



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-Third Sunday in Ordinary Time - 10th September 2017

Readings

1st Reading: Ezekiel 33:7-9; **2nd Reading:** Romans 13:8-10; **Gospel:** Matthew 18:15-20

WEEKDAY MASSES

Monday 11 September: 6.30am

Wednesday 13 September: 9am

Saint John Chrysostom

Thursday 14 September: 9am

The Exaltation of the Holy Cross

Friday 15 September: 9am

Our Lady of Sorrows

WEEKEND MASSES

Saturday 5.00pm

(1st Rite of Reconciliation:

Saturday 4.30pm)

Sunday 7.00am

9.00am

5.30pm

Rosary before Mass.

Parish Calendar

SEPTEMBER

• Monday 11th

SVDP Meeting 5pm Parish Office

Community & Mission Council Meeting 6.30pm

• Tuesday 12th

Confirmation Ceremonies 5pm & 7pm

Many of us are generous with our gifts. However, how often is our generosity at the minimum level required? We do just enough or give just enough. Remember, the Lord calls us to be generous with all the gifts He has given us, to grow them and return them with increase.



Jesus said, "Where two or three are gathered in my name, I am there among them."

Dear friends,

Today we are conducting the **Annual Catholic Campaign**. This is a once-a-year appeal which raises vital funds for four ministries across the Archdiocese: the Holy Spirit Seminary, Centacare's pastoral ministries, the Priests' Foundation and the Mary MacKillop Catholic School Access Fund.

The Holy Spirit seminary trains future priests for the whole Province of Queensland.

Centacare pastoral ministries provide assistance to many people in need across a wide range of welfare and social services.

The Priests' Foundation supports the retired clergy of the Archdiocese and ensures that they have the necessary care in retirement.

The Mary MacKillop Catholic School Access Fund enables those students and families in greatest need to be aided in their Catholic education with much-needed financial help and resources. We will take up a special collection for the Campaign after the Archbishop's homily.

To make sure your gift and intentions are honoured and not confused with the Parish collection, please place your Annual Catholic Campaign gift inside the Campaign envelope which are on the pews. Please consider giving a regular monthly gift, to make a lasting difference in the lives of people in need. You are encouraged to include your details on the envelope so you can receive a receipt in your name. All gifts over \$2 are tax deductible. Non-tax deductible gifts support the Annual Grants Program for Catholic parishes and grassroots ministries.

Over the past years, our parish has given generously and together we have made a lasting impact on the lives of so many people in our community. Your gift makes a difference in someone's life, please be generous.

Fr. Anthony

2017 Annual Catholic Campaign this weekend.
Envelopes available on church pews

Clayfield Conversations

*This Sunday we will hear from Archbishop Coleridge for the Catholic Campaign.
Here is what I might have said about this weekend's Liturgy of the Word had I had the chance.*

Fr. Anthony's Homily

St. Paul spent much of his life telling a story. When he came to places, he usually went to where people gathered, be it synagogues, or temples or bath-houses, and told the story of the death and resurrection of Jesus. He formed communities, stayed with them for a while and then moved on to do the same thing elsewhere. He wasn't always successful, but he continued, seemingly undiscouraged. Paul's great gift to the church was that he was able to give the Christian story a stable, community basis. He took the life and teachings of an itinerant preacher – Jesus Christ – and developed them into a way of life that communities could live by. When Jesus says, "Love another as I have loved you" Paul says, "Well this is what it means. This is how we live in love." When Paul was telling the story of Jesus to these communities and giving them a rule of life, there were no gospels to rely on. Most of Paul's letters were written before the gospels themselves. We have a clear example of that in this Sunday's letter to the Romans. The letter to Romans was written by Paul in Corinth, probably around the year 56/57 AD – so we are talking some 20-25 years after the death and resurrection of Christ. The first gospel was written down around 15 years after this, around 70 AD. But despite the time lag, the same stories come through. We don't know if Paul ever heard Jesus preach – he gives no indication that he did – but he clearly knows the message. "You must love your neighbour as yourself". These are Paul's words – but they are also Jesus' words. The answer to everything is love. If you love, you will keep the commandments. Notice that it is not the other way round. There is no guarantee if you keep the commandments, you will love. We can do all the right things, but we might never have learnt how to love. What is more important? – to learn to love through failure, or to be self-righteous through our own certainty about ourselves? Which brings us to the gospel. Most of us are experts in what other people should do – I know I am. Living someone else's life is so straight-forward most of the time. If only they did this, or they stopped doing that, or they made the most of this opportunity..., they would be happier, or better off or make it easier for everyone else or...whatever. We are blind and deaf to these same things that others say about us.

This gospel is prescriptive about how we live together as a community, but how many of us are really courageous enough to follow Jesus' advice. Let's have a look. Something happens in a relationship, a crossed-word, a frustration, a lapse in behaviour – there is some incident. What do most of us do? My experience is that we talk about it with everyone else except the person who has offended us. There are lots of conversations like, "Have you heard the latest? Did you hear what happened to him? Do you see what she did?" You know these situations. What does Jesus tell us to do? Go to the person who has offended us and "have it out with him or her alone, between your two selves". This is a good measure because it helps us decide how important the matter really is and whether it is worth taking the risk of confronting the other person. It is a step that makes us consider the depth of our hurt or otherwise; it is harder to pretend to be offended just to draw attention to ourselves. The flip-side is, we must be willing to be open to others when they approach us over something that we have done and be willing to apologise. If we are honest with ourselves, we must realise that we are as often the one who causes offence as the one who is offended.

Paul's great physical journey's are nothing compared to his great spiritual journey. It is his obvious and live-giving commitment to Christ which endures. He encouraged communities to live in the love which comes from Christ alone. May we hear that same message and live as a community founded on mutual love, friendship and respect.

ANNUAL CATHOLIC CAMPAIGN

This weekend, our Church will hold a special collection for the **Annual Catholic Campaign**.

The Annual Catholic Campaign brings together four Archdiocesan appeals, in support of vital Catholic agencies in this Archdiocese. Envelopes are available on the pews. Archbishop Mark Coleridge has prepared a homily, which will be played at homily time. At the end of his homily, we invite you to make a considered gift in support of these ministries. A gift in any amount – large or small – is deeply appreciated.

Confirmation Ceremony Night

Tuesday 12 September
5.00pm and 7.00pm

Congratulations to the 74 children who will be Confirmed by Archbishop Coleridge.

Your gift is the answer to someone's prayer

Today a special collection will be taken up for the **Annual Catholic Campaign** which supports the vital works of the Church in the Archdiocese of Brisbane. This includes: Centacare's pastoral ministries, the Priests Foundation, Holy Spirit Seminary and the MacKillop Fund bursaries.

Your generous tax-deductible gift is evenly divided between these major areas of need.



Providing Catholic pastoral care to the most vulnerable people in our communities.



Caring for ill and elderly Archdiocesan priests in need.



Training our future priests to be missionaries of God's mercy.



Giving children suffering significant hardship the gift of a Catholic education.

25% + 25% + 25% + 25%

Be part of God's mission of mercy... please consider starting a monthly donation in an amount that means something to you. Your gift will have a lasting impact on these vital works.

*All non tax-deductible donations support the Annual Grants Program which grants monies to grassroots Catholic initiatives.



2017 ANNUAL
CATHOLIC CAMPAIGN
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Give now 07 3324 3200 or catholiccampaign.com.au

In our prayers we remember



Those who have died recently:

Francis Jirkovsky, Betty Rogers, Zoe McGinty, Ron Brassington, Joseph Pilly, Arnold Just

Those whose anniversaries occur about now:

Helena Lewandowska, Pat Killoran, Robert Maguire, Frank Maguire, Jim Cuming

Those who are sick:

Maureen Sherriff, Michelle Toeke, 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

ONE FINAL THANK YOU FOR THE SOIREE

A special thank you to our gifted singer and musician D'Arne Sleeman and Ming Leung for their wonderful contribution to our parish celebration. Ming has played regularly at our 7am Mass on Sunday morning, but now for family reasons is unable to do so. We hope that Ming can play at one of our other Masses in the future, but for now I thank Ming and D'Arne for sharing their wonderful talents with us.

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 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.



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.

GOLDEN WEDDING ANNIVERSARY MASS

Couples celebrating their Golden Wedding Anniversary (or longer) and their family and friends, are invited to the annual Mass with Bishop Brian V. Finnigan at the Cathedral of St Stephen. The Mass will be celebrated on

Saturday 7 October, commencing at 10.00am. Light refreshments will be served in the Hanly Room, following the Mass and for catering purposes you are asked to RSVP to cathedral@bne.catholic.net.au or telephone 3324 3030 by Friday 29 September. The Cathedral car park will be available.

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

5.00pm

7.00am

9.00am

5.30pm

READERS:

9/10 Sept	Graham Gibson Julie-Anne Gibson	Annette Riba Chanelle Simpson	Wilma O'Connell Dominic Ryan <i>Volunteer</i>	Life Teen Mass
16/17 Sept	Ann Goves Lauren McMullan	James Robinson Helen Roberts	Peter Gilroy Tim Hancock Eileen Duncan	Life Teen Mass

COMMUNION MINISTERS:

9/10 Sept	Edward Foley	Lorraine Atkinson-MacEwan	<i>Volunteer</i>	Life Teen Mass
16/17 Sept	<i>Volunteer</i>	<i>Volunteer</i>	Christine Iannarella	Life Teen Mass

ORGANISTS:

9/10 Sept	<i>Volunteer</i>	<i>Volunteer</i>	Jenny McKeon/ Paul Fiumara	Life Teen Mass
16/17 Sept	<i>Volunteer</i>	<i>Volunteer</i>	Catriona McPherson	Life Teen Mass

ALTAR SERVERS:

9/10 Sept	Ella Shepherd	Lachlan Hinneberg	<i>Volunteer/s</i>	Caitlin Marshall Alex Oliveri
16/17 Sept	<i>Volunteer/s</i>	<i>Volunteer/s</i>	<i>Volunteer/s</i>	<i>Volunteer/s</i>

CHILDREN'S LITURGY:

10 Sept	<i>No Children's Liturgy</i>			
17 Sept	<i>No Children's Liturgy - School Holidays</i>			

SANCTUARY CARERS:

16 Sept	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.

BANYO NUNDAH CARE AND CONCERN

Banyo Nundah Care and Concern are hosting a Morning Tea on Friday 29 September following 9am Mass with Sacrament of Anointing of the Sick in Corpus Christi Church, Nundah. The venue is Nolan Hall,

Leslie Street, Nundah.

Guest Speaker is Trish Carroll,
Elder Matters

For enquiries and RSVP
by 25 September,
call Monica Mob: 0411 154 905
everyone is welcome

"You, son of man, I have appointed watchman for the house of Israel." - EZEKIEL 33:7

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.



Happy birthday Peter Bowden
from Fr Anthony, Fr Saji and parishioners!



Congratulations to Lachlan McKay & Annabel Pike
who were married this weekend.



PIETY STALL

Variety of items for sale including Confirmation cards, birthday cards, rosary beads and various gifts. Come in and have a browse.

Readings - Twenty-fourth Sunday in Ordinary Time - 17 September 2017
1st Reading: Sirach 27:30-28:7; 2nd Reading: Romans 14:7-9; Gospel: Matthew 18:21-35