

ST. AGATHA'S PARISH

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St Agatha's

CLAYFIELD

Twentieth Sunday in Ordinary Time - 20th August 2017

Readings

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

WEEKDAY MASSES

Monday 21 August: 6.30am

Saint Pius X

Wednesday 23 August: 9am

Thursday 24 August: 9am

Saint Bartholomew

Friday 25 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

• **Tuesday 22nd**

Finance Meeting 6pm Parish Office

• **Saturday 26th / Sunday 27th**

(Confirmation Preparation)

Presentation of the Creed

• **Monday 28th**

SVDP Meeting 5pm Parish Office

• **Monday 28th**

(Confirmation Preparation)

Workshops 5pm or 7pm

APAC, St Agatha's School



Jesus answered her,

"Woman, you have great faith. Let your wish be granted."

Dear friends,

This weekend, we are delighted to share with our children who are preparing for Confirmation the re-lighting of their baptismal candles. People often ask why the timing of the celebration of Confirmation has been moved from the a post-

First Communion sacrament to prior to First Communion sacrament. This is a long history which I will go into another time, but it is important to remember that the Sacrament of Confirmation is really a "confirmation" of our baptism. Most of us were baptised when we were too young to remember its celebration, and Confirmation completes or "seals" our baptism with the gifts of the Holy Spirit. Fragrant Chrism Oil is used in both celebrations (Baptism and Confirmation) and reminds of the connection between being welcomed into the Body of Christ (Baptism) and being given the gifts that helps us live as members of the Body of Christ (Confirmation).

Today our children will re-light their baptismal candles. Their parents have spoken to them during the course of this week about their baptism and why asked to have their child's baptism. The candles are a tangible reminder of the celebration. The flame of faith continues to burn within these children as surely as the flame burns on the candle. We will continue to pray for them that the Christ-light will shine brightly within them and around them during these weeks of preparation.

On another matter, there has been some talk this past week about the place of the seal of the Confessional in the light of recommendations from the Royal Commission. It is important to remember that this is only a recommendation at this stage, with no immediate implication for the celebration of the sacrament. There is a good article in this Sunday's *The Catholic Leader* in response to this recommendation from the Royal Commission.

Finally, this weekend also we welcome Fr. Saji George, who will be with us until the end of the year. Let us gladly welcome Fr. Saji to our community. *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: NEXT 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 two of Archbishop Mark Coleridge's homily from the feast day this year.

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

Bishop Quinn had new wine on his hands but he kept trying to put it in old wineskins. Mary also understood that the wine was new, very new in Australia – and that this called for new wineskins. That's exactly what she sought to provide in the Constitutions of her Institute which Quinn rejected out of hand but which the Holy See endorsed. The strategy for which Quinn argued passionately may have worked in the old world, but it wouldn't work in the new world that Mary and Rome understood better than did Quinn. Disruptive Mary may have been, and that's certainly how Quinn saw her. But through her there moved the disruptions of the Holy Spirit, and for that again we thank God today.

The Church in Australia now is faced with a need to find new wineskins. That's why the Bishops have decided that it's time for a Plenary Council, the journey to which has already begun. This decision and the journey we are on to the Council and beyond is the work of the Holy Spirit – and so there will be disruptions and we will be led to some dark places. But today I invite you to join me in entrusting the journey to the Plenary Council and beyond to the intercession of St Mary MacKillop, who must surely be interested in where we are now and where we need to go in the future.

We also look to Mary as a sure guide on the way. In this woman of the Spirit, we see three things which will light our path. No matter what darkness she entered or how uncertain she was at times, Mary never wavered in her belief that the work of her Institute was the work of the Holy Spirit. She never doubted that hers was a call from God. Nor did she ever waver from her sense of duty – that there were certain things which she simply had to do, even if she didn't want to do them, even when she found them painful. And the third thing that never wavered in Mary was her trust in God's providence. However bereft and endangered she and her Institute may have been at times, Mary trusted that God would provide – and provide God did. At the end of her life she could look back in wonder at how God had provided against all the odds.

As we look to the future, we no less than Mary need to stand firm in our sense of God's call that has come to us, even the call to the Plenary Council. We need to stand firm in our sense of duty – beyond personal preference and our own comfort zone. The duty is what flows from God's call, a call which will lead us as it did Mary to go where we would "rather not go", as Jesus says to Peter at the end of John's Gospel (21:18). And we need to stand firm in our sense of God's providence, trusting that the one who has called us will not disappoint but will provide for us in ways we can't foresee or don't expect.

Ours is a culture obsessed with personal autonomy. But Mary would have none of that. In her sense of call, duty and providence, she shows herself a woman who surrendered her autonomy to another – not to any human being but to the God who decided to move through her. That's why we look to St Mary MacKillop today, asking where it all came from, how it all happened – and answering that it was, as she said, "instituted by 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 opened from 11.00am on Wednesday 23 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:

Harry Akhil, Maureen Cassidy, Colin Dearness, Jim Harris, Peter Wadley

Those whose anniversaries occur about now:

Cedric Hampson, Agnes Clifton, Rory Schuh, Hugh McBride, Lew Brumptom, Fr Gregory Jordan SJ, John Curtin, May McKenzie

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, 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 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 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

Presentation of the Creed: 26/27 August at any of the Masses

Workshops: 28 August 5.00pm & 7.00pm - APAC St Agatha's School

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



INVITATION - ALPHA

Aggies Youth invites all young adults aged 18 to 25 years to join us for ALPHA evenings, starting on Friday 15 September and running through to 1 December.

ALPHA is a weekly opportunity for a group to meet, to share a simple meal, watch a short film and talk about God, the world and faith in Jesus. It is not a lesson. It is a journey of discussion and discovery.

Where: Nundah Library Meeting Room, 1 Bage St. Nundah

Time: 6.30pm-8.30pm **Contact:** Ewan McPherson 0423 452 011 or Anne O'Connor 0419 796 988



YOUNG ADULTS SOCIAL CATCH-UP

Following Aggies Youth previous social catch-ups, we will be hosting a **BAREFOOT BOWLS** lunch at "The Boo". This event is for 18 to 35 year olds.

We would love to see new friends!

When: Saturday 16 September | **Where:** Booroodabin Bowls Club, 126 Breakfast Creek Rd, Newstead
Time: 12.00 noon for a 12.30pm start | **Cost:** \$10.00pp for bowls, or \$25.00pp for bowls and a burger
Additional food can be purchased there. | **RSVP** to Joel 04 3824 1524 or joelgperkins@hotmail.com, or click "attending" on the Aggies Youth facebook page.

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:

19/20 Aug

Phil Zammit
Eric van der List

Jeanine Bygott
Mark Burton

Volunteer
Wilma O'Connell
Volunteer

Life Teen Mass

26/27 Aug

Jack Williamson
Katrina Murphy

Aleira Egan
Sr Cecily Foster

Trish Ryan
Clare Smethurst
Heidi Cooper

Life Teen Mass

COMMUNION MINISTERS:

19/20 Aug

Jan Zammit

Helen Roberts

Christine Iannarella

Life Teen Mass

26/27 Aug

Ann Goves

Volunteer

Julianne Ryan

Life Teen Mass

ORGANISTS:

19/20 Aug

Robyn Cuming

Mark Leung

Catriona McPherson

Life Teen Mass

26/27 Aug

Volunteer

Volunteer

Jenny McKeon

Life Teen Mass

ALTAR SERVERS:

19/20 Aug

Billy Crutcher
Dash Crutcher

Daniel Benjamin
Sofia Iannarella

Max Lazzarini
Sophia Lazzarini

26/27 Aug

Eve Ryan
Claire Ryan

Bridget Birchley
Milly Ryan

Caitlin Marshall
Ella Shepherd

CHILDREN'S LITURGY:

20 Aug

Jane Cameron & Naoko Leotta

27 Aug

Jane Arkinstall & Mel Ryan

SANCTUARY CARERS:

2 Sept

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.



With great joy we welcome *Lily Mae Bliss, Patrick Dowling, Aria Drochmann, Bella Krueger, Oliver Krueger, Chester Mooney, Aria Sos and Siena Sos* who will be baptised this weekend.



Congratulations to Carlo Marcelo and Princess Borda who will be married this weekend.



ST PASCHAL'S GALA EVENT OF THE YEAR

Gala Concert celebrating "Hereos 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.

Date Claimer:

2017 Annual Catholic Campaign September 9th/10th

"For the gifts and the call of God are irrevocable." - ROMANS 11:29

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Readings - Twenty-first Sunday in Ordinary Time - 27 August 2017

1st Reading: Isaiah 22:19-23; 2nd Reading: Romans 11:33-36; Gospel: Matthew 16:13-20