

ST. AGATHA'S PARISH

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Fourth Sunday in Ordinary Time (Yr. B) - 28th January 2018

Readings

1st Reading: Deuteronomy 18:15-20; 2nd Reading: 1 Corinthians 7:32-35; Gospel: Mark 1:21-28

WEEKDAY MASSES

Monday 29 January: 6.30am

Wednesday 31 January: 9am

Saint John Bosco

Thursday 1 February: 9am

Friday 2 February: 9am

The Presentation of the Lord

WEEKEND MASSES

Saturday 5.00pm

(1st Rite of Reconciliation:

Saturday 4.30pm)

Sunday 7.00am

9.00am

5.30pm

Rosary before Mass.

Parish Calendar

JANUARY

• Monday 29th

Youth Ministry Meeting

Parish Office 6.45pm

FEBRUARY

• Sunday 4th

St Agatha's Feast Day

Celebrations - Mass 9am

Followed by family fun day at

the Presentation Centre,

St Agatha's School

• Monday 5th

SVDP Meeting 5pm Parish

Office

• Saturday 10th & Sunday 11th

Caritas - Project Compassion

Introduction weekend

• Sunday 11th

P26 Mass - 9am



Jesus and his followers went as far as Capernaum, and as soon as the Sabbath came Jesus went to the synagogue and began to teach. And his teaching made a deep impression on them because, unlike the scribes, he taught them with authority.

Dear Friends,

Next Sunday is our first big celebration for our centenary celebrations. We welcome Bishop Ken Howell for our St. Agatha's Feast Day celebrations. Following Mass, we will gather in the **Presentation Centre** at the school for our feast day festivities. All the details are in the newsletter. I hope that you will support our parish community both by your presence and by purchasing some of our centenary wines and other merchandise. All items are of a high quality and the wine is an excellent South Australian wine. This is our major fund-raising activity for the year and the proceeds will go towards improving the AV equipment in the church.

Welcome back to all our school community and especially those who are new to St. Agatha's. The feast day celebrations will be a festive and enjoyable way to get to know our parish community. We will celebrate the commencement of the school year with Mass at 9am on St. Agatha's actual feast day, which is Monday, 5th February.

I hope that you are enjoying the Australia Day long weekend with its festival of tennis and cricket, or a barbecue with family and friends, or just relaxing. Thank you to all who shared in our Australia Day morning tea. A special Preface was written for use on Australia Day, and I love its combination of scriptural and local imagery:

Out of your infinite glory you have given us the power through your Spirit for our hidden self to grow strong, so that Christ may live in our hearts through faith. Through him you have blessed our land. The fierce flood of your grace sweeps away all barriers, and soaks deep into our being, so that the desert blooms with the life that lies in wait. You will give us the strength to grasp the breadth and the length and height and the depth of that utter fullness of your love which surpasses all knowledge.

Let pray for God's continued blessing on our nation.

Fr. Anthony

The Wisdom of Pope Francis

Jesus served the people. He had an attitude of a servant, and this gave authority. And Jesus never passed Himself off like a prince: He was always the servant of all, and this is what gave Him authority. Jesus was close to the people, the Lord was not allergic to the people. Touching lepers, the sick, did not disgust him. His authority was a humble authority, one of service; it was an authority close to the people and it was a consistent authority.

Clayfield Conversations

Cardinal Cupich, Archbishop of Chicago, outlines Pope Francis' description of the church as a 'field hospital' which calls us to radically rethink church life. This analysis was originally published in *America* magazine.

Pope Francis and the Field Hospital

Jorge Bergoglio needed just a few minutes to radically reorient the Catholic Church. In the days leading up to a conclave, cardinals deliver addresses designed to help their brothers discern where the Spirit is calling the church. Some go longer, some shorter. In his 2013 pre-conclave intervention, Cardinal Bergoglio did not waste his time.

"In Revelation," the soon-to-be-pope explained, "Jesus says that he is at the door and knocks." The idea, he continued, is that Jesus is knocking from outside the door. But Cardinal Bergoglio inverted the image and, according to notes he later gave to Cardinal Jaime Ortega, asked his brother cardinals and indeed the whole church to consider "the times in which Jesus knocks from within so that we will let him come out." When the church keeps Christ to herself and does not let him out, he continued, it becomes "self-referential—and then gets sick." To avoid this, according to Cardinal Bergoglio, the church must go out of itself to the peripheries, to minister to the needy.

This is evangelization. This is the mission entrusted to the church by Jesus Christ — and it was precisely in this moment that he foreshadowed his program for the Catholic Church as a "field hospital" for the wounded, a profound, indeed stunning image he would deliver in a surprise interview with Antonio Spadaro, S.J., soon after he became pope.

By calling the church a "field hospital," Pope Francis calls us to radically rethink ecclesial life. He is challenging all of us to give priority to the wounded. This means placing the needs of others before our own. The "field hospital church" is the antithesis of the "self-referential church." It is a term that triggers the imagination, forcing us to rethink our identity, mission and our life together as disciples of Jesus Christ.

Medics are useless if the wounded cannot reach them. Those who have the bandages go to those with the wounds. They do not sit back in their offices waiting for the needy to come to them. The field hospital marshals all its institutional resources in order to serve those who most need help now.

When the church becomes a field hospital, it can radically change the way we view our community life. Instead of being defined as a group of people that live in the same neighbourhood, have a common ethnic heritage or social status, regularly go to Mass or are the registered parishioners, we understand ourselves as those who take up the work of healing by sharing in the sufferings of others. We are a community that taps into and shares our talents to find creative ways to help those most in need. We already know this about ourselves, as Jesus gave us this truth at the very start of his ministry when he announced that he was sent "to bring glad tidings to the poor, sent to proclaim liberty to captives and recovery of sight to the blind, to let the oppressed go free, and to proclaim a year acceptable to the Lord" (Lk 4:18).

That is Christ's challenge for the church today: to be a field hospital for the needy. To bring those glad tidings, not to sit back and wait for those who need them to ask. To go out, to travel to the peripheries where the oppressed reside. To be with the wounded on the field of battle. This is what is acceptable to the Lord. It is radical. Mercy always is. And as Pope Francis continues to remind us of this truth, he takes us back to our Christian roots, helping us realize that this challenge has been with us all along.

VOLUNTEERS NEEDED

We are looking for volunteers to join our Children's Liturgy Team. The ministry is open to all over the age of 18. (A blue card will be organised for you if you do not already have one). Each session is run by two adults, one to facilitate and the other to assist. You will only be needed once or twice a term and not at all in school holidays.



No experience necessary. Session content is provided. If you would like to assist please email: clayfield@bne.catholic.net.au or phone the parish office on 3262 2859.

A VOCATION VIEW: Let us not get confused that power and authority are two very different things. We must imitate Jesus and use these gifts in service of the poor. It is this power that is at work in us.

In our prayers we remember



Those who have died recently :

Jack Taylor, Cathie McGarry, Thérèse McCabe, Maybelle Jirkovsky

Those whose anniversaries occur about now:

Helen Richards, Dennis Callinan, Chris & Betty Smith, Patrick Rebgetz, Restituta Limas, Ismael Limas, Livinia Nimmo, William Nimmo, David Nimmo, John O'Connell, Agnes O'Connell

Those who are sick:

Maureen Long, Anne Seymour, Bev O'Brien, Margaret-Mary Hayes, James Elliott, Paul Gaynor, Lorraine Atkinson-McEwen, 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, 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

PARISH CENTENARY RECOLLECTIONS BOOK – DO YOU HAVE SOMETHING TO SHARE?

Commemorating our Parish Centenary is all about the people of our Parish, past and present. We need your stories, memories, photographs, snippets, recipes. We will be collecting your contributions at each of the Masses over the next weeks. All contributions are welcome – even if it is only a few lines!

The Book of Parish Recollections will not be the same without YOUR contribution.

Please pass this onto those who have left the Parish – we would love to hear from them too.

The Book Team: stagathascenentarybook@gmail.com

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.

ST AGATHA'S PARISH SACRAMENTAL PROGRAM - 2018

Reconciliation - *For children in Grade 5*

ENROLMENT WEEKEND: 17/18 February at any of the Masses

Saturday 5.00pm; Sunday 7.00am, 9.00am & 5.30pm

Enrolment forms available from the Parish Office.

1st Rite of Reconciliation: 17 March 4pm & 18 March 4.30pm

For further information call Jane Cameron at the parish office: 3262 2859

THE LITTLE BLACK BOOK

Six-minute reflections on the Passion according to Mark.

For sale at the Piety Stall for \$4.00 each.



ST AGATHA'S CENTENARY WINE - NOW AVAILABLE!!

If you would like to order a bottle/case of St Agatha's Centenary Wine, please

complete order form found on table at the back of the church and email to Parish Office.

LENTEN REFLECTION GROUPS (14 February - 28 March)

"*Blessed + Broken*" is the title of this year's Lenten program. The Lenten reflection group will commence on Wednesday 14 February, 7pm Parish Office, and will continue each Wednesday until 28 March.

Please call or email Parish Office if you are interested in attending. Each meeting runs for approx. 80 minutes.

ST AGATHA'S "AOK" YOUTH COMMUNITY SERVICE - Acts of Kindness

The St Agatha's Youth Community Service Group aka, AOK, was established in 2017 with 2 goals in mind. For the youth to provide some form of community service and to reconnect on a social level. The group will be involved in 4 initiatives throughout the year under the direction of Fr Anthony, Jane Cameron and Tracy Pate.

We invite teenagers from Years 7 to 12 (up to age 17) to join this established initiative.

For more information please contact the Parish Office on 3262 2859.

With great joy we welcome *Saben Buckley and George Pickford* who will be baptised 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:

27/28 Jan	Graham Gibson Julie-Anne Gibson	Helen Roberts Aleira Egan	Heidi Cooper Michael Crutcher Eileen Duncan	Life Teen Mass
3/4 Feb	Ann Goves Katrina Murphy	Sr Cecily Foster Kate O'Neill	Tim Hancock Denis Keating Wilma O'Connell	Life Teen Mass

COMMUNION MINISTERS:

27/28 Jan	Volunteer	Volunteer	Volunteer	Life Teen Mass
3/4 Feb	Volunteer	Paulette Archer	Christine Iannarella	Life Teen Mass

ORGANISTS:

27/28 Jan	Volunteer	Volunteer	Robyn Cuming	Life Teen Mass
3/4 Feb	Volunteer	Volunteer	Jenny McKeon & Daniel Allen	Life Teen Mass

ALTAR SERVERS:

27/28 Jan	Ella Shepherd	Joe Douglas	Xavier Coorey Dominic Coorey	Caitlin Marshall Alex Oliveri
3/4 Feb	Billy Crutcher Dash Crutcher	Volunteer/s	Daniel Benjamin Sofia Iannarella	Max Lazzarini Sophia Lazzarini

CHILDREN'S LITURGY:

28 Jan			Mel Ryan & Sophia Vangnaitham	
4 Feb			Eleonora Kowitz & Giulia Coorey	

SANCTUARY CARERS:

3 Feb	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 sympathy, thank you and birthday cards; and various gifts.

VOLUNTEERS NEEDED

Volunteers are needed to help with the St Agatha's Feast Day Celebrations on Sunday 4 February 2018. If you can help in any way, please write your name on the sheet at the back of the Church.

PREP 2019

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

All enrolment applications are to be completed on-line via our website: www.stagathasclayfield.qld.edu.au

Sibling Applications for Prep 2019 close on 16 February, 2018.

Non Sibling Applications close for Prep 2019 on 23 March 2018, interviews usually take place in April/May, and placements offered in June.

How much anxiety do we bring upon ourselves by constantly worrying about not having enough or attaining more things? God won't necessarily give you everything you want, but He will provide everything you need. Try this – use the word "pray" instead of the word "worry" in the future.



ST AGATHA'S PARISH P26 MASS – 11 FEBRUARY 2018, 9AM

All children in Grade Prep to Year 6 are invited to participate in our next P26 Mass which will be at 9am on 11 February. 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 5 February.

AN EVENING WITH PSYCHE MAE

Join Caritas Australia on Shrove Tuesday (13 February 2018) from 7pm to 8.30pm at the Father Denis Power Building, next to the Jubilee Catholic Parish Administrative Centre, 333 Given Terrace, Paddington where we will hear from Psyche Mae, a 27 year old social worker from the Philippines featured in this year's Project Compassion appeal, who will share her powerful story of personal and community transformation through the support of Caritas Australia and its partner the Faithful Companions of Jesus (FCJ). Please RSVP by contacting Lynda Mussell at Caritas Australia by 9 Feb on 0487 202 131 or via lynda.mussell@caritas.org.au.

Readings - Fifth Sunday In Ordinary Time - 4 February 2018

1st Reading: Deuteronomy Job 7:1-4, 6-7; 2nd Reading: 1 Corinthians 9:16-19, 22-23; Gospel: Mark 1:29-39