

ST. AGATHA'S PARISH

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(Please note: the Office is closed between 12.30 - 1.30pm)

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

Twenty-Seventh Sunday in Ordinary Time - 8th October 2017

Readings

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

WEEKDAY MASSES

Monday 9 October : 9.00am
Wednesday 11 October: 9am
Thursday 12 October: 9am
Friday 13 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

- **Monday 9th**
SVPD Meeting 5pm Parish Office
- **Monday 16th**
Youth Ministry Meeting 6.45pm Parish Office
- **Tuesday 17th**
Finance Meeting 6.00pm Parish Office
- **Wednesday 18th**
Parish Office closed

October

Month of the
Holy Rosary



Jesus said to them, "Have you never read in the scriptures: 'The stone that the builders rejected has become the cornerstone; this was the Lord's doing, and it is amazing in our eyes'?"

Dear friends,

This Sunday is Child Protection-Safeguarding Sunday. In recent years, we as a church have been forced to confront our appalling history of failure in the area of child protection. Nothing can make-up for the mistakes of past; we can only offer a sincere commitment to act justly and with compassion to those who have been damaged by clerical sexual abuse and to work hard to ensure that we put in place better formation, training, processes, and procedures which confront the areas of church bureaucracy and clerical culture which provide cover for sexual and emotional violence inflicted upon those who are within our care. In this area, we have made great strides within the church, but this will be an on-going process of continually adopting better and better practices. To this end, each parish community has been asked to appoint a "Safeguarding Officer". I am thankful to Georgia Allan for taking on this role at St. Agatha's. Marie Ho was our inaugural safeguarding officer and I am thankful to Marie for taking on this role initially.

This Sunday, we will formally commission Georgia in this role. You will notice that Georgia's name and phone number appears at the top of the newsletter. If you have any concerns, or notice behaviours that are placing children or vulnerable adults at risk, please contact Georgia. These need not necessarily be of predatory nature, but simply suggestions for making our community a safer place for all.

One of the realisations of hearing the stories of recent years has taught us is that the safety of each member of the parish community — from the youngest to the oldest — is our common concern. Georgia's role is to be a point-of-contact beyond our normal parish structures but in no way removes the responsibility of us all for the safeguarding of community. The final report of the Royal Commission will be released in mid-December and, no doubt, the recommendations will ask us to do more in this area. This will mean continued training for us. Let us not see this as an imposition, but an opportunity to create safe communities and restore the trust that has been so badly damaged.

Fr. Anthony

The Wisdom of Pope Francis

We hear these children and their cries of pain; we also hear the cry of the Church our Mother, who weeps not only for the pain caused to her youngest sons and daughters, but also because she recognises the sins of some of her members: the sufferings, the experiences and the pain of minors who were abused by priests. It is a sin that shames us. We regret this deeply and we beg forgiveness. Let us find the courage needed to take all necessary measures and to protect in every way the lives of our children, so that such crimes may never be repeated.

Clayfield Conversations

This Sunday is Safeguarding Sunday. Below is a reflection on our common call to care for the youngest and most vulnerable within our community written by Fr. David Ranson of the Broken Bay diocese in NSW.

Safeguarding Sunday

In every child, God waits for us to stir again within us the sense of new beginnings, of fresh possibilities, of awakening hopes. In the wonder of children our concern gives way; in their excitement, our pressure is relieved; in their play, our compulsiveness is disarmed. Every child is the sign of life's hope of ever new beginnings. They are the future in anticipation. Is it surprising that Emerson once observed, that each child is the eternal messiah who returns again and again among fallen men and women, to lead us into the kingdom of heaven?

Yet, sadly we know that the innocence of youth has not always been treasured and protected in our community. For nearly thirty years now we have been subjected to the constant exposure of the way in which, in certain circumstances, that innocence has been betrayed, and in many cases destroyed. The litany of complaints of the sexual abuse of children within our community has become a wound that has yet to discover its healing. Waiting upon the Final Report of the Royal Commission into Institutional Responses to Child Sexual Abuse, we have been forced to move beyond a consideration that such disclosures are about the criminal behaviour of a few. We are no longer afforded the delusion that these disclosures are just about the failings of a few that bring shame to us all. It is critical for us as we enter this moment with the greatest humility, that we are ready to be radically self-reflective, eager to learn, open to conversion. If we can truly learn, amongst other things: the lessons of what contributes to cultures of abuse and be honest about those efforts required to embark upon cultural change; if we can learn better those processes of transparent examination when incidents of abuse might occur; if we can truly hear the deepest needs of those who have been abused and better distinguish between the criminal, the legal and the pastoral; and if we can learn the kind of leadership that this moment genuinely requires.

Conversation begins with a listening heart. Listening reveals our desire to learn and to grow through understanding the wisdom others offer – especially the young, for as St Benedict reminded us in the 6th century, “the Lord often reveals what is better to the younger” (RB 3:2). It involves the suspension of our viewpoint to attempt to truly hear and understand another. Listening is a complex process, and we need to develop our listening skills to be able to sort through all we might hear to get to the essential truth of a situation. Yet, where there is little to no listening, the community spirals into dysfunction. The presence or absence of listening, especially to the young and to those who are vulnerable, acts as *the* barometer of our health and vitality as a Church.

With a listening heart, our heart that sees and hears, we are called to enter a conversation which might become a means of conversion, a different way of acting. The Royal Commission, itself, in its own commitment to change society, has sought to do this by listening to the accounts of more than 1400 young Australians about their own experience of safety. It revealed that change for the greater protection of our most vulnerable will occur only as we respect them, ask what they are going through, watch what others are doing regarding them, listen to what they are trying to tell us, do what we are supposed to do for them, inform them about danger, and stand up and speak out for them. In so doing, we maintain our most treasured within a strong experience of connection, within the nurturing bonds of community.

SEE ME, HEAR ME

Gracious God provide us with a listening heart that we see and hear the voice of each of our children.

We ask you God to strengthen and guide all in our Catholic communities. Grant us the ability and time to listen carefully when children come to us seeking help.

May our institutions and families respect, listen and do what is required to help all children feel safe.

Help us to recognise the hurt felt by those wounded initially by abuse then again through the failure to be heard. We stand in constant need of your healing and help.

Let your grace and love fall gently upon our children giving them the inner strength, peace, and resilience to seek out assistance when required.

We ask you God to provide each us with the wisdom to involve children in making institutions and communities safer.

The Parish Office will be closed on
Wednesday 18 October.

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

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

Jesus was the corner stone and He was rejected by the religious and political leaders of his day, as well as ordinary citizens. Living a stewardship lifestyle may cause you to be “rejected” by others in today's society. For example, saying grace before a meal in a restaurant may attract some strange looks from some. But to others it is sign that God is alive and well!

In our prayers we remember



Those who have died recently :

Pamela Lawson, Monsignor George Weaver, Rod Samut

Those whose anniversaries occur about now:

Honorable Bruce McPherson, Ivy & Merv Devlin, Norrie Brennan, Bill Howard, William Hinson, Ken Russell

Those who are sick:

James Elliot, Dot Williams, 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 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 stagathaweddings@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

QUEENSLAND MENTAL HEALTH WEEK

Catholic Psychiatric Pastoral Care invites you to a Mass to celebrate Queensland Mental Health Week - '*Value Mental Health*'.

Friday 13 October 2017 at 1.00pm | St Patrick's Church Fortitude Valley (corner of McLachlan and Morgan Streets) | Light refreshments will follow Mass | Parking is available in Church Grounds



Sunday 8 October

Today and throughout this week we pray for all families in distress. Heavenly Father, grant healing to all families in distress, especially those burdened with strained relationships. Draw close to all families who have experienced violence, upheaval, illness or division: May all who have been wounded find ready comfort and healing.

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

5.00pm

7.00am

9.00am

5.30pm

READERS:

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

14/15 Oct Marian Nolan Sr Cecily Foster Clare Smethurst Life Teen Mass
Ann Goves Aleira Egan Trish Ryan
Jane Arkinstall

COMMUNION MINISTERS:

7/8 Oct Deborah Hall Paulette Archer Amrita Moss Life Teen Mass
14/15 Oct Edward Foley Helen Roberts Volunteer Life Teen Mass

ORGANISTS:

7/8 Oct Volunteer Volunteer Robyn Cuming / Life Teen Mass
Paul Fiumara
14/15 Oct Volunteer Volunteer Catriona McPherson Life Teen Mass

ALTAR SERVERS:

7/8 Oct Billy Crutcher Joe Douglas Bart Marino Sophia Lazzarini
Dash Crutcher Charlotte Shepherd Max Lazzarini
Felicity Shepherd

14/15 Oct Eve Ryan Volunteer/s Xavier Coorey Caitlin Marshall
Claire Ryan Dominic Coorey Ella Shepherd

CHILDREN'S LITURGY:

8 Oct No Children's Liturgy - P26 Mass
15 Oct Julie Kordic & Ewa Marino-Cebulski

SANCTUARY CARERS:

21 Oct Beverley O'Brien

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

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



LOVE MAKES A WAY

A MULTI-FAITH WORKSHOP

on Changing the conversation about people seeking asylum.

How can communities of faith respond with compassion and justice, guided by teachings to treat others as we want to be treated, welcome the stranger and recognise the dignity of all people?

North side - Sunday 29 October 1-5pm

Aspley-Albany Creek Anglican Church Hall | 30 Ridley Rd, Bridgeman Downs

RSVP: action.qld@asrc.org.au 0432 699 934

Readings - Twenty-eighth Sunday in Ordinary Time - 15 October 2017

1st Reading: Isaiah 25:6-10; 2nd Reading: Philippians 4:12-14, 19-20; Gospel: Matthew 22:1-14