

ST. AGATHA'S PARISH

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School Principal: Mrs Carol Sayers **APRE:** Mr Nick Fogarty **Outside School Hours Care Coordinator:** Ashleigh Stacpoole

Twenty-First Sunday in Ordinary Time - 27th August 2017

Readings

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

WEEKDAY MASSES

Monday 28 August: 6.30am

St Augustine

Wednesday 30 August: 9am

Thursday 31 August: 9am

School Mass

Friday 1 September: 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 28th**

SVDP Meeting 5pm Parish Office

• **Monday 28th**

(Confirmation Preparation)

Workshops 5pm or 7pm

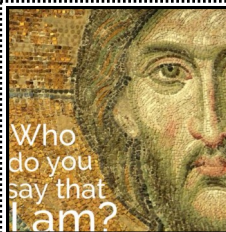
APAC, St Agatha's School

SEPTEMBER

• **Saturday 2nd / Sunday 3rd**

(Confirmation Preparation)

Hand in of books to Fr Anthony at any Mass



When Jesus came to the region of Caesarea Philippi he put this question to his disciples, "Who do people say the Son of Man is?"

Dear friends,

We have launched our centenary year. It is with great anticipation, excitement and gratitude that we look to the year ahead, knowing that we are the inheritors of the hard-work, commitment and generosity of the generations before us. I am deeply appreciative for the energy and co-ordination of the Centenary Committee for bringing together so splendidly this weekend's "Soirée Under the Stars", and thank you to all who supported and attended the evening. A special thank you to Mrs Carol Sayers and the school community for hosting us and to the school choir for sharing their wonderful voices. And also to those who donated prizes and their talents to make the evening both fun and beneficial to our community. You will also notice three (removable) centenary banners at the front of the church, part of the cost of which was donated by a parishioner. These banners will change over the course of the year to represent "Past, Present, Future". This is only the beginning of a year of celebration and festivity, and so, I look forward to sharing with you all that the year ahead has to offer, and pray that it will be a time of blessing and joy for every member of the community.

There are also some projects that are in the early stages of planning which hopefully will take greater shape over the next twelve months. One of our parish families has generously offered to anonymously donate a new stained-glass window for St. Agatha's. I have some preliminary ideas in mind, but need to receive expert advice before I can share with you a proposal for the community to consider. I hope to have something definitive by the end of October or early November. In addition, some of our AV equipment is aging and needs replacing and updating. Something more than just acquiring a new data projector is required, and in coming weeks, we will have some ideas to share publically. Thirdly, I believe that we need to take greater advantage of our location on busy Oriel Rd with new signage. Perhaps this might be in place by the start of school next year. Also, with the Community and Mission Council and Finance Council, we have discussed the seed of an idea to expand our hospitality facilities, which will be a longer-term project over the next 18 months or so. So this centenary year holds a lot of possibilities for us, but mostly importantly, this centenary year is about the people whom form this living community. This year is about you and your stories. Let us not forget, that ultimately this centenary celebration is about God's story alive among us.

Fr. Anthony

Date Claimer:

2017 Annual Catholic Campaign September 9th/10th

Clayfield Conversations

On June 27th June this year, Pope Francis celebrated his 25th anniversary of becoming a bishop. Below is the homily from the Jubilee Mass.

Homily of Pope Francis on the 25th Anniversary of Episcopal Ordination

In the First Reading we heard how the dialogue continued between God and Abram, that dialogue that began with that “Go from your country...” And in this continuing dialogue, we find three imperatives: “Arise!”, “Look!”, “Hope!”. Three imperatives which mark the path that Abram must follow and also his approach, his interior attitude: rise, look, hope. “Rise!” Rise, walk, do not stay still. You have a task; you have a mission, and you must accomplish it as you journey. Do not remain seated: rise, get on your feet. And Abram set out on the journey. Walking, always. And the symbol of this is the tent. The Book of Genesis says that Abram went forth with a tent, and when he stopped there was the tent. Abram never built a house for himself because of this imperative: “Arise!”. However, he did build an altar: the main thing, to adore the One who commanded him to rise, to set out on the journey, with the tent. “Arise!”.

“Look!” was the second imperative. “Lift up your eyes, and look from the place where you are, northward and southward eastward and westward”. Look. Look at the horizon; do not build walls. Always look. And go forward. The mystical nature [the spirituality] of the horizon is that the farther forward you go, the farther away the horizon is. Push your gaze, push it ahead, walking, but toward the horizon. The third imperative: “Hope!”. There is that beautiful dialogue: “[Lord,] you have given me no offspring; and a slave born in my house will be my heir” — “This man shall not be your heir; your own son shall be your heir”. And this was said to a man who could not have descendants, both due to his age and to the barrenness of this wife. But he will be “by you”. And your descendants — by you — will be “as the dust of the earth; so that if one can count the dust of the earth, your descendants also can be counted”. And a little farther on: Lift up your gaze, “look toward heaven, and number the stars, if you are able.... So shall your descendants be”. And Abraham believed, and the Lord reckoned it to him as righteousness. In the faith of Abram began that justice that [the Apostle] Paul would develop in the explanation of justification. “Rise! Look! — the horizon, no walls, the horizon — Hope!”; and hope is without walls; it is the pure horizon. But when Abram was called, he was more or less our age: he was about to enter retirement, retirement to rest.... He started out at that age. An elderly man, with the burden of old age, that old age that brings aches and pains, illness.... But you, as though you were a young man, rise, go, go! As if you were a scout: go! Look and hope. This Word of God is also for us, who are of an age similar to that of Abram ... more or less — there are a few young men here, but most of us have reached this age: and the Lord says the same to us today: “Arise! Look! Hope!”. He tells us that it is not time to retire, not time to end our history, to recapitulate our history.

The Lord tells us that our history is still open: it is open until the end; it is open with a mission. And he indicates our mission with these three imperatives: “Rise! Look! Hope!”. Someone who does not like us says that we are the gerontocracy of the Church. It is a slur. They do not understand what they are saying. We are not Geriatrics: we are grandfathers; we are grandfathers. And if we do not feel this way, we must ask for the grace to feel it. Grandfathers to whom our grandchildren look. Grandfathers must give life, meaning for them, from our experience. Grandfathers not withdrawn in our melancholic history, but open to transmit this. And for us, this “rise, look, hope” is called “dreaming”. We are grandfathers called to dream and to give our dream to today’s young people: they need it. Because they will draw from our dreams the power to prophecy and carry out their task. This is what the Lord asks of us today: to be grandfathers. To transmit this vitality to young people, because young people are expecting it from us; not to withdraw, to give of our best: they are waiting for our experience, for our positive dreams so as to carry out the prophecy and the work.

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.

St Paul reminds us of a central fact of stewardship. We cannot give the Lord anything, because God already owns it all. God made everything. All that we can do is return a portion of God’s many gifts back to Him. Sincere gratitude for our gifts opens our hearts to joyful generosity!

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 :

Neville Daniels, Nino Resticcia, Helen McNamara, Harry Akhil, Maureen Cassidy, Colin Dearness

Those whose anniversaries occur about now:

Mary Ann Herron, Betty Smith, Cedric Hampson, Agnes Clifton

Those who are sick:

Kahyam Baines, Lorraine Atkinson-McEwen, Camille Butler-Storms, Mary Ann Marcelo, Paul Gaynor, Michael Hogan, 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
Workshops: 28 August 5.00pm & 7.00pm - APAC St Agatha's School

Hand in of books to Fr Anthony: 2/3 September at any Mass

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.

Visit archbne.org/mrml as Archbishop Mark Coleridge takes you through the Catholic Mass in a multi part series.

Part 1: Introductory Rites - Greeting

Part 2: Introductory Rites - Penitential Act and Gloria

Part 3: Introductory Rites - Opening Prayer

Part 4: Liturgy of the Word - Readings

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

5.00pm

7.00am

9.00am

5.30pm

READERS:

26/27 Aug

Jack Williamson
Katrina Murphy

Aleira Egan
Sr Cecily Foster

Trish Ryan
Clare Smethurst
Heidi Cooper

Life Teen Mass

2/3 Sept

Cate Barrett
Edward Foley

Rafael Chase
Ruby Chase

Ryan Smethurst
Jane Arkinstall
Michael Crutcher

Life Teen Mass

COMMUNION MINISTERS:

26/27 Aug

Ann Goves

Volunteer

Julianne Ryan

Life Teen Mass

2/3 Sept

Deborah Hall

Paulette Archer

Erin Bledsoe

Life Teen Mass

ORGANISTS:

26/27 Aug

Volunteer

Volunteer

Jenny McKeon

Life Teen Mass

2/3 Sept

Volunteer

Mark Leung

Robyn Cuming

Life Teen Mass

ALTAR SERVERS:

26/27 Aug

Volunteer/s

Volunteer/s

Bridget Birchley
Daniel Benjamin

Caitlin Marshall
Ella Shepherd

2/3 Sept

Joey Douglas
Lachlan Hinneberg

Volunteer/s

Kate Taylor
Amelia Marino

Tia Manuel
Sharon Mathew

CHILDREN'S LITURGY:

27 Aug

3 Sept

Jane Arkinstall & Mel Ryan

Eleonora Kowitz & Giulia Coorey

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.



Congratulations and best wishes to Andrew and Lorraine Douglas on their 60th wedding anniversary



Congratulations to Owen Girardi and Anna Follent who were married this weekend.



With great joy we welcome **Daniil DeMarco, Greer Steel, Bonnie Stevens and Vivienne Mastroianni** who will be baptised this weekend.

Did you know?

The seminarians at Holy Spirit Seminary are truly humbled by the support that you give during the Annual Catholic Campaign.

The gifts you put toward the Campaign directly benefit Holy Spirit Seminary, training the priests of the future to be missionaries of mercy.



19 SEMINARIANS SUPPORTED IN 2016

One seminarian says, "My call to come to Holy Spirit Seminary is undoubtedly a precious gift from God Himself - a gift I will always treasure." Thanks to your prayers and your financial support our Seminary in Banyo is preparing 19 more young men for the priesthood.

With your ongoing support, Holy Spirit Seminary is able to help each seminarian in the Archdiocese of Brisbane respond to the call of their vocation, providing spiritual formation and theological training.

Your gift is the answer to someone's prayer.
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Next weekend 2/3 September we welcome Fr Sholto Douglas who will be concelebrating at all the Masses.



SCHOOL NEWS

I look forward to seeing many families at the Parish Soiree this Saturday evening after Mass. I will be conducting the choir for this special event. Thank you, Mrs Witham, and Mr Williams for your preparation for this lovely group of singers. Our Year 6 students will also be assisting with hospitality duties on the night. Thank you Mr McCall and Mrs Ryan for supporting this opportunity for our learners.

Peace to you and your family, *Carol Sayers, Principal*

Readings - Twenty-second Sunday in Ordinary Time - 3 September 2017

1st Reading: Jeremiah 20:7-9; 2nd Reading: Romans 12:1-2; Gospel: Matthew 16:21-27