



ST. AGATHA'S PARISH

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Twenty-Fifth Sunday in Ordinary Time - 24th September 2017

Readings

1st Reading: Isaiah 55:6-9; **2nd Reading:** Philippians 1:20-24, 27; **Gospel:** Matthew 20:1-16

WEEKDAY MASSES

Monday 25 September: 6.30am

Wednesday 27 September: 9am

Saint Vincent De Paul

Thursday 28 September: 9am

Friday 29 September: 9am

Saints Michael, Gabriel & Raphael

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 18th - Monday 2nd

October

School Holidays

SEPTEMBER

• **Monday 25th**

SVPD Meeting 5pm Parish Office

OCTOBER

• **Sunday 8th**

P26 Mass 9.00am

REMINDER

Monday 2 October

(Public Holiday)

Mass at 9.00am



Live your life in a manner worthy of the gospel of Christ. (St. Paul to the Philippians)

Dear friends,

Today is the annual Social Justice Sunday of the Australian Catholic Bishops' Conference.

The Social Justice Statement for this year is

titled "Everyone's Business: Developing an inclusive and sustainable economy". The Bishops call for an economy that is founded on justice and offers dignity and inclusion to every person.

Pope Francis has called for an economic system that places men and women at the very centre – one that meets the needs of all people and is just and sustainable. He denounces economic structures that take a purely utilitarian view of human beings, treating them as mere elements of production, to be thrown away if they are not seen as useful or productive.

The Bishops' Statement is built around the Gospel for this Sunday. Jesus tells the parable of the workers in the vineyard, where all are active contributors and are recognised for their human dignity. Australia has experienced a quarter of a century of continuous economic growth, but the benefits of this good fortune have not been distributed equally. In our workplaces, conditions and security of employment have been eroded, while those who are unemployed subsist on incomes well below poverty levels. Australia is experiencing a housing crisis. And our Indigenous brothers and sisters struggle with economic and social burdens that most Australians cannot imagine.

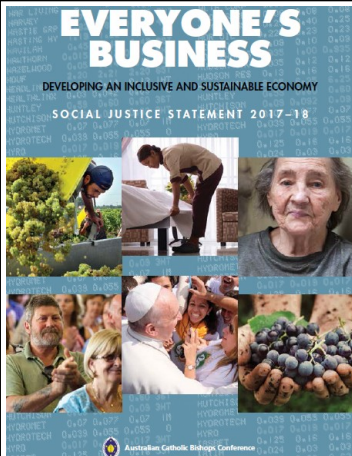
In the light of these challenges, the Statement calls us to build an economy founded on true solidarity with those who are most vulnerable. Such a society will reject an 'ideology of the market' that forgets the principles of justice and equity. Justice must be built into the very foundations of our community, and business can work for everybody's benefit, not just for shareholders. The excluded and vulnerable must have a voice in decision-making. God is calling us to use his bounty wisely, for the good of all and of our planet. Copies of the statement are available at the doors of the church.

Fr. Anthony

The Wisdom of Pope Francis

A just economy must create the conditions for everyone to be able to enjoy a childhood without want, to develop their talents when young, to work with full rights during their active years and to enjoy a dignified retirement as they grow older. It is an economy where human beings, in harmony with nature, structure the entire system of production and distribution in such a way that the abilities and needs of each individual find suitable expression in social life.

Clayfield Conversations



This Sunday is Social Justice Sunday.

Below is a reflection on the Australian Catholic Bishops' Statement, 2017.

Everyone's Business: Developing an inclusive and sustainable economy

The Gospel reading for this Social Justice Sunday is Jesus' parable of the workers in the vineyard. Using an everyday example of economic hardship, Jesus teaches how the reign of God is open to all, generous, and especially mindful of those left behind. God provides sufficiently and fairly for each person, all the while attentive to the needs of those who experience exclusion and have little hope. The vivid image of market place and vineyard still resonates. That the employer goes four times during the day to find workers in desperate need speaks of the precarious existence of the day labourer, and a market that fails to serve the whole community.

This Social Justice Statement considers Australia's economic priorities. It draws from the teachings of Pope Francis and his predecessors, highlighting how extreme versions of free-market economics have failed to serve all. Inequality has been growing in Australia. Many have missed out on opportunities to secure stable employment and a just share in income and wealth – even after 26 years of continuous economic growth. When it comes to the social justice of the entire economic system, the statement draws on new understandings of human development from economics and social policy that emphasise how the wellbeing of humans and all of creation must be an economy's central purpose. The Church has been part of a global movement for 'inclusive growth'. It is not just about improving sections of the economy that have failed the poor. It is not about continually picking up people who have fallen through the system and placing them back into a market place that cast them aside in the first place. The Bishops of Australia are calling for a new approach that prevents exclusion from the outset and, like the owner of the vineyard in our Gospel reading, engages all people as dignified, active contributors to sustainable and inclusive growth. The parable may seem unfair to us. Not only does the owner of the vineyard employ workers who, through no fault of their own, find themselves locked out of the market system, he also pays all of them one denarius – even those who completed only one hour's work. But the denarius was the basic daily pay of labourers, sufficient for a living wage, and akin to our notion of a minimum wage. The payment given by the owner recognises the dignity of all, regardless of the hours they worked. The generosity of the owner is shown in how he places the human person, not the prevailing standard of the market, at the centre of his concern.

We see a vineyard in which all are engaged as active contributors to the economic enterprise. We are called to work for an economy that is inclusive and capable of putting the needs of the poor before the wants of the rich. We envisage an alternative to market places that are harsh and inhospitable: the vineyard, lush and green, sustainable in its growth and inclusive in its economy. As we have said, Jesus' parable speaks as much to us now as it did to the listeners of his time. The Church does not believe an ideal world is possible on earth. Only God can fully usher in the perfection of His Kingdom. But Christ's promise of that Kingdom calls us to work for just social transformation based on the great commandment to love God and to love our neighbour, especially the most vulnerable (Matthew 22:34–40). Jesus invites us to see others as God sees them, as unique and precious, and to treat them accordingly. It is an offence in the eyes of God to treat people simply as commodities, to be discarded when no longer commercially profitable. We are called to challenge commonly held assumptions and ways of operating that undermine human dignity and damage the most vulnerable of our neighbours.

ST AGATHA'S PARISH P26 MASS SUNDAY 8 OCTOBER 9.00am

All children in Grade Prep to Year 6 are invited to participate in our next P26 Mass which will be at 9am Sunday 8 October. At the Mass, children are asked to do the readings, bring the gifts to the Altar, collecting, altar serve and welcome people as they arrive. If your child/children would like to participate please phone the Parish office on 3262 2859 or email: clayfield@bne.catholic.net.au by no later than Tuesday 3 October.

A pink themed morning tea will be held after Mass.

MISSING BOOKS

We are missing copies of Gather Australia (Chords and Melodies) and copies of Mass Shalom Booklets (3rd Edition). If you have any of these books, can you please return to the Parish Office. Thank you.

Your gift is the answer to someone's prayer

Thank you!

It's a great joy to see the support coming in from generous people like you all across the Archdiocese. You are helping to grow those ministries that are central to the Church's mission of mercy.

On behalf of all those who will benefit from your generosity, we hope that your life is enriched, knowing your gift is far greater than your donation.

Your prayers and your gifts are a shining light to others.

A special thank you to those who were able to make an ongoing commitment at this time - your faith in the future of the Church will bear fruit for many.



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In our prayers we remember



Those who have died recently:

Emily Grainger

Those whose anniversaries occur about now:

May Schuh, Mick Treston, Kathleen McVeigh, Henry Weld, Ernie & Nancy Long

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

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 stagathascenarybook@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.

SOCIAL JUSTICE

This Sunday 24 September we celebrate Social Justice Sunday. This year, the Australian Bishops' Social Justice Statement is titled: *'Everyone's Business: Developing an inclusive and sustainable economy'*. The Statement calls for an economy that is founded on justice and offers dignity and inclusion to every person. For further details about the Social Justice Statement, visit the Australian Catholic Social Justice Council website (www.socialjustice.catholic.org.au) or call (02) 8306 3499. Statements, prayer cards and brochures can be found at the doors of the church.

MORNING TEAS AFTER 9AM MASS DURING OCTOBER

October is Breast Cancer Awareness month. St Agatha is the patron Saint of breast cancer and to pay our respects to those suffering, recovering or who have died from breast cancer, we will be holding morning teas after each 9am Mass throughout October - starting Sunday 8 October. You will have the opportunity to make a donation to the local charity "Mummy's Wish" at each of the morning teas.

GIVE THE GIFT OF FAITH

Your generosity towards St Agatha's Parish can go on forever when you include our parish endowment fund in your Will. With endowment funds, the principal is kept intact and the distributions to the parish come from growth and earnings. This provides a steady stream of income to parish ministries forever. For more information on naming St Agatha's Parish in your Will, please call the Catholic Foundation at 3324 3200 or the parish office.

menAlive - The Catholic Man Breakfast Series - Thursday 5 October

7:00am - 9:00 am Tattersall's Club, 215 Queen Street, Brisbane | Bookings: des@menalive.org.au or mail@menalive.org.au (credit card and eft available) | Enquiries: cmbs@menalive.org.au
0407 744 790 paul@menalive.org.au | 0412 270 828 chris@menalive.org.au | RSVP: 29 September
Cost: \$45 per person | Dress Code: Long-sleeved button-up shirt & trousers (no jeans, shorts or sneakers)

You've heard the saying "it's not where you start, but how you finish." This certainly applies to the Bible passage. We have a responsibility not only for our own lives, but for the lives of others as well. We are called to generously share our gifts with others, not hoard them for our own use. Our gratitude and generosity helps us live "God-centered" lives and not "self-centered" lives.

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

5.00pm

7.00am

9.00am

5.30pm

READERS:

23/24 Sept

Jack Williamson
Katrina Murphy

Mark Burton
Kirsty Stevens

Don Macpherson
Clare Smethurst
Denis Keating

Life Teen Mass

30 Sept/1 Oct

Eric van der List
Phil Zammit

Rafael Chase
Ruby Chase

Wilma O'Connell
Dominic Ryan
Joseph O'Brien

Life Teen Mass

COMMUNION MINISTERS:

23/24 Sept

Ann Goves

Helen Roberts

Julianne Ryan

Life Teen Mass

30 Sept/1 Oct

Jan Zammit

Paulette Archer

Erin Bledsoe

Life Teen Mass

ORGANISTS:

23/24 Sept

Volunteer

Volunteer

Robyn Cuming

Life Teen Mass

30 Sept/1 Oct

Volunteer

Volunteer

Jenny McKeon

Life Teen Mass

ALTAR SERVERS:

23/24 Sept

Volunteer/s

Volunteer/s

Volunteer/s

Volunteer/s

30 Sept/1 Oct

Volunteer/s

Volunteer/s

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CHILDREN'S LITURGY:

24 Sept

No Children's Liturgy - School Holidays

30 Sept/1 Oct

No Children's Liturgy - School Holidays

SANCTUARY CARERS:

7 Oct

Victor Podesta

The International Day of Peace ("Peace Day") was observed around the world on 21 September. Established in 1981 by unanimous United Nations resolution, Peace Day provides a globally shared date for all humanity to commit to Peace above all differences and to contribute to building a Culture of Peace.

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.

PIETY STALL

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



DUTTON PARK CATHOLIC PARISH

100th Anniversary

Sunday 15 October 2017

10.00am Celebration Mass

St Ita's Church, Pope Street, Dutton Park

For more information, please contact Dutton Parish Office 3844 2744

Followed by light lunch, refreshments and entertainment

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

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.

"So the last will be first and the first last" - MATTHEW 20:16

Readings - Twenty-sixth Sunday in Ordinary Time - 1 October 2017

1st Reading: Ezekiel 18:25-28; 2nd Reading: Philippians 2:1-11; Gospel: Matthew 21:28-32