



ST. AGATHA'S PARISH

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Fourth Sunday of Easter (Yr. B) - 22nd April 2018

Readings

1st Reading: Acts 4:8-12; **2nd Reading:** 1 John 3:1-2; **Gospel:** John 10:11-18

WEEKDAY MASSES

Monday 23 April: 6.30am

Wednesday 25 April: 9am

Anzac Day

Thursday 26 April: 9am

Saint Mark

Friday 27 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 23rd

SVDP Meeting 5pm Parish Office

Youth Ministry Meeting 6.45pm

Parish Office

Catholics Returning Home

7.30pm Parish Office

• Wednesday 25th

Anzac Day Mass 9am

First Holy Communion

Saturday 26 May 5.00pm

Sunday 27 May 9.00am

Saturday 2 June 5.00pm

Sunday 3 June at 9.00am



Jesus said: 'I am the good shepherd: the good shepherd is one who lays down his life for his sheep.'

Dear Friends,

We begin the journey with around 70 families this weekend toward the celebration of First Communion in about 6 weeks time. It is quite appropriate that we commence this journey on "Good Shepherd" Sunday. The "Good Shepherd" is a beautiful, tender and challenging image. This is the image that Jesus choose to describe the kind of leadership and kinship that he embodies and calls us to imitate. In Jesus' time, shepherds weren't exactly the kind of people that you would like to be around. They were people on the edges of Jesus' society. Fr. David Ranson of the Diocese of Broken Bay (NSW) has written provocatively on this image:

Jesus chooses a marginal figure, dirty, socially unacceptable, and puts him in front of us and says, "Here is the model for my leadership. This is how I want to be thought of as being with you and for you. I am not with you and for you out of a sense of power, ambition or strength. My leadership, your leadership, is not to be characterised in that way. Rather, leadership is to be exercised in the lack of ambition for power and status, and purely through the lens of a concern and care which so dramatically identifies with those who are being led!" Jesus leads us by identifying with us, by being one with us where we are in both our hurt and our hope, by being one with us in the questions -which haunt our hearts, in our uncertainties and confusion, in all that quickens us and delights us. Jesus leads us by listening deeply to us, by attending to us, by being overwhelmed by a passionate, suffering concern for us.

So, when we understand the image of the Good Shepherd in this way, it becomes more potent and more challenging for us. Jesus reminds us that the "Good Shepherd" lays down his life for his sheep, and with this in mind, I invite you to commemorate Anzac Day with St. Agatha's community on Wednesday with 9am Mass followed by morning tea. Let us commend to God the sacrifice of countless men, women and children who, in various ways, have carried the burden of war and paid with their lives. May the Good Shepherd guide them into paradise. *Fr. Anthony*

The Wisdom of Pope Francis

Saint Teresa Benedicta of the Cross suggests, real history is made by the humblest members of God's people. As she writes: "For the most part, the formative stream of the life remains invisible. Certainly the most decisive turning points in world history are substantially co-determined by souls whom no history book ever mentions. And we will only find out about those souls to whom we owe the decisive turning points in our personal lives on the day when all that is hidden is revealed".

Clayfield Conversations

Today is the 55th World Day of Prayer for Vocations 2018. Below is Pope Francis' message.

Dear Brothers and Sisters,

Next October, the Fifteenth Ordinary General Assembly of the Synod of Bishops will meet to discuss the theme of young people and in particular the relationship between young people, faith and vocation. There we will have a chance to consider more deeply how, at the centre of our life, is the call to joy that God addresses to us and how this is “God’s plan for men and women in every age” The Fifty-fifth World Day of Prayer for Vocations once again proclaims this good news to us, and in a decisive manner. We are not victims of chance or swept up in a series of unconnected events; on the contrary, our life and our presence in this world are the fruit of a divine vocation! Even amid these troubled times, the mystery of the Incarnation reminds us that God continually comes to encounter us. He is God-with-us, who walks along the often dusty paths of our lives. He knows our anxious longing for love and he calls us to joy. In the diversity and the uniqueness of each and every vocation, personal and ecclesial, there is a need to *listen, discern* and *live* this word that calls to us from on high and, while enabling us to develop our talents, makes us instruments of salvation in the world and guides us to full happiness. These three aspects – *listening, discerning and living* – were also present at beginning of Jesus’ own mission, when, after his time of prayer and struggle in the desert, he visited his synagogue of Nazareth. There, he listened to the word, discerned the content of the mission entrusted to him by the Father, and proclaimed that he came to accomplish it “today” (Lk 4:16-21).

Listening

The Lord’s call – let it be said at the outset – is not as clear-cut as any of those things we can hear, see or touch in our daily experience. God comes silently and discreetly, without imposing on our freedom. Thus it can happen that his voice is drowned out by the many worries and concerns that fill our minds and hearts. We need, then, to learn how to listen carefully to his word and the story of his life, but also to be attentive to the details of our own daily lives, in order to learn how to view things with the eyes of faith, and to keep ourselves open to the surprises of the Spirit. We will never discover the special, personal calling that God has in mind for us if we remain enclosed in ourselves, in our usual way of doing things, in the apathy of those who fritter away their lives in their own little world. We would lose the chance to dream big and to play our part in the unique and original story that God wants to write with us. Jesus too, was called and sent. That is why he needed to recollect himself in silence. He listened to and read the word in the synagogue, and with the light and strength of the Holy Spirit he revealed its full meaning, with reference to his own person and the history of the people of Israel. Nowadays listening is becoming more and more difficult, immersed as we are in a society full of noise, overstimulated and bombarded by information. The outer noise that sometimes prevails in our cities and our neighbourhoods is often accompanied by our interior dispersion and confusion. This prevents us from pausing and enjoying the taste of contemplation, reflecting serenely on the events of our lives, going about our work with confidence in God’s loving plan, and making a fruitful discernment. Yet, as we know, the kingdom of God comes quietly and unobtrusively (cf. Lk 17:21), and we can only gather its seeds when, like the prophet Elijah, we enter into the depths of our soul and are open to the imperceptible whisper of the divine breeze (cf. 1 Kg 19:11-13).

Discerning

When Jesus, in the synagogue of Nazareth, reads the passage of the prophet Isaiah, he discerns the content of the mission for which he was sent, and presents it to those who awaited the Messiah: “The Spirit of the Lord is upon me, because he has anointed me to bring good news to the poor. He has sent me to proclaim release to the captives and recovery of sight to the blind, to let the oppressed go free, to proclaim the year of the Lord’s favour. In the same way, each of us can discover his or her own vocation only through spiritual discernment. This is “a process by which a person makes fundamental choices, in dialogue with the Lord and listening to the voice of the Spirit, starting with the choice of one’s state in life”. Thus we come to discover that Christian vocation always has a prophetic dimension. The Scriptures tell us that the prophets were sent to the people in situations of great material insecurity and of spiritual and moral crisis, in order to address in God’s name a message of conversion, hope and consolation. Like a whirlwind, the prophet unsettles the false tranquillity of consciences that have forgotten the word of the Lord. He discerns events in the light of God’s promise and enables people to glimpse the signs of dawn amid the dark shadows of history. Today too, we have great need of discernment and of prophecy. We have to resist the temptations of ideology and negativity, and to discover, in our relationship with the Lord, the places, the means and situations through which he calls us. Every Christian ought to grow in the ability to “read within” his or her life, and to understand *where* and *to what* he or she is being called by the Lord, in order to carry on his mission.

Living

Lastly, Jesus announces the newness of the present hour, which will enthuse many and harden the heart of others. The fullness of time has come, and he is the Messiah proclaimed by Isaiah and anointed to liberate prisoners, to restore sight to the blind and to proclaim the merciful love of God to every creature. Indeed, Jesus says that “today this Scripture has been fulfilled in your hearing”. The joy of the Gospel, which makes us open to encountering God and our brothers and sisters, does not abide our slowness and our sloth. It will not fill our hearts if we keep standing by the window with the excuse of waiting for the right time, without accepting this very day the risk of making a decision. Vocation is today! The Christian mission is now! Each one of us is called – whether to the lay life in marriage, to the priestly life in the ordained ministry, or to a life of special consecration – in order to become a witness of the Lord, here and now This “today” that Jesus proclaimed assures us that God continues to “come down” to save our human family and to make us sharers in his mission. The Lord continues to call others to live with him and to follow him in a relationship of particular closeness. He continues to call others to serve him directly. If he lets us realize that he is calling us to consecrate ourselves totally to his kingdom, then we should have no fear! It is beautiful – and a great grace – to be completely and forever consecrated to God and the service of our brothers and sisters. Today the Lord continues to call others to follow him. We should not wait to be perfect in order to respond with our generous “yes”, nor be fearful of our limitations and sins, but instead open our hearts to the voice of the Lord. To listen to that voice, to discern our personal mission in the Church and the world, and at last to live it in the today that God gives us. May Mary Most Holy, who as a young woman living in obscurity heard, accepted and experienced the Word of God made flesh, protect us and accompany us always on our journey.



CATHOLICS RETURNING HOME - ST AGATHA'S CLAYFIELD
Monday **23 April, 7.30pm to 9pm** at St Agatha's Parish Office 52 Oriel Road.
For more information, please contact Lisa on 0418 734 147

In our prayers we remember



Those who have died recently:

Delma Webster, Rita Tracey, Martha Chan, Bill Malisano, Anthony Wilson

Those whose anniversaries occur about now:

Jim See, Lily Chinn, Loreto Barretto

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: stagathascentenarybook@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.

FEAST IN HONOUR OF THE MARTYRED THREE SAINTS - *Alfio, Filadelfo and Cirino*

Holy Cross Church, Woolloowin | Sunday 6 May 2018 | 9:30am Solemn Mass

11.30am Food stalls and entertainment

2:00pm Exit of the Saints and street procession | 3:00pm Entertainment continues

5:30pm Drawing of the raffle and end of the 2018 Feast.



CARITAS KITCHEN

Thank you to everyone who contributed in any way to our Caritas Kitchen on 18 March. A total of \$302 was raised both with donations on the day and online.

Thank you to all the cooks and helpers.



ANZAC DAY MASS Wednesday 25 April - 9.00am

Morning tea will be provided following the Mass.

Parishioners are asked to bring a plate to assist with catering.

CENTENARY HIGH TEA

Sunday 10 June

2pm - 4pm

St Rita's College,

Ballygriffin Room

41 Enderley Road, Clayfield

More information in the next couple of weeks.



At the 9.00am Mass this weekend we welcome year 6 students from Holy Spirit Seminary, Banyo: Tom Duncan, Emene Kelemete and Josh Whitehead

With great joy we welcome **Oliver Maher** and **Heléna Nicolo** who will be baptised this weekend.

LIFE TEEN MASS - 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 and 3rd Sundays of each month.

NOTE: The third Sunday menu will be drinks and nibbles and first Sunday will remain as the usual supper.

Volunteers eagerly accepted. Visit AggiesYouth: <https://www.facebook.com/aggiesyouth>

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

5.00pm

7.00am

9.00am

5.30pm

READERS:

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| 21/22 Apr | Edward Foley Ann Goves | Jeanine Bygott Dianne Eden | Trish Ryan Amrita Moss Clare Smethurst | Life Teen Mass |
| 28/29 Apr | Graham Gibson Julie-Anne Gibson | Aleira Egan Andrew Douglas | Michael Crutcher Ryan Smethurst Heidi Cooper | Life Teen Mass |

COMMUNION MINISTERS:

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| 21/22 Apr | Deborah Hall | Helen Roberts | Amrita Moss | Life Teen Mass |
| 28/29 Apr | Ann Goves | <i>Volunteer</i> | Julianne Ryan | Life Teen Mass |

ORGANISTS:

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| 21/22 Apr | <i>Volunteer</i> | <i>Volunteer</i> | Robyn Cuming | Life Teen Mass |
| 28/29 Apr | <i>Volunteer</i> | <i>Volunteer</i> | Robyn Cuming | Life Teen Mass |

ALTAR SERVERS:

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| 21/22 Apr | Ella Shepherd Daniel Benjamin | <i>Volunteer/s</i> | Sofia Iannarella Felicity Shepherd | Caitlin Marshall Alex Oliveri |
| 28/29 Apr | Billy Crutcher Dash Crutcher | <i>Volunteer/s</i> | Bridget Birchley Milly Ryan | Sophia Lazzarini Max Lazzarini |

CHILDREN'S LITURGY:

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| 22 Apr | | Eleonora Kowitz & Jane Cameron |
| 29 Apr | | Julie Kordic & Ewa Marino-Cebulski |

SANCTUARY CARERS:

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| 5 May | 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.



BE A VOLUNTEER OUT THERE

Communities in Myanmar, PNG, Samoa, Timor Leste, Kiribati and Kenya seek volunteers to mentor locals and build capacity. Palms volunteers don't do quick fixes, but immerse themselves in overseas communities for long-term skill exchange.

If you have teaching, medical, business, admin or trade skills, share them with our global family!

Come to the Palms Info Session: Saturday 12 May 3:30pm | Brisbane Square Library Community Meeting Room | 266 George Street, Brisbane
Go to: www.palms.org.au/volunteer or Contact Palms on 02 9560 5333

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

*** * * SACRAMENT OF FIRST HOLY COMMUNION * * ***

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

When you pray, do you only ask Jesus for the things that you want? Do you ever ask Him what He wants from you? How do you listen for His response? Usually, the answer is in "quiet whispers", so take time every day, in silence, to actively listen for His response.