

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-Sixth Sunday in Ordinary Time - 1st October 2017

Readings

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

WEEKDAY MASSES

Monday 2 October : 9.00am

The Holy Guardian Angels

Wednesday 4 October: 9am

Saint Francis of Assisi

Thursday 5 October: 9am

Friday 6 October: 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

OCTOBER

Tuesday 3rd

School resumes

• **Sunday 8th**

P26 Mass 9.00am

• **Monday 9th**

SVDP Meeting 5pm Parish

Office

REMINDER

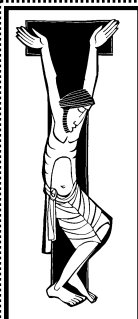
Monday 2 October

(Public Holiday)

Mass at 9.00am

October

*Month of the
Holy Rosary*



His state was divine, yet he did not cling to his equality with God but emptied himself to assume the condition of a slave. (St. Paul to the Philippians)

Dear friends,

Church is known as the pilgrim Church, because the Church – all the faithful people together – is travelling to the heavenly kingdom, and that is our final goal. In this venture, we are moving, our life is moving, our mind is moving, our spirituality is moving or increasing, our age is moving, our beauty, health, wealth, everything is moving according to the blessings of God. At the end, we will all rejoin in the kingdom of God. In this pilgrimage I had a dream in my mind, and that was to visit a foreign country and understand the difference between the people and culture. Fortunately, I got the chance to travel to Australia and, by the grace of God, the process took place so quickly, and I arrived here on 4 July. The long air travel was a trembling experience for me. Then I moved to Aspley Parish to understand, learn and merge with the culture and the climate. Thereafter, according to the instructions of the Archdiocese, I moved to Clayfield, St Agatha's Church as an Associate, with Fr Anthony. I think I am a lucky person, because I have come here in the appropriate time – the centenary celebration of our parish.

I am Fr Saji George from Kerala, belonging to the Congregation of Carmalites of Mary Immaculate (CMI), founded by St. Kuriakose Elias Chavara also from Kerala. It is a Pontifical Congregation within the Syro-Malabar Church. The Syro-Malabar Church is Catholic by faith, Indian by culture and Oriental or East Syriac in liturgy. It is the third largest particular Church (*sui juris* – “of its own right or law”) in the Catholic Church (Roman, Byzantine and Syro-Malabar).

The burning experience and memory in my mind is the unexpected death of my father, due to a heart attack – on July 29; at the end of the second week of my arrival. I could not participate in the funeral because of the long distance and practical difficulties. My family consists of five members; father, mother, elder brother, younger sister and myself. My father was an inspiration and strong support to the family... but we can't predict our future and we can't understand God's plan. Such events and experiences always help us to be humble before God. I am really enjoying the climate, culture, Parish and the people of Clayfield. Still I have a bit of doubt about my language, because I am using my third language to communicate (my first language is Malayalam, second language is Hindi). If you understand 50% of my English, then I will be very happy.

Fr. Saji

The Wisdom of Pope Francis

True faith is one that makes us more charitable, more merciful, more honest and more humane. It moves our hearts to love everyone without counting the cost, without distinction and without preference. It makes us see the other not as an enemy to be overcome, but a brother or sister to be loved, served and helped. It spurs us on to spread, defend and live out the culture of encounter, dialogue, respect and fraternity.

Clayfield Conversations

Given the current debate on marriage, it is interesting to look at general marriage statistics from the Australian Bureau of Statistics. The most recent statistics available appear to be from 2015. Some of the more interesting points are that the median age of people marrying for the first time is increasing and the number of marriages conducted by a civil celebrant is also increasing. Marriage itself, and certainly religious marriage, appears to be less appealing to young Australians today. Based on these statistics, perhaps there is a bigger conversation to be had about the nature of marriage and commitment in modern Australia.

Marriage Statistic in Australia: 2015 (Source: ABS)

In 2015, there were 113,595 marriages registered in Australia, a decrease of 7,602 (-6.3%) from the 121,197 marriages registered in 2014. The crude marriage rate decreased from 5.2 to 4.8 marriages per 1,000 estimated resident population. The median age of males and females at marriage was 31.8 and 29.8 years respectively in 2015. The median age at marriage for males has increased by 0.3 years since 2014 and the median age at marriage for females has increased by 0.2 years since over the same period. The proportion of marriage ceremonies performed by civil celebrants has continued to increase in 2015, with civil celebrants performing 74.9% of all registered marriage ceremonies, an increase from 74.1% in 2014. Couples who lived together prior to marriage accounted for 81.0% of all marriages registered in 2015, an increase from the 79.4% recorded in 2014.

Marriages where both partners were marrying for the first time accounted for 71.9% of all marriage in 2015. The number of marriages where one partner was marrying for the first time increased by 0.3 percentage points to 16.3% in 2015, while the proportion of remarriages for both partners increased from 11.5% in 2014 to 11.7% in 2015. In 2015, 54.2% of couples married were both born in Australia, 31.9% were born in different countries, and 13.9% were born in the same overseas country.

In 2015, there were 48,517 divorces granted in Australia, an increase of 2,019 (4.3%) from the 46,498 divorces granted in 2014. The crude divorce rate for the number of divorces per 1,000 estimated resident population was 2.0 in 2015 (unchanged from 2014). The median age of males and females at divorce was 45.3 and 42.7 years respectively in 2015. Median age at divorce in 2015 has increased by 0.1 years for males and 0.2 years for females from 2014. In 2015, divorces involving children represented 47.5% of all divorces granted compared with 47.0% in 2014. The number of children involved in divorces totalled 42,303 in 2015, an increase from the 40,152 reported in 2014. The average number of children per divorce involving children in 2015 was 1.8. The median duration from marriage to divorce in 2015 was 12.1 years, a slight increase from that reported in 2014. This is the first increase in a decade. This number had been decreasing from a peak of 12.6 years in 2005. Over the last 20 years, the proportion of divorces granted as result of joint applications for divorce has been increasing. This has continued in 2015 to the point where joint applicants are the highest applicant type for the sixth year in a row, with 21,002 divorces granted from joint applications, compared with 15,337 from female applicants and 12,178 from male applicants.

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.

SAFEGUARDING SUNDAY
Weekend of 7/8 October
"See Me, Hear Me"

2018 COLUMBAN ART CALENDARS
For sale at the Piety Stall - \$9.00 each

THE YOUTH EVANGELISATION OFFICE
invites applications for the position of Parish Support and Projects Officer. This position requires a self-motivated individual who has a personal commitment to the values, teachings, and mission of the Catholic Church. They will have previous experience in building up youth leaders in a Church context and youth ministry experience in a range of Catholic youth initiatives. Go to <http://catholiccollective.org.au/careers/>.

In our prayers we remember



Those who have died recently :

Emily Grainger, Rod Samut

Those whose anniversaries occur about now:

Bill Howard, William Hinson, Ken Russell, May Schuh, Mick Treston, Kathleen McVeigh

Those who are sick:

James Elliot, Dot Williams, Maureen Sherriff, Michelle Toeke, Kahyam Baines, Lorraine Atkinson-McEwen, Paul Gaynor, Camille Butler-Storms, Mary Ann Marcelo, 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 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.

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.

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

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>



Congratulations to Lucas Surka & Maria Guardala who were married this weekend



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

5.00pm

7.00am

9.00am

5.30pm

READERS:

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
7/8 Oct	Edward Foley Cate Barrett	Anne O'Connor Andrew Douglas	St Agatha's P26 Mass	Life Teen Mass

COMMUNION MINISTERS:

30 Sept/1 Oct	Jan Zammit	Paulette Archer	Erin Bledsoe	Life Teen Mass
7/8 Oct	Deborah Hall	Lorraine Atkinson-MacEwan	Amrita Moss	Life Teen Mass

ORGANISTS:

30 Sept/1 Oct	<i>Volunteer</i>	<i>Volunteer</i>	Jenny McKeon	Life Teen Mass
7/8 Oct	<i>Volunteer</i>	<i>Volunteer</i>	Robyn Cuming / Paul Fiumara	Life Teen Mass

ALTAR SERVERS:

30 Sept/1 Oct	<i>Volunteer/s</i>	<i>Volunteer/s</i>	<i>Volunteer/s</i>	<i>Volunteer/s</i>
7/8 Oct	Billy Crutcher Dash Crutcher	Joey Douglas	Bart Marino Charlotte Shepherd Felicity Shepherd	Sophia Lazzarini Max Lazzarini

CHILDREN'S LITURGY:

30 Sept/1 Oct				<i>No Children's Liturgy - School Holidays</i>
8 Oct				<i>No Children's Liturgy - P26 Mass</i>

SANCTUARY CARERS:

7 Oct	Victor Podesta
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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.

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

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)

SANDGATE BRIGHTON PARISH FATIMA CELEBRATION

In commemoration of the 100th Anniversary of the Miracle at Fatima, Sandgate Brighton Parish will be celebrating on **Friday 13 October** with:

- 5pm BBQ behind Sacred Heart Church
- 6pm Rosary offered in Sacred Heart Church
- 6pm Angelus and Rosary Procession (beginning behind Sandgate Scout Hall)
- 7pm Holy Mass in Sacred Heart Church



*October is
Breast Cancer
Awareness
Month*

CELEBRATING 100 YEARS OF FATIMA

Candlelit Rosary procession to process around the city | St Stephen's Cathedral | Saturday 14 October
Commencing after 6pm Mass | For more information contact: 0412802122 / 3325 2425

Readings - Twenty-seventh Sunday in Ordinary Time - 8 October 2017

1st Reading: Isaiah 5:1-7; 2nd Reading: Philippians 4:6-9; Gospel: Matthew 21:33-43