

ST. AGATHA'S PARISH

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St Agatha's

CLAYFIELD

Nineteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time - 13th August 2017

Readings

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

WEEKDAY MASSES

Monday 14 August: 6.30am
Saint Maximilian Mary Kolbe
Tuesday 15 August: 9am &
7pm *The Assumption of the
Blessed Virgin Mary*
Wednesday 16 August: 9am
Thursday 17 August: 9am
Friday 18 August: 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

AUGUST

- **Monday 14th**
SVDP Meeting 5pm Parish
Office
- **Saturday 19th / Sunday 20th**
(Confirmation Preparation)
Relighting of Baptismal Candle
at any Mass
- **Tuesday 22nd**
Finance Meeting 6pm Parish
Office



*And when Elijah heard the sound of a gentle breeze,
he covered his face with his cloak and went out and
stood at the entrance of the cave.*
(From the First Book of Kings)

Dear friends,

The picture immediately to the left is that of a hand-carving by Paul Kaptein. It was the winner of the Mandorla art prize in 2014. The Mandorla art prize is Australia's most significant thematic religious art prize.

It is an interpretation of the Elijah's encounter with God on Mt. Horeb. As described on the Mandorla website:

This work makes solid "The Contours of Emptiness", as the artist expresses it. The laminated timber sculpture, carved in the manner of a classical marble bust, works well as a metaphor for an inner stillness that came over Elijah as he became aware of the silence after the preceding tumult. The work is technically very refined. Soft undulating folds of the cloak close around a clenched hand at the throat and the prophet's mantle frames a faceless font or vessel into which we can capture and dissolve our thoughts. The single hole in the chest explodes into a multitude at the back, as if the subject is being violently shot through with a revelation. There is an edgy ambiguity here that points to the prophet as a marginalised, subversive truth-teller while being suggestive of the hood of a teenager. It has a telling presence.

Our first reading this Sunday is one of my favourite scripture readings. It is a powerful, elusive and evocative narrative of the silent presence of God, and the above sculpture mirrors Elijah's mysterious encounter and subtle response. The silence of God is the most potent voice we will ever hear. The faithful heart is one that is able to tell the difference between a deafening, stony darkness and the brooding Divine stillness calling us into light and life.

Fr. Anthony

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 **RSVP:** Monday 21 August



Clayfield Conversations

August 8th is the Feast Day of St. Mary of the Cross MacKillop. St. Mary MacKillop is the Patron of the Archdiocese of Brisbane. Here is part one of Archbishop Mark Coleridge's homily from last Tuesday.

Part two will follow next week.

Homily of Archbishop Coleridge for the Feast of St. Mary of the Cross MacKillop (Part One)

I have been reading Shakespeare for years; and when I do, I'm often left wondering where he got all this. The language has such power and beauty and ease that something seems to pass through Shakespeare. The words seem to come from somewhere else, so transcendent do they seem. I have the same sense with a composer like Mozart: where did he get all this, where did it come from? The music seems to come from somewhere else. The same might be said of Michelangelo, standing beneath the prodigies he has left on the walls and ceiling of the Sistine Chapel. It all seems to come from somewhere else. You ask not only, How did he do it? but, How did he even think of doing it? Where did it all come from?

Mary MacKillop is not a poet, a composer or a painter: but I have the same sense with her. Something seems to pass through her – to the point where you ask, Where did it all come from? How did Mary happen? The answer we give today and which the Church gave when she was canonised is that it all came from God. The Holy Spirit moved through Mary MacKillop and still does. She may look conventional enough in the portraits, sporting what was the religious habit of the time. But in fact she's as unconventional as Shakespeare, Mozart or Michelangelo – as wonderfully disruptive and as enduringly creative.

The Spirit that was given to her and moved through her was a marvellous thing, but it took Mary to some dark places. That's part of the Spirit's disruption. One of those dark places was Brisbane, where she clashed mightily with my predecessor James Quinn who lies in his tomb here and whom Mary described as "a terrible man", by which she meant not that Bishop Quinn was in any way a bad man, just that he had a terrible effect on her. In one of her letters, she wrote of Brisbane: "No words can tell what a time of suspense and trouble we have had here". Bishop Quinn accused Mary of being young (which she was), sentimental (which she wasn't), colonial, in other words Australian-born (which she was), of non-Irish stock (which was true), female (which she was), daughter of a bankrupt colonial seminarian (which she was), a former excommunicate (which she was), a strong personality (which was true), obstinate (which she could be), ambitious (which she wasn't), Adelaide-based (which she was), Jesuit-influenced (which she was) and, worst of all because true, a friend of Roger Vaughan, the English Benedictine Archbishop of Sydney, who Quinn was sure was out to get him. The one thing Bishop Quinn never said of Mary was that she had about her something of the saint, which Cardinal Moran did say when she died. And in the end that's the one thing that matters.

The blow-up between James Quinn and Mary MacKillop wasn't just a clash of personalities. It was far more than that. It was a clash of understanding of what the mission of the Church required in this time and in this place. The issue of course was diocesan or central government of the Sisters – whether the Bishop or the Mother General should call the shots. Not surprisingly, Quinn insisted on the first, and Mary (with the support of Rome) preferred the second. Inevitably it all blew up and the Sisters left Brisbane for some years. But Mary and her Sisters eventually returned to Brisbane and have been here ever since, thank God.

St Agatha's Parish Centenary

Calendar Competition

Celebrating 100 Years

Submit your artwork to feature in our 2018 Centenary calendar

Theme: Draw your family's most treasured memory of St Agatha's Parish.

Categories: Pre-School-Prep, Year 1-3 & Year 4-6.

4 entries from each category will be chosen & allocated a month each to feature in our 2018 calendar.

Specifics: Drawings to be done on A4 Landscape.

Please write your Name and Grade on the back of your entry.

Submit all entries to the Parish office by Friday the 15th of September 2017.

PARISH OFFICE

Please note that the Parish Office will be closed on **Monday 14 August** from 10.00am to 1.30pm and **Wednesday 16 August**

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>

In our prayers we remember



Those who have died recently :

Jim Harris, Peter Wadley, Fr Chris Schick, Anthony Dyson

Those whose anniversaries occur about now:

Rory Schuh, Hugh McBride, Lew Brumptom, Fr Gregory Jordan SJ, John Curtin, May McKenzie, George & Mona Leutenegger, William Mahon, John & Claire Collins, Mick & Gloria Statham, Frank & Jean York

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

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 stagathacentenarybook@gmail.com or contact the Parish Office 3262 2859 and they will pass on your details.

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 stagathaweddings@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 any questions, please feel free to call Ainsley Crutcher on 0417792212.

ST AGATHA'S PARISH SACRAMENTAL PROGRAM 2017

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

Relighting of Baptismal Candle: 19/20 August at any of the Masses

Presentation of the Creed: 26/27 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



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 with your child's name and grade.



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.



TOWARDS HEALING INFORMATION

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

Professional Standards Office, Catholic Church Queensland and Towards Healing Protocol

DO YOU HAVE A GRANNY FLAT OR ROOM TO RENT - 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:

12/13 Aug	Lauren McMullan Ann Goves	Andrew Douglas Anne O'Connor	Denis Keating Don Macpherson <i>Volunteer</i>	Life Teen Mass
19/20 Aug	Phil Zammit Eric van der List	Jeanine Bygott Mark Burton	Joseph O'Brien Wilma O'Connell Dominic Ryan	Life Teen Mass

COMMUNION MINISTERS:

12/13 Aug	Deborah Hall	Lorraine Atkinson-MacEwan	<i>Volunteer</i>	Life Teen Mass
19/20 Aug	Jan Zammit	Helen Roberts	Christine Iannarella	Life Teen Mass

ORGANISTS:

12/13 Aug	<i>Volunteer</i>	<i>Volunteer</i>	Robyn Cuming	Life Teen Mass
19/20 Aug	<i>Volunteer</i>	Mark Leung	Catrina McPherson	Life Teen Mass

ALTAR SERVERS:

12/13 Aug	Ella Shepherd	Joey Douglas	Xavier Coorey Dominic Coorey	Caitlin Marshall Alex Oliveri
19/20 Aug	Billy Crutcher Dash Crutcher		Daniel Benjamin Sofia Iannarella	Max Lazzarini Sophia Lazzarini

CHILDREN'S LITURGY:

13 Aug			<i>No Children's Liturgy - Rite of Enrolment</i>	
20 Aug			Katrina Murphy & Naoko Leotta	

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 3rd and 4th Sundays of the month

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

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INTER CHURCH COUNCIL QUIET AFTERNOON

All are welcome to the *Quiet afternoon* on next Sunday 20 August from approximately 2.00pm-4.00pm at St John's (Anglican) Church, Manson Road Hendra, lead by Rev Iain Moore. For enquires please phone 3268 3092.

ST PASCHAL'S GALA EVENT OF THE YEAR

Gala Concert celebrating "*Heroes and Villains*" with the Brisbane City Pops Orchestra conducted by Neil Flottmann.

St Paschal's Church, 30 Warraba Avenue, Wavell Heights.

Friday 25 August 2017, 7.00pm. Tickets \$30 each includes light supper or special allocation in the Choir Loft for \$50 each includes light supper.

Tickets available from the Parish Office, 146 Maundrell Terrace, Chermside West (Phone 3359 0239)

WORLD DAY OF MIGRANTS AND REFUGEES

This year marks the 103rd World Day of Migrants and Refugees.

In our Archdiocese of Brisbane, the annual Multicultural Mass will be held at the Cathedral of St Stephen on Sunday 27 August, 2:30pm celebrated by Archbishop Mark Coleridge and Migrant Chaplains.

MUSICIAN'S ADVENT WORKSHOP WITH LITURGY BRISBANE

Saturday September 9 Holy Spirit Seminary

With Sr Ursula O'Rourke, Michael Fitzpatrick and Lin Johnstone

\$15 per person. A great day of fun, networking and useful information.

More information at www.liturgybrisbanemusic.weebly.com

Date Claimer:

2017 Annual Catholic Campaign September 9th/10th

Readings - Twentieth Sunday in Ordinary Time - 20 August 2017

1st Reading: Isaiah 56:1, 6-7; 2nd Reading: Romans 11:13-15, 29-32; Gospel: Matthew 15:21-28