



# ST. AGATHA'S PARISH

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## The Transfiguration of the Lord - 6<sup>th</sup> August 2017

### Readings

1st Reading: Daniel 7:9-10, 13-14; 2nd Reading: 2 Peter 1:16-19; Gospel: Matthew 17:1-9

#### WEEKDAY MASSES

Monday 7 August: 6.30am  
 Wednesday 9 August: 9am  
 Thursday 10 August: 9am  
 Saint Lawrence  
 Friday 11 August: 9am  
 Saint Clare

#### WEEKEND MASSES

Saturday 5.00pm  
 (1st Rite of Reconciliation:  
 Saturday 4.30pm)  
 Sunday 7.00am  
 9.00am  
 5.30pm

Rosary before Mass.

#### Parish Calendar

#### AUGUST

- Monday 7<sup>th</sup> or Tuesday 8<sup>th</sup>  
 Parent Information night  
 (Confirmation) 7pm, APAC,  
 St Agatha's School  
 SVDP Meeting 5pm Parish  
 Office
- Monday 14<sup>th</sup>  
 SVDP Meeting 5pm Parish  
 Office  
 Community & Mission Council  
 Meeting 6.30pm Parish Office
- Tuesday 15<sup>th</sup>  
 The Assumption of the Blessed  
 Virgin Mary - Mass 9am & 7pm



Jesus took with him Peter and James and his brother John and led them up a high mountain where they could be alone. There in their presence he was transfigured: his face shone like the sun and his clothes became as white as the light.

Dear friends,

Our preparation for the sacrament of Confirmation begins this coming week. Parents of children who will celebrate their Confirmation this year are invited to attend one of the parent information sessions this Monday or Tuesday night at 7pm in APAC. Confirmation is offered to children around Yr. 3, with First Communion the following year. As a parish community, we look forward to supporting our families through these days of preparation and into the celebration of First Communion next year.

A couple of week's ago, Archbishop Coleridge announced that Fr. Saji George has been appointed as Associate Pastor of St. Agatha's from mid-August. Fr. Saji will join us from the 19<sup>th</sup> August, but sadly, his father, George Kizhakkenpuppallil died on Saturday, 29<sup>th</sup> July and, as is Indian custom, was buried the following day. Let us pray for the repose of the soul of George, and for comfort for Fr. Saji and his family. I am sure that you will extend your sympathies to Fr. Saji when he arrives in a few week's time.

It is less than a month now until our launch event for our centenary celebrations, the "Soirée Under the Stars" (see page 2). I hope that you are able to join us for an evening of good food, good company, and good memories. It will begin 12 months of thanksgiving and celebration for our St. Agatha's community, and so, let us get the festivities started in fine style with a large and joyful crowd. If you have difficulties accessing the website to book tickets, please contact the parish office for assistance.

Don't forget that Tuesday, 15<sup>th</sup> August (next week), is the Feast of the Assumption of Mary, and remains a Holy Day of Obligation in our liturgical calendar. Mass times are 9am (with the school community) and 7pm.

Fr. Anthony

#### The Wisdom of Pope Francis

From the event of the Transfiguration I would like to take two significant elements that can be summed up in two words: *ascent* and *descent*. We all need to go apart, to ascend the mountain in a space of silence, to find ourselves and better perceive the voice of the Lord. This we do in prayer. But we cannot stay there! Encounter with God in prayer inspires us anew to "descend the mountain" and return to the plain where we meet many brothers and sisters weighed down by fatigue, sickness, injustice, ignorance, poverty both material and spiritual.

## Clayfield Conversations

*This week's reflection comes from spiritual writer, Fr. Ron Rolheiser. He tells the story of the mystical experience of French priest, Pierre Teilhard de Chardin on the Feast of the Transfiguration.*

### **Covenanted to say Mass for the World**

On the Feast of the Transfiguration in 1923, Pierre Teilhard de Chardin found himself alone at sunrise in the Ordos desert in China, watching the sun spread its orange and red light across the horizon. He was deeply moved, humanly and religiously. What he most wanted to do in response was to celebrate Mass, to somehow consecrate the whole world to God. But he had no altar, no bread and no wine. So he resolved to make the world itself his altar and what was happening in the world the bread and the wine for his Mass. Here, in paraphrase, is the prayer he prayed over the world, awakening to the sun that morning in China.

*O God, since I have neither bread, nor wine, nor altar, I will raise myself beyond these symbols and make the whole Earth my altar and on it will offer to you all the labours and sufferings of the world. As the rising sun moves as a sheet of fire across the horizon the Earth wakes, trembles and begins its daily tasks. I will place on my paten, O God, the harvest to be won by this renewal of labour. Into my chalice I will pour all the sap which is to be pressed out this day from the Earth's fruits. My paten and my chalice are the depths of a soul laid widely open to all the forces which in a moment will rise up from every corner of the Earth and converge upon the Spirit. Grant me, Lord, to remember and make mystically present all those whom the light is now awakening to this new day. As I call these to mind, I remember first those who have shared life with me: family, community, friends and colleagues. And I remember as well, more vaguely but all-inclusively, the whole of humanity, living and dead, and, not least, the physical earth itself, as I stand before you, O God, as a piece of this earth, as that place where the earth opens and closes to you. And so, O God, over every living thing which is to spring up, to grow, to flower, to ripen during this day, I say again the words: "This is my body." And over every death-force which waits in readiness to corrode, to wither, to cut down, I speak again your words which express the supreme mystery of faith: "This is my blood." On my paten, I hold all who will live this day in vitality, the young, the strong, the healthy, the joy-filled; and in my chalice, I hold all that will be crushed and broken today as that vitality draws its life. I offer you on this all-embracing altar everything that is in our world, everything that is rising and everything that is dying, and ask you to bless it. And our communion with you will not be complete, will not be Christian, if, together with the gains which this new day brings, we do not also accept, in our own name and in the name of the world, those processes, hidden or manifest, of enfeeblement, of aging and of death, which unceasingly consume the universe, to its salvation or its condemnation. Lord, God, we deliver ourselves up with abandon to those fearful forces of dissolution which, we blindly believe, will cause our narrow egos to be replaced by your divine presence. We gather into a single prayer both our delight in what we have and our thirst for what we lack. Lord, lock us into the deepest depths of your heart; and then, holding us there, burn us, purify us, set us on fire, sublimate us, till we become utterly what you would have us to be, through the annihilation of all selfishness inside us. Amen.*

For Teilhard this, of course, was not to be confused with the celebration of the Eucharist in a church. Rather, he saw it as a "prolongation" or "extension" of the Eucharist, where the Body and Blood of Christ becomes incarnate in a wider bread and wine, namely, in the entire physical world which manifests the mystery of God's flesh shining through all that is. Teilhard was an ordained, Roman Catholic priest, covenanted by his ordination to say Mass for the world, to place bread on a paten and wine in a chalice and offer them to God for the world. We too, all of us Christians, by our baptism, are made priests and, like Teilhard, are covenanted to say Mass for the world, that is, to offer up on our own metaphorical patens and chalices, bread and wine for the world, in whatever form this might take on a given day. There are many ways of doing this, but you might want to try this: Some morning as the sun is lighting up the horizon, let its red and golden fire enflame your heart and your empathy so as to make you stretch out your hands and pray Teilhard's eucharistic prayer over an awakening world.



St Agatha's Parish invites you to a **SOIRÉE UNDER THE STARS** to launch its Centenary celebrations.

**Venue:** St Agatha's School Student Mall APAC Centre

**Date:** Saturday 26 August 6-9pm (following 5pm Mass)

**Cost:** \$65 pp includes drinks and canapés | **Dress:** Lounge suit

**Bookings:** [www.stickytickets.com.au/54474](http://www.stickytickets.com.au/54474) **RSVP:** Monday 21 August

**JOIN THE TEAM...** if you have any of these skills

Writing | Scrapbooking | Research | Journalism | Pinterest | Photo shopping | Graphics and design  
Photography | Editing/proof reading | Proficiency in IT e.g. Microsoft & Adobe | Scanning photographs  
Interviewing (parishioners' stories)

We need you to help compile our **Parish Centenary Celebration Book**.

Interested? - please contact, Cate, Eileen, Helen and Geraldine through the designated email [stagathascentenarybook@gmail.com](mailto:stagathascentenarybook@gmail.com) or contact the Parish Office 3262 2859 and they will pass on your details.



## In our prayers we remember



### Those who have died recently :

Fr Chris Schick, Anthony Dyson, Helen Ryan

### Those whose anniversaries occur about now:

George & Mona Leutenegger, William Mahon, John & Claire Collins, Mick & Gloria Statham, Frank & Jean York, Cardinal Joseph Cardijn, Fr Owen Oxenham

### Those who are sick:

Nino Restuccia, 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



### ST AGATHA'S PARISH SACRAMENTAL PROGRAM 2017

**Sacrament of Confirmation | For all children in Year 3 and above**  
**Parent (only) 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](http://www.clayfieldparish.org.au)

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



We would like to start a season of the ALPHA series, where 18 - 25 year olds are invited to meet weekly, share a simple meal, watch a short film clip and discuss the nature of faith and Jesus.

ALPHA has been running since 1977 and has been used in many Christian Churches.

Alpha in a Catholic Context has been operating in a number of Brisbane Parishes.

For us to make this happen we need to have some volunteers to help out with food and hospitality. If you would like to be part of this please phone Anne O'Connor: 32566 013 or mobile 0419 796 988.



**THANK YOU** for supporting this year's

**CATHOLIC MISSION CHURCH APPEAL** through your kind gifts and prayers - for joining in Jesus' life-giving mission and supporting women and children's health in Uganda and around the world.

Your generosity makes it possible for local missionaries like Sister Mary Goretti to provide essential services for women and children in their time of need. We invite you to consider partnering with us through a regular monthly gift and continuing your support of this life-giving work of mission. **Freecall: 1800 257 296 [catholicmission.org.au/uganda](http://catholicmission.org.au/uganda)**



### ALTAR SERVING TRAINING

Fr Anthony would like to invite any children from Grades 3 to 6 that would like to altar serve, to a training session on Monday 14 August at 3.30pm in the Church. If your child is interested and is able to come, please email the parish office: [clayfield@bne.catholic.net.au](mailto:clayfield@bne.catholic.net.au) with your child's name and grade.

### TOWARDS HEALING INFORMATION

The following brochures are available at the back of the Church.

*Professional Standards Office, Catholic Church Queensland and Towards Healing Protocol*

### 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)

Parishioner looking for a wheelchair accessible rental property in the area so he can be close to his children and family. If you have a suitable property and need a great long term tenant, or know someone who does, please contact the parish office 3262 2859.

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

**5.00pm**

**7.00am**

**9.00am**

**5.30pm**

**READERS:**

5/6 Aug	Graham Gibson Julie-Anne Gibson	Rafael Chase Ruby Chase	Eileen Duncan Tim Hancock Peter Gilroy	Life Teen Mass
12/13 Aug	Lauren McMullan Ann Goves	Andrew Douglas Anne O'Connor	Denis Keating Don Macpherson Amrita Moss	Life Teen Mass

**COMMUNION MINISTERS:**

5/6 Aug	Edward Foley	Paulette Archer	Erin Bledsoe	Life Teen Mass
12/13 Aug	Deborah Hall	Lorraine Atkinson-MacEwan	Amrita Moss	Life Teen Mass

**ORGANISTS:**

5/6 Aug	Volunteer	Mark Leung	Catriona McPherson	Life Teen Mass
12/13 Aug	Volunteer	Volunteer	Robyn Cuming	Life Teen Mass

**ALTAR SERVERS:**

5/6 Aug	Felicity Shepherd Charlotte Shepherd	Volunteer/s	Bart Marino Amelia Marino Billy Crutcher Daniel Benjamin	Caitlin Marshall Sharon Mathew
12/13 Aug	Ella Shepherd	Joey Douglas	Xavier Coorey Dominic Coorey	Caitlin Marshall Alex Oliveri

**CHILDREN'S LITURGY:**

6 Aug			Ewan McPherson and Susan De Medici	
13 Aug			Erin Bledsoe, Michelle Wille & Sophia Vangnaitham	

**SANCTUARY CARERS:**

19 Aug	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 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.

**THE ASSUMPTION OF THE BLESSED VIRGIN MARY**

**Tuesday 15 August**

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

As part of our centenary at St Agatha's, we are also planning to celebrate 100 years of *tying the knot* at the parish. By sending in your wedding image, you will have a chance to be part of a commemorative poster to mark the centenary. So if you were married at the church or know someone who was, feel free to email your wedding shot (at the church) to [stagathasweddings@gmail.com](mailto:stagathasweddings@gmail.com)  
Please use the following wording in the subject line of the email: "WEDDING - (YOUR SURNAME)". This will make it easier for us to keep a track of the photos. Please also include the names of the couple, their wedding date and a contact number in the email so we can get in touch. Some images may be used on our social media platforms. If you have an questions, please feel free to call Ainsley Crutcher on 0417792212 and she will be happy to help you.

**KNIGHTS OF THE SOUTHERN CROSS RETREAT DAY**

All men and women are invited to the Annual Retreat Day, sponsored by the Knights of the Southern Cross, on Saturday 12 August in Nolan Hall (adjacent to Corpus Christi Church Nundah). Presenter Fr John Chalmers will lead us through the theme of parables. Beginning with Morning tea at 10am, the day includes Mass at noon and concludes at 3.00pm. Tea, coffee and morning tea are provided. Please bring your own lunch. For more information and to book please contact John Carr 3266 1119 or John James 3267 7654.



**SCHOOL NEWS**

Our Year 6 students certainly enjoyed their tour of Canberra. Mr McCall and the school supervisors participated in many of the wonderful opportunities that Canberra offered in learning about Australia. Please follow their tour on Facebook and like the posts of photos of our students learning about government and voting.

Next week I shall be attending workshops on the topic of Catholic Identity. Mr Fogarty and Mrs Howard from our Leadership team will also be a part of this programme and we hope to learn more about strategies for ensuring that our schools in the Archdiocese of Brisbane retain a strong Catholic presence in our Parishes and communities. Peace to you and your family, *Carol Sayers, Principal*

**Readings - Nineteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time - 13 August 2017**

**1st Reading: 1 Kings 19:9, 11-13; 2nd Reading: Romans 9:1-5; Gospel: Matthew 14:22-33**