

ST. AGATHA'S PARISH

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

Thirty-First Sunday in Ordinary Time - 5th November 2017

Readings

1st Reading: Malachi 1:14-2:2, 8-10; **2nd Reading:** 1 Thessalonians 2:7-9, 13; **Gospel:** Matthew 23:1-12

WEEKDAY MASSES

Monday 6 November: 6.30am

Wednesday 8 November: 9am

Thursday 9 November: 9am

The Dedication of the Lateran Basilica

Friday 10 November: 9am

Saint Leo the Great

WEEKEND MASSES

Saturday 5.00pm

(1st Rite of Reconciliation:

Saturday 4.30pm)

Sunday 7.00am

9.00am

5.30pm

Rosary before Mass.

Parish Calendar

NOVEMBER

• **Monday 6th**

SVDP Meeting 5pm Parish Office

• **Sunday 12th**

P26 Mass - 9.00am

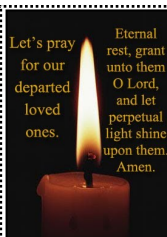
• **Monday 13th**

Community and Mission Council Meeting 6.30pm Parish Office

• **Monday 20th**

Youth Ministry Meeting 6.45pm Parish Office

They do not practice what they preach.



On this mountain he will remove the mourning veil covering all peoples, and the shroud enwrapping all nations, he will destroy Death for ever. The Lord will wipe away the tears from every cheek; he will take away his people's shame everywhere on earth, for the Lord has said so.

Dear Friends,

On November 2nd we celebrated All Souls' Day. All Christian faithful set apart this day to recollect and pray for our forefathers and departed members. This day is also called Feast of All Souls; Defunctus Day; Day of Remembrance; Commemoration of the Faithful Departed. This day is observed by Roman Catholicism, Eastern Orthodox Churches, and various Anglican and Protestant denominations. Prayer for the dead is a documented practice in both Judaism and Christianity. We have this rich faith, culture, facilities, background and worship place from our ancestors. They handed over everything for us and went for their eternal rest. The prayers appointed for that day remind us that we are joined with the communion of saints, that great group of Christians who have finished their earthly life and with who we share the hope of resurrection from the dead. Memory of our ancestors are an inspiration and hope in our life because we receive everything from them and we also need to go through the same route. But certain things make their memory everlasting - their good deeds for their family, society and the community.

Next year we are celebrating the centenary of our Parish community - a variety of celebrations are planned for next year and we have different projects to make this celebration a memorable one. Our attempt will be appreciated by the next generation. They may praise our faith and attention and attempt to maintain and perpetuate this beautiful Church to the generations.

In this occasion of Centenary celebrations, let us remember the departed souls who were actively involved in the construction of this beautiful Church. They spent their health, wealth and valuable time for us... let us be thankful to them and let us pray for them. May God bless them all during these days... after one hundred years what would we be in the memory of people at that time..., a departed soul. *Fr. Saji*

The Wisdom of Pope Francis

A cemetery is sad, it reminds us of our loved ones who have passed on. It also reminds us of the future, of death. But in this sadness, we bring flowers, as a sign of hope, and also, I might say, of celebration, but later on, not now. And sorrow is mingled with hope. But we also feel that this hope helps us, because we too must make this journey. All of us must make this journey. Jesus was the first to make this journey. We are following the journey that he made. And it was Jesus himself who opened the door: with his Cross he opened the door of hope, he opened the door for us to enter where we will contemplate God.

Clayfield Conversations

Tuesday, 31st October, 2017 marked the 500th anniversary of Martin Luther nailing his 95 theses to the door of the All Saints Church in Wittenburg, Germany. Below, Archbishop Mark Coleridge reflects on this anniversary in an article published in last Sunday's Catholic Leader.

Dedicated to the Great Task of Building Communion

It's been 500 years since the Reformation, and by any reckoning it's an event to be commemorated. The Reformation changed the world. It might have started with one man - Martin Luther - but it shook the foundations of the Church in the West. Indeed it shook the foundations of the entire Western world, and in some ways it still does. But it wasn't just the West that was shaken. With the global outreach of Western Christianity, the Reformation has had its effects right around the world.

The Reformation didn't come from nowhere. The roots of it are deep and they reach far. Certainly it wasn't just about the anxieties and obsessions of Luther. The whole of Europe and the Church were a powder-keg. Pressure had been building for centuries. There had been much talk of reform through the Medieval period, and there had been some attempts at reform. But nothing really decisive had been done. So Luther, or something like him, was inevitable. The issues at stake weren't just theological. They were political, as we see in the politicisation of Luther by the German princes in his own time. But they were also cultural. The pre-history of the Reformation was vast, and the event itself was more than an Augustinian Friar hammering his theses on the door of a cathedral. It was a complex event, which has had a history in the ongoing years as long and complex as its pre-history. The centuries since the Reformation have been in some ways a time of suffering and sorrow.

The wars of religion were a tragedy of the first order; yet amid all the horror, there was a searing grace and not just for the Churches born of the Reformation. There was also a grace for the Roman Catholic Church because, if it weren't for the Reformation, there would not have been that prodigious outburst of energy that we call the Counter-Reformation or the Catholic Reformation. There were all types of energies - the birth of the Society of Jesus among them. The evangelisation of the new world that took place was also an extraordinary grace for the Catholic Church, just as it was a grace in many ways for the Churches born of the Reformation. So how are we to assess an event that produced such light and darkness, such conflict and creativity?

The consequences and effects of the Reformation are not easily assessed. Now, 500 years later, we are in different territory as Churches. Much of the polemics and controversy of the Reformation looks strangely outmoded. It's not where we are now. And some of the great theological issues - the question of justification and so on - don't look quite as divisive as they once did. There are still differences among the Churches, but the challenge now is to move from conflict to communion. In a fragmenting world, surely this is the call of the Holy Spirit. We can't deny the conflict of the past, but we can try to understand how it happened and then journey into a new kind of communion. We need to have our eye on the past but with a firm sense of the need to move into a new future. I can't think of any service that could provide that is more necessary at this time. We live in a seriously divided world marred by conflict of every kind and where communion at every turn seems to be threatened in new ways. What better for us as disciples of Jesus than to be ministers of communion in such a world at such a time? It starts with us but it's about the wider world, which God loved so much that he Son (John 3:16). For the sake of that world, we are to be men and women dedicated to the great task of building the communion that is the work of Christ. On that, the Reformers and all Christians can agree.

NOVEMBER MASS ENVELOPES

are available from table in church foyer, Piety Stall or Parish Office. PLEASE PRINT the names of those who you wish to be remembered and place the envelope on the collection plate or hand into the Parish Office. The names of your deceased will be written in a Remembrance Book that will be on the altar for all Masses during the month of November.



NOVEMBER:

A special time to pray for our loved ones who have died

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

ST AGATHA'S PARISH P26 MASS SUNDAY 12 NOVEMBER - 9AM

All children in Grade Prep to Year 6 are invited to participate in our last P26 Mass for the year which will be at 9am on 12 November 2017. 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 Monday 6 November 2017. We will be having our annual Christmas party/morning tea afterwards as a way of saying thank you to our youngest parishioners for their contribution to Parish life over the year. All welcome.

In our prayers we remember



Those who have died recently :

Ann Doyle, Delia Heredia, Kathleen Elliott, Paul Luxton, Tom Rathay, Fr Michael McKeaten

Those whose anniversaries occur about now:

Nancy & Ernie Long, Glad & Jack McBride, Bridget Brumpton, Lou & Gene Bartels

Those who are sick:

Bev O'Brien, Margaret-Mary Hayes, James Elliott, Michelle Toeke, Kahyam Baines, Lorraine Atkinson-McEwen, Paul Gaynor, Camille Butler-Storms, Mary Ann Marcelo, Isabel Leddick, Carmel Elms, Helen Orosz, Lisa Bowes, Sophia Horrocks, Mario Di Filippo, Norma Fiore, Joan Healy, 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, Patrick Gallagher, Eileen Clarke, Mel Purwo, Hellen Passente

PLEASE NOTE

The Parish Office will be open only from 8.00am to 10.00am on Friday 10 November.

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.

INVITATION - ALPHA

Aggies Youth invites all young adults 18+ to join us for ALPHA evenings. These evenings started Friday 15 September and will run 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>

ST AGATHA'S SCHOOL has limited vacancies in Year 6 for 2018.

Please direct all enquiries to the Enrolment Secretary: wkwhite@bne.catholic.edu.au or phone: 3326 9222

ST AGATHA'S SCHOOL PREP SIBLINGS FOR 2019

If you have a *sibling* child born between 1/7/13 – 30/6/14, they are eligible to commence Prep in 2019.

The enrolment process for Prep 2019 commences at the beginning of 2018.

Please note all applications are submitted online via our website www.stagathasclayfield.qld.edu.au

If you would like your sibling child included in the enrolments for Prep 2019 please register online.

THE LOFT STUDENT ACCOMMODATION

Only few rooms left for 2018 intake.

Affordable accommodation for tertiary students and apprentices in Brisbane. A project of St Paschal's Church.

Must book by 20 November. For further details contact 0468 515 130, 3359 0239

or email theloftsa38@yahoo.com | www.theloftsa.com.au | 38 Ferguson Road, Wavell Heights.

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

5.00pm

7.00am

9.00am

5.30pm

READERS:

4/5 Nov	Phil Zammit	Helen Roberts Mark Burton	Denis Keating Don Macpherson Amrita Moss	Life Teen Mass
11/12 Nov	Graham Gibson Julie-Anne Gibson	Jeanine Bygott Andrew Douglas	St Agatha's P26 Mass	Life Teen Mass

COMMUNION MINISTERS:

4/5 Nov	Jan Zammit	<i>Volunteer</i>	Erin Bledsoe	Life Teen Mass
11/12 Nov	Deborah Hall	Paulette Archer	Amrita Moss	Life Teen Mass

ORGANISTS:

4/5 Nov	<i>Volunteer</i>	<i>Volunteer</i>	Catriona McPherson	Life Teen Mass
11/12 Nov	<i>Volunteer</i>	<i>Volunteer</i>	Robyn Cuming / Paul Fiumara	Life Teen Mass

ALTAR SERVERS:

4/5 Nov	Billy Crutcher Dash Crutcher	<i>Volunteer/s</i>	Kate Taylor Amelia Marino	Sophia Lazzarini Max Lazzarini
11/12 Nov	Eve Ryan Claire Ryan	<i>Volunteer/s</i>	Bart Marino Charlotte Shepherd Felicity Shepherd	Caitlin Marshall Ella Shepherd

CHILDREN'S LITURGY:

5 Nov
12 Nov
Erin Bledsoe, Michelle Wille, Sophia Vangnaitham
No Children's Liturgy - P26 Mass

SANCTUARY CARERS:

18 Nov 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.

ST IGNATIUS PARISH TOOWONG

Invitation to attend a weekend of Thanksgiving and farewell for the Jesuits from the Parish at all Parish Masses on the weekend of 25-26 November.
6.00pm Vigil Saturday - St Ignatius Church
7.00am Sunday - St Ignatius Church
8.30am Sunday - Holy Spirit Church
5.00pm - St Ignatius Church / Refreshments after each Mass.

DAILY MASS BOOK 2018 - \$25.00 each

For sale at the Piety Stall.

QUEENSLAND IRISH CHOIR INC.

Invite you to attend their Christmas Concert called "*It's Beginning to Look a Lot Like Christmas*". The Choir will sing a range of Christmas and Celtic songs which you are sure to enjoy.
Place: The Brisbane German Club - Vulture Street, East Brisbane.
Date: Sunday 19 November 2017, Time 2.00pm - 4.00pm. Cost \$15
Bookings through Jennifer Dunbar | Mob: 0447 744 788 | Email: jennifer.dunbar@hotmail.com
Tickets can be purchased at the door. Afternoon Tea is included

PIETY STALL

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

Whoever exalts himself will be humbled; but whoever humbles himself will be exalted." MATTHEW 23:12

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 - Thirty-second Sunday in Ordinary Time - 12 November 2017

1st Reading: Wisdom 6:12-16; 2nd Reading: 1 Thessalonians 4:13-18; Gospel: Matthew 25:1-13