

ST. AGATHA'S PARISH

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Office Hours: Monday - Thursday: 8.30am-12.30pm and 1.30pm-3.30pm
Friday: 8.30am-12.00pm

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

Second Sunday of Easter (Yr. B) - 8th April 2018

Readings

1st Reading: Acts 4:32-35; **2nd Reading:** 1 John 5:1-6; **Gospel:** John 20:19-31

WEEKDAY MASSES

Monday 9 April: 6.30am

The Annunciation of the Lord

Wednesday 11 April: 9am

Saint Stanislaus

Thursday 12 April: 9am

Friday 13 April: 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

APRIL

• Monday 9th

SVDP Meeting 5pm Parish Office

Community & Mission Council

Meeting 6.30pm Parish Office

• Wednesday 18th OR

Thursday 19th

Sacramental Preparation

Parent Night (First Communion)

6.30pm APAC St Agatha's School

• Saturday 21st / Sunday 22nd

Sacramental Preparation (FC)

Rite of Enrolment at any of the

Masses

• Monday 23rd

Youth Ministry Meeting 6.45pm

Parish Office

Wednesday 25th

Anzac Day Mass 9am



*If I could be of service in serving souls in any part of the world,
I would gladly do all in my power.*

Dear friends,

Today marks the celebration of 300 years since the birth of Venerable Nano Nagle. In 1925 the Presentation Sisters joined the parish of St Agatha's, living in the newly-built presbytery which Fr. O'Connell had generosity offered them. In 1926, they opened the St Agatha's primary school and the next year the St Rita's secondary school for girls. From that time till the present the lives of the Presentation Sisters have touched many in your midst as they have shared the charism of Nano Nagle who was the foundress of the Presentation Sisters. This year marks the tercentennial of Nano Nagle's birth. Nano, the oldest of seven children was born on 9 April, 1718, in Ballygriffin, County Cork, Ireland. Three hundred years later, we rejoice that her life has had such an influence across the globe. The *Friends of Nano* are marking this occasion in a variety of ways. Let us give thanks as we call to mind the contribution of the Sisters to the parish of Clayfield over these many years.

For the next three months, I will also have the care of the parish of Lutwyche added to my responsibilities. The Archbishop has asked me to take on the role of "Canonical Administrator" until mid-June while they await the arrival of their new parish priest. Mostly, the Lutwyche parish will be served by supply priests, but I will have the responsibilities of over-sight for these three months. It may mean that occasionally Fr. Prem and I will be required at Lutwyche for various responsibilities during this time, but this should not impact greatly on Clayfield parish.

And finally, we are adjusting our parish office hours from this Monday. While Rosemary and Jane will be working the same number of hours, we have reviewed our parish office opening times to allow for greater efficiency and manage our ever-increasing administrative demands. From tomorrow, the new opening times for the parish office are: **Mon-Thurs: 8:30am-12:30pm and 1:30-3:30pm; Fri 8:30am-12pm.** Please note the later opening times and earlier closing times, particularly on Friday afternoons. Blessings for the week ahead.

Fr. Anthony

The Wisdom of Pope Francis

I think that some of you might ask me: "Father, but I have many doubts about the faith; what should I do? Don't you ever have doubts?". I have many.... Of course, everyone has doubts at times! Doubts which touch the faith, in a positive way, are a sign that we want to know better and more fully God, Jesus, and the mystery of his love for us. These are doubts which bring about growth! It is good, therefore, that we ask questions about our faith, because in this way we are pushed to deepen it. Doubts, however, must also be overcome.

Clayfield Conversations

This reflection was written by Gerald M. Fagin and originally published in America magazine in 2007.

A Doubter Gives Lessons in Faith

Thomas the Apostle needs a publicist. Even though in John's Gospel he gives voice to the most profound statement of faith in the New Testament, My Lord and my God, the first word that comes to mind for most of us on hearing his name is doubting Thomas. We forget his courageous response when Jesus sets his face toward Jerusalem and almost certain death: Let us go with him and die with him. His great act of faith in Jesus has been overshadowed by his refusal to believe (much worse than doubting) the other disciples who proclaimed that they had seen the Lord: Unless I see the mark of the nails in his hands and put my finger in the mark of the nails and my hand in his side, I will not believe (Jn 20:25). Thomas rejects their testimony and boldly demands a sign. Even so, doubters like Thomas can be great teachers if they prompt us to examine our own faith. Doubting Thomas imparts three important lessons about faith.

First, Thomas reminds us that faith does not exclude doubt and questions, nor does it exclude moments when we wonder whether God is truly with us, faithful to God's promises. Sometimes God may seem distant and unresponsive as we face darkness, illness or helplessness before the dying of a loved one. Faith is not always clear and unchallenged. Yet we are asked to believe in the midst of the questions and uncertainties that surround us. Faith may lead to certitude, though not the comfortable certitude of logic and scientific proof, but rather the certitude of one who trusts in God's word. We identify with the father in the Gospel who prays with great honesty, I believe. Help my unbelief (Mk 9:24).

Second, Thomas reminds us that we receive faith in and through the community of parents, friends and church. Thomas found faith because he returned to the community and trusted enough to show up the following Sunday. Ultimately, however, Thomas testifies to the fact that our faith must be rooted in our own experience of God, in a personal acceptance of God and commitment to God. We cannot simply believe because someone else believes. Our faith must be founded in our own deepest convictions. At times, we may rely on the faith of others to support us and sustain us, but others cannot believe for us. We have to say our own personal yes to the invitation to faith given by God.

Third, Thomas reminds us that faith is not simply an assent to doctrines and propositions of faith. Thomas had no creed to accept. In fact, the apostle Thomas did not know the Apostles Creed. He had no idea that Jesus had two natures united hypostatically in one person. He had not figured out that there were three persons in one God. He was totally unaware that 10 days earlier, at Jesus' last supper, the bread and wine had been changed into the body and blood of Christ. Thomas would have flunked the most basic quiz on the catechism.

Yet he dramatizes for us that, while it is vitally important that we believe that certain doctrines are true, we must first believe in God, the God revealed in Jesus. Thomas' faith was a personal response, a graced surrender to the risen Jesus as his lord and savior and an acknowledgment that Jesus spoke the truth when he said, I have the power to lay my life down and I have the power to take it up again (Jn 10:18). As portrayed in John's Gospel, faith for Thomas was an expression of loyalty, faithfulness and allegiance to Jesus. It was a radical act of trust and a personal commitment to Jesus and Jesus' invitation to new life. Thomas reminds us that, in the end, we believe because we know we are loved. We believe in the one who loves us. In those times when we identify with Thomas' doubts, we may boldly ask Jesus to show himself to us. If, like Thomas, we find ourselves isolated from the community of faith and envious of others' faith, which seems strong and unwavering, we may hesitate to rely on the word of others who try to encourage us to believe. Then Thomas may assure us in our doubts. But he also challenges us to deepen our faith, trust and commitment to Christ, even if we have not seen him. What the doubting and believing Thomas teaches us may purify and enrich our own faith. It may also raise questions about how we can best pass on the faith, how we catechize and how we invite people to come to faith. How do we engage their hearts as well as their heads? How do we lead others to encounter Jesus in an intimate way that evokes our trust and surrender and not simply our adherence or intellectual assent? The Gospel story does not tell us whether Thomas put his fingers in Jesus' wounds or touched his side, but he did meet Jesus face to face. That is how he heard the call to faith and where he found the strength to believe and live out that faith as an apostle and martyr. We too are invited to encounter the Lord face to face in word, sacrament and community and in the poor and the needy. Christ is always in our midst inviting us to touch him and believe.

CATHOLICS RETURNING HOME - ST AGATHA'S CLAYFIELD

Have you been away from the Church and you are seeking to reconnect and get an update on your Catholic faith?

Perhaps you know someone who has left the Church? or just beginning to worship with us again?

Please invite them to join us for 6 sessions, "Catholics Returning Home",

Mondays from **16 April, 7.30pm to 9pm** at St Agatha's Parish Office 52 Oriel Road.

Please use the *pink* brochures to invite people you know.

For more information, please contact Lisa on 0418 734 147



In our prayers we remember



Those who have died recently:

Maria Rego, Teresa Hamilton, Bob McDonald, Elaine Allen, Yvonne O'Dwyer, Monica Creevey, Merv Whimp

Those whose anniversaries occur about now:

Judy Power, Neville Clifford, Monsignor John English, Charles & Catherine Martin, Sid Tynan, Maria Rotolone, Ines Ambrosini, Anthony Hoskins

Those who are sick:

Warwick Jones, Shirley Odenhal, Gordon Hodge, Maureen Long, Anne Seymour, Margaret-Mary Hayes, James Elliott, 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, 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: stagathacentenarybook@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.

CHANGE to Parish Office Hours AS OF MONDAY 9 APRIL 2018

Monday, Tuesday, Wednesday, Thursday: 8.30am - 12.30pm and 1.30pm - 3.30pm
Friday 8.30am - 12.00pm



THANK YOU

Caritas Australia would like to THANK YOU for Supporting Project Compassion 2018. **If you still have your Project Compassion box or set of envelopes at home, please bring them back next week** or visit www.caritas.org.au to make your donation online.

Through your generosity you are helping to empower our most vulnerable neighbours worldwide to build a just future for themselves, their families and their communities.

www.caritas.org.au/projectcompassion or 1800 024 413



WYDPANAMA2019

Are you interested in attending World Youth Day 2019 in Panama with the Archdiocese of Brisbane? Find out more and register your interest **now** at:

<http://wydbrisbane.org.au/>

EASTER RAFFLE - "Thank you" to everyone who bought tickets in our Easter Raffle.

A total of \$1,030.00 was raised.

Congratulations to our lucky winners: 1st prize: T Urzaa; 2nd prize: Ellen Horsbury; 3rd prize: Julie Davies

2018 SEMINARY PRAYER CARDS are available at the back of the Church.

Please take one home and make a prayerful offering to help prepare these men for the gift of the priesthood.

ST AGATHA'S CENTENARY WINE / MERCHANDISE

If you would like to order a bottle/case of St Agatha's Centenary Wine or Centenary Merchandise or perhaps order one of our "great" valued packs, please complete order forms found on table at the back of the church and email to Parish Office.

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 Apr	Marian Nolan <i>Volunteer</i>	Kate O'Neill Mark Burton	Don Macpherson Wilma O'Connell Denis Keating	Life Teen Mass
14/15 Apr	Phil Zammit Eric van der List	Helen Roberts Jenny Close	Joseph O'Brien Jane Arkinstall Dominic Ryan	Life Teen Mass

COMMUNION MINISTERS:

7/8 Apr	Deborah Hall	<i>Volunteer</i>	Christine Iannarella	Life Teen Mass
14/15 Apr	Jan Zammit	Paulette Archer	Erin Bledsoe	Life Teen Mass

ORGANISTS:

7/8 Apr	Robyn Cuming	<i>Volunteer</i>	Jenny McKeon	Life Teen Mass
14/15 Apr	<i>Volunteer</i>	<i>Volunteer</i>	Robyn Cuming	Life Teen Mass

ALTAR SERVERS:

7/8 Apr	<i>Volunteer/s</i>	<i>Volunteer/s</i>	<i>Volunteer/s</i>	<i>Volunteer/s</i>
14/15 Apr	<i>Volunteer/s</i>	<i>Volunteer/s</i>	<i>Volunteer/s</i>	<i>Volunteer/s</i>

CHILDREN'S LITURGY:

8 Apr
15 Apr
No Children's Liturgy - School Holidays
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SANCTUARY CARERS:

21 April
Beverley O'Brien

"The community of believers was of one heart and mind, and no one claimed that any of his possessions was his own..." - ACTS 4:32



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.



You are invited to *Our Lady of Victories*

MEMORIAL MASS

Remembering those who served as we mark the centenary of World War 1.
22 April 2018 | 8am Sunday Mass | Benediction 7.50am
1 Roche Avenue, Bowen Hills | *Morning tea from 9am - 10am*
We would love to hear from anyone whose family member may be listed on our honour roll of Qld Catholics who died in WW1.
RSVP: olv.rsvp@gmail.com or call 3219 2366



St Agatha's Parish Sacramental Program 2018 - (For all children in Year 4 that have been Confirmed)

* * * SACRAMENT OF FIRST HOLY COMMUNION * * *

Parent Information Evening: 18 & 19 April, 6.30pm in APAC, St Agatha's School

(N.B. Parents need only attend 1 of these sessions)

Rite of Enrolment: 21 & 22 April at any of the Masses

Mass times: Saturday 5.00pm; Sunday 7.00am, 9.00am & 5.30pm

First Holy Communion dates: Saturday 26 May at 5.00pm & Sunday 27 May at 9.00am

Saturday 2 June at 5.00pm & Sunday 3 June at 9.00am

For further information call Jane Cameron at the Parish office: 3262 2859 or email: clayfield@bne.catholic.net.au

St Agatha's Parish Sacramental Program 2018 - (For all children in Year 3 and above)

* * * SACRAMENT OF CONFIRMATION * * *

Parent Information Evening: 1 August, 6.30pm or 2 August 6.30pm APAC, St Agatha's School

(N.B. Parents need only attend 1 of these sessions)

Rite of Enrolment: 4 & 5 August at any of the Masses

Mass times: Saturday 5.00pm; Sunday 7.00am, 9.00am & 5.30pm

For further information call Jane Cameron at the Parish office: 3262 2859 or email: clayfield@bne.catholic.net.au

Readings - Third Sunday of Easter - 15 April 2018

1st Reading: Acts 3:13-15, 17-19; 2nd Reading: 1 John 2:1-5; Gospel: Luke 24:35-48