

ST. AGATHA'S PARISH

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

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Twenty-Ninth Sunday in Ordinary Time - 22nd October 2017

Readings

1st Reading: Isaiah 45:1, 4-6; **2nd Reading:** 1 Thessalonians 1:1-5; **Gospel:** Matthew 22:15-21

WEEKDAY MASSES

Monday 23 October : 6.30am

Wednesday 25 October: 9am

Thursday 26 October: 9am

Friday 27 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 23rd

SVDP Meeting 5pm Parish Office

• Tuesday 24th

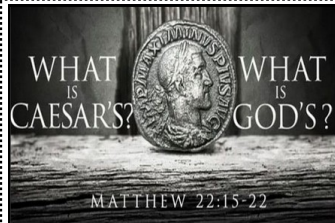
Finance Meeting 6.00pm Parish Office

A VOCATION VIEW:

We do not choose a vocation completely on our own. We must prayerfully reflect on how we can best give to God what is God's, and then live as though everything depends on God.

October

Month of the
Holy Rosary



Jesus said to them, "Give therefore to the emperor the things that are the emperor's, and to God the things that are God's."

Dear friends,

As the centenary year approaches, we are now looking ahead to a number of projects. One of our parishioners has generously raised the prospect of donating a stained-glass window to mark the centenary celebrations. Our church has many fine stained-glass windows, and we would look to maintain a similar style. One idea that I would like to present to the parish community is to add two new windows of St. Mary MacKillop and Nano Nagle. In 1918, the Josephite sisters (founded by Mary MacKillop) from Nundah would travel across to Clayfield and conduct the first religious classes here. Seven years later, in 1925, the Presentations sisters (founded by Nano Nagle) established the first full-time Catholic school in the area. Representing both figures acknowledges the centenary of educational outreach, as well as adding to the female images in this church.

The question then becomes: where would they go? If you look towards the altar, you will notice two dark square windows in the back wall of the sanctuary. As I understand it, these were part of the original windows that were later replaced by the style of windows that we see around the church now. The proposition that I would like to put forward is that we replace the two darker windows with stained-glass images of Mary MacKillop and Nano Nagle and provide some strong backlighting from outside to make them more visible – given that they would not receive direct sunlight. The current square windows would be re-positioned into another area – possibly somewhere in the glass around the parish office – where they would receive much more light and become more visible and attractive. I understand the value of these windows to the parish community, and my intention is that any additions that we do to the current windows would complement what we already have and add to the beauty of the church building.

The first step is to consult the parish community, and with your approval, to move forward so that we could have the windows ready for the Archbishop to bless at our centenary Mass on August 12th next year. So, for now, it is over to you for discussion. Please feel free to discuss this with me, or any member of the Community and Mission Council or the Finance Council. I am interested in your feedback. I will inform you of any definite decision in the coming weeks.

Fr. Anthony

The Wisdom of Pope Francis

And faith makes us witness many difficult things in life; also with life we bear witness to faith. But let us not be deceived: cruel martyrdom is not the only way of bearing witness to Jesus Christ. It is the most, let's say, heroic way. ...

But there is also everyday martyrdom: the martyrdom of honesty, the martyrdom of patience, in the education of our children; the martyrdom of fidelity to love ... the martyrdom of honesty in this world that we may describe as a paradise of bribes ... And here is Christian martyrdom, the martyrdom of saying 'No, I don't want that.'

Clayfield Conversations

Joshua J. McElwee summarises the preface to a new book on interviews with Pope Francis. Below, Pope Francis explains his philosophy of communication in the modern world. The article was originally published on the National Catholic Reporter website.

Pope Francis Calls Honest Interviews a 'pastoral risk' to Create Church of Dialogue

Pope Francis says in a new book that he chooses to give interviews and to speak freely in press conferences as part of his desire to create a Catholic Church that understands how to dialogue with the people of today. The pontiff adds that while he knows giving such interviews entails the possibility of being misinterpreted, he wants to run that "pastoral risk" in order to have direct communication with people.

Referring to the Gospel story of Jesus after his death appearing to two disciples walking together, Francis says the church of dialogue is "the church of Emmaus, in which the Lord 'interviews' the disciples who are walking discouraged. I desire a church that knows how to insert itself into the conversations of people, that knows how to dialogue," states the pope, writing in a preface for a new collection of eight of the interviews and public dialogues he has given since his March 2013 election as pontiff. "For me, the interview is part of this conversation of the church with the people of today," he says. The collection, to be released in Italy Oct. 19, carries the title *Adesso fate le vostre domande* ("Now, ask your questions") and was edited by Jesuit Fr. Antonio Spadaro, a papal confidant and editor of the Italian Jesuit magazine *La Civiltà Cattolica*. Excerpts from Francis' preface to the volume were printed Oct. 17 by the Italian daily *La Repubblica*. Francis says in the preface that during his press conferences on papal flights he likes "to look into the eyes of the person [asking questions] and respond to the questions with sincerity."

"I know that I have to be prudent, and I hope to be so," the pope states. "I always pray to the Holy Spirit before I start listening to the questions and answering. And as I must not lose prudence, I must also not lose trust. I know that this can make me vulnerable, but it's a risk that I want to run." The pontiff says the interviews have a "pastoral value" akin to the daily homilies he gives at the Masses he celebrates on weekdays at the chapel in the Vatican's Casa Santa Marta guesthouse, where he lives. "It is a way of communicating my ministry," says Francis. "And I tie these conversations in the interviews with the daily homilies in Santa Marta, which is — let's say it like this — my 'parish.' I need to have this communication with people," states the pope. "I have a true need of this direct communication with people. Giving an interview ... means having an encounter with journalists who often ask you questions taken from the people."

"One thing I like is speaking with small newspapers," he continues. "I feel even more at ease. In fact, in those cases I truly hear the questions and the worries of the common people. I seek to respond in a spontaneous way, in a conversation that I want to be comprehensible, not [made up of] rigid formulas. I also use simple, popular language," Francis explains. "For me, interviews are a dialogue, not a lecture. For this reason I do not prepare."

"Sometimes I receive the questions in advance but I almost never read or think over them," he states. "Other times, in the plane press conferences, I imagine the questions they might ask me. But to respond I need to encounter the people and look into their eyes. Yes, I have a fear of being poorly interpreted," says the pontiff. "But, I repeat, I want to run this pastoral risk." *Adesso fate le vostre domande* is being published by Rizzoli, a publishing house based in Milan. The eight interviews and dialogues it collects include Francis' 2013 interview with Spadaro, his 2016 interview with Polish Jesuit Fr. Ulf Jonsson, and conversations he had in 2015 and 2016 with the Philippine and Polish Jesuits during papal trips to their countries.

COMMEMORATION OF 500 YEARS OF REFORMATION

Archbishop Mark Coleridge and Bishop Paul Smith, Lutheran Church of Australia, Queensland District invite you to a Commemoration of 500 Years of Reformation to be held at The Performing Arts Centre Auditorium, St Peter's Lutheran College, 66 Harts Road, Indooroopilly from 7.00pm-9.30pm on Wednesday 1 November 2017. Supper concludes.

Please RSVP by Monday 23 October to Margaret Naylor
Email: naylorm@bne.catholic.net.au or Phone 3324 3453

REUNION

If you attended Holy Cross Convent and sat for the Scholarship Examination in 1953, please come to a reunion (Thursday 23 November 5-7pm) we are holding. Anyone who was in this class and left before Scholarship is also very welcome to attend. Please contact Patricia McGregor (Pat Lane) on trishmcgregor40@bigpond.com or 3397 7924

2018 COLUMBAN ART CALENDARS

For sale at the Piety Stall - \$9.00 each



With great joy we welcome
Christopher Flack,
Maxwell Graham, Zoe Hepburn,
Leonard Mackenzie, Joseph McKeone,
Ezekiel Mokwena and Annie O'Brien
who will be baptised this weekend.



World Teachers' Day 27 October

Sunday 22 October

Today and throughout this week we pray for our nation's understanding of the importance of marriage.
Heavenly Father, grant that all Australia's leaders develop a true understanding of the meaning and importance of marriage in our society. We pray that they will work cooperatively to ensure our nation upholds your plan for marriage and families.

In our prayers we remember



Those who have died recently :

William McDermott, Dot Williams

Those whose anniversaries occur about now:

Mary Johnson, Hazel O'Hagan, Paula Witman, Alice & Tate Siddle, Mary Collins, Sr Margaret White

Those who are sick:

James Elliot, 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 stagathascenentarybook@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 18+ 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

ANNUAL REMEMBRANCE MASS

The Lourdes Hill Past Pupils will be holding their Annual Remembrance Mass on Saturday 4 November at 10.00am in the Lady of Lourdes Chapel, Lourdes Hill College; they are once again having a procession of candles during the Mass to remember past pupils who have died during each decade since 1916. If you are aware of past pupils who have passed away since their Remembrance Mass in 2016, please send their names to: paparker15@bigpond.com, notify the college or bring the names with you to the Mass.

FAURÉ REQUIEM (Martin's Mass for Double Choir) | 5 November | 3.00pm
St Stephen's Cathedral Choir, Schola and Orchestra - James Goldrick conductor
St Stephen's Cathedral | 249 Elizabeth Street | Parking available from 2.30pm
Tickets: \$30 Full | \$25 Concession | Tickets available at the door and online
For tickets and further information: www.ststephensmusic.com

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

5.00pm

7.00am

9.00am

5.30pm

READERS:

21/22 Oct	<i>Volunteer</i> Lauren McMullan	Kate O'Neill Annette Riba	Heidi Cooper Michael Crutcher Ryan Smethurst	Life Teen Mass
28/29 Oct	Graham Gibson Julie-Anne Gibson	Helen Roberts James Robinson	Tim Hancock Eileen Duncan Peter Gilroy	Life Teen Mass

COMMUNION MINISTERS:

21/22 Oct	<i>Volunteer</i>	<i>Volunteer</i>	Christine Iannarella	Life Teen Mass
28/29 Oct	Ann Goves	Paulette Archer	<i>Volunteer</i>	Life Teen Mass

ORGANISTS:

21/22 Oct	<i>Volunteer</i>	<i>Volunteer</i>	Robyn Cuming	Life Teen Mass
28/29 Oct	Robyn Cuming	<i>Volunteer</i>	Jenny McKeon	Life Teen Mass

ALTAR SERVERS:

21/22 Oct	Joe Douglas Lachlan Hinneberg	<i>Volunteer/s</i>	Daniel Benjamin Sofia Iannarella	Tia Manuel Sharon Mathew
28/29 Oct	Ella Shepherd	<i>Volunteer/s</i>	Bridget Birchley Milly Ryan	Caitlin Marshall Alex Oliveri

CHILDREN'S LITURGY:

22 Oct	Ewan McPherson & Giulia Coorey
29 Oct	Katrina Murphy & Naoko Leotta

SANCTUARY CARERS:

4 Nov	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.

ALL HALLOWS 70 YEAR REUNION

A 70 year Reunion at All Hallows for Juniors/Commercials from 1947 will be held on Saturday 28 October.

For details and bookings contact Catharine Courtney
cmccourtney1@bigpond.com or 3862 7890.

ALL HALLOWS ANNUAL PAST PUPILS MASS

The All Hallows' 'Past Pupils' are invited to attend the Annual Mass and Biennial Meeting in All Hallows' Chapel on Saturday 28 October at 10.30am followed by morning tea in Loretto Hall. To assist catering it is essential to book. Cost towards morning tea is \$20.00 per person and bookings can be made online at www.ahs.qld.edu.au under Quicklinks. RSVP no later than Tuesday 23 October, 2017. For further enquiries please contact Lenore Thompson Foundation Manager and Past Pupil School Liaison on 3831 5632 or email Lenore.Thompson@ahs.qld.edu.au.

Limited parking is available at the school.

OCTOBER IS
**BREAST CANCER
AWARENESS MONTH**



WOMEN'S DISCERNMENT RETREAT

Vocations Brisbane is running a weekend retreat for young women who are keen to explore more about a vocation to religious life. All young women 18-40yrs old are welcome to come along and discover more about where God is calling you!

Date: Saturday 25 - 26 November 2017 | Time: 9am Saturday - 5pm Sunday

Venue: Canossian Spirituality Centre, 169 Seventeen Mile Rocks Rd, Oxley

For more information or to RSVP contact Sr. Melissa 0484 007 508

Readings - Thirtieth Sunday in Ordinary Time - 29 October 2017

1st Reading: Exodus 22:20-26; 2nd Reading: 1 Thessalonians 1:5-10; Gospel: Matthew 22:34-40