunteer

Volunteer

Robyn Cuming

Life Teen Mass

29/30 July

Volunteer

Mark Leung

Jenny McKeon

Life Teen Mass

ALTAR SERVERS:

22/23 July

Volunteer/s

Joey Douglas

Bridget Birchley
Kate Taylor
Sofia Iannarella

Sophia Lazzarini
Max Lazzarini
Sharon Mathew

29/30 July

Milla Brady
Laura Barrett

Volunteer/s

Xavier Coorey
Dominic Coorey
Milly Ryan

Caitlin Marshall
Eve Ryan
Claire Ryan

CHILDREN'S LITURGY:

23 July

30 July

Eleonora Kowitz and Giulia Coorey

Julie Kordic and Ewa Marino-Cebulski

SANCTUARY CARERS:

5 Aug

Victor Podesta

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)

ASSUMPTION OF THE BLESSED VIRGIN MARY

Tuesday 15 August

9.00am Mass and a 7.00pm Mass will be celebrated on this day.

SOLEMNITY OF ST MARY OF THE CROSS MACKILLOP

On Tuesday 8 August 2017, Archbishop Mark Coleridge will celebrate the 10.00am Mass at the Cathedral of St Stephen for the Feast Day of our Archdiocesan patron, Saint Mary MacKillop.

All are welcome to attend the Mass and morning tea. There will be no reserved seating in the Cathedral and seating will be limited, so early arrival is advisable. Following Mass, there will be morning tea in the Cathedral precinct. If you wish to stay for morning please reply to rsvp@bne.catholic.net.au for catering purposes.

MRS SAYERS' MESSAGE

This week we said farewell for four weeks to Mrs White, our Enrolment Secretary, as she enjoys her Long Service Leave. Mrs Prue Gall is working in the school office during this time. Mrs White will return on Monday 21 August. We said farewell also to Mrs Antonini, our Art Specialist teacher, as she began her Long Service Leave this term. Mrs Bonasia-Lewis will be teaching art until Mrs Antonini returns. We hope both Wendy and Anna-Maria are enjoying their well-deserved break away from their school routines. My special thanks to our year 2 class parents and parent helpers who worked hard on providing the canteen for the Athletics Carnival on Friday. To add to the fun of the day, we took up the offer of a visiting American Army Band who entertained our school. Peace to you and your family, *Carol Sayers, Principal*

LIFE TEEN MASS - EVERY SUNDAY 5.30PM
Join our talented musicians at this celebration of the Eucharist, where youth and young adults are invited to minister to each other. If you would like to help with music or singing just talk to the musicians. Enjoy food and friendship after Mass on the 1st Sunday of each month (supper) and the 3rd Sunday of each month (drinks and nibbles). Helpers eagerly accepted. Phone Anne O'Connor: 3256 6013 or 0419796988. Visit Aggies Youth: <https://www.facebook.com/aggiesyouth>

Readings - Seventeenth Sunday in Ordinary Time - 30 July 2017

1st Reading: 1 Kings 3:5, 7-12; 2nd Reading: Romans 8:28-30; Gospel: Matthew 13:44-52