



# ST. AGATHA'S PARISH

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## Fifth Sunday of Easter (Yr. B) - 29<sup>th</sup> April 2018

### Readings

**1st Reading:** Acts 9:26-31; **2nd Reading:** 1 John 3:18-24; **Gospel:** John 15:1-8

### WEEKDAY MASSES

**Monday 30 April:** 6.30am

**Wednesday 2 May:** 9am

**Thursday 3 May:** 9am

**Friday 4 May:** 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 30<sup>th</sup>**

Catholics Returning Home

7.30pm Parish Office

#### JUNE

• **Thursday 10<sup>th</sup>**

School Mother's Day Mass 9am

• **Sunday 13<sup>th</sup>**

P26 Mass 9am

• **Monday 14<sup>th</sup>**

SVDP Meeting 5pm Parish Office

Community & Mission Council

Meeting 6.30pm Parish Office

### 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 to his disciples, "I am the true vine, and my Father is the vinedresser. Every branch in me that bears no fruit he cuts away, and every branch that does bear fruit he prunes to make it bear even more."*

Dear Friends,

This time last year I was in the early stages of my Camino walk, crossing over the border between France and Spain on this day last year. We passed a marker that told us that it was 765 kms to Santiago. I won't claim that I walked that entire distance, but we still had a few good weeks of walking in front of us. Don't worry — I'm not going to relive every detail of the walk over the next few weeks (although I might). The point I would like to make is that it is remarkable how communities form, not only with my small band of fellow walkers, but also others who came and went along the Camino track. And even more so, our family, friends and communities back home who were also, in some mysterious way, accompanying us along the way. That is why this Sunday's gospel image of the vine is so powerful.

The gospel of the vine is Christ's great vision of interdependence. As Jesus describes, all things are linked together; the vine grower, the vine and the branches — nothings exists for itself. The energy of the vine grower goes into tending the vine; the vine grows because of the watchful care of the grower; and branches gain their very life and sustenance from the strength of the vine. This is the great web of interdependence, of parts working together and growing towards a natural harmony. Dead branches are removed to make way for new ones, even healthy branches are re-worked to encourage further growth and abundant fruit. It is a metaphor for our life together in the Spirit, our life with Christ — and the deep and mysterious bonds of the human family.

We can't come in contact with the vine without touching the branches. In other words, people's experience of Christ has got something to do with how they experience us. St. John prods our conscience today as he extols us, "Our love is not to be just words or mere talk, but something real and active." As we journey together, may our lives be a fruitful witness to this God of deep and mysterious communion, connections and interdependence.

*Fr. Anthony*

### The Wisdom of Pope Francis

We should not grow discouraged before examples of holiness that appear unattainable. There are some testimonies that may prove helpful and inspiring, but that we are not meant to copy, for that could even lead us astray from the one specific path that the Lord has in mind for us. The important thing is that each believer discern his or her own path, that they bring out the very best of themselves, the most personal gifts that God has placed in their hearts rather than hopelessly trying to imitate something not meant for them.

## Clayfield Conversations



*Pope Francis has given his formal approval for the church in Australia to hold a Plenary Council in 2020. Over the next couple of Sundays, we will explore the purpose of a plenary council through the thoughts of some of its key players. This article originally appeared in The Catholic Leader on 3rd April and was written by Mark Bowling.*

### **Plenary Council Facilitator Lana Turvey-Collins urging all Church members to speak 'from their heart and mind' (Part 1)**

Lana Turvey-Collins does not shrink from the challenge of leading a high-stakes national conversation about the future of the Catholic Church in Australia. As the facilitator of the Church's historic Plenary Council 2020, she is leading a three-year "transformative journey" with the cultural reform of the Church on the table. "I am not naïve to the significant changes that many want," Mrs Turvey-Collins (pictured) said, referring to a Church faced with dwindling numbers, a shortage of priests, and rocked by the revelations of the Royal Commission into child sexual abuse. "If I didn't have hope then I wouldn't be in it. If I didn't have hope about the kind of Church Jesus talks about as Kingdom, why would I be in the role? "We invite all people to speak about whatever they want to speak about from their heart and mind."

A Queenslander, with strong academic credentials and with her own life-changing experiences in Africa, Mrs Turvey-Collins acknowledges the robust public debate the plenary will generate, and its ground-breaking potential. "Women's role in leadership in the Church is something personally relevant," she said. "I am a 39-year-old woman and if my husband and I have kids, I want our daughters to have a place in Church. "There is already so much great leadership going on and women every day in all sorts of places – lay women, religious women, Catholic teachers, nurses, doctors, scientists and theologians. "I think the listening and dialogue encounter means we can engage the voice in a way we maybe haven't experienced before."

The last plenary council, held in 1937, was an exclusively male gathering, with only bishops, theologians and superiors of male religious orders attending. The 2020 version has a different complexion with all-of-church participation from a richly diverse community, and the intent to discuss and legislate on a wide range of issues, including matters of faith, morals and discipline. "This is no time for the Church to be putting up signs that say 'business as usual'," Brisbane Archbishop Mark Coleridge said, as he announced the plenary council more than 18 months ago. He is chair of the Bishops' Commission for the Plenary Council.

"If we needed any proof, then the Royal Commission has shown that," Archbishop Coleridge said. "I think we have to ask questions about how we become a more missionary Church, and not a Church that is just retiring behind defensive walls. I think we have to ask questions about ordained ministry. The Church's response to the diminishment of our apostolic orders, the relationship between the newer communities and our older communities, by which I mean our parishes, the whole future of the parish is a major question. Do we need a new paradigm?" (Part 2 next week)

### ***Safe travels Fr Prem***

*We hope you have a wonderful visit back home to India.*

Fr Prem leaves on Tuesday 1 May and returns Thursday 31 May.



**CATHOLICS RETURNING HOME - ST AGATHA'S CLAYFIELD**  
Monday **30 April, 7.30pm to 9pm** at St Agatha's Parish Office 52 Oriel Road.  
For more information, please contact Lisa on 0418 734 147

### **MASS - WEDNESDAY 2 MAY, 9am**

At the 9am Mass on Wednesday 2 May, Deacon Damien Everitt will be celebrating the Liturgy of the Word and Communion Service.

**ST AGATHA'S  
CENTENARY  
WINE /  
MERCHANDISE**  
order forms found  
on table at the back  
of the church.

### **CORPUS CHRISTI PROCESSION Sunday 3 June 2018 | 2.00pm**

St Stephen's Cathedral Brisbane - proceedings by Archbishop Mark Coleridge

To watch the livestream of the procession and for information regarding parish bus timetables, visit the website [www.corpuschristibrisbane.com](http://www.corpuschristibrisbane.com) or call 0412 802 122

Regarding our Catholic faith, do you "walk the talk?" Do your actions reflect what it means to be a good disciple? Are you an active participant at Sunday Mass? Are you joyful when participating in parish ministry? Do you give gratefully and generously with your financial support to your parish and other Church needs? If not, it's not too late to start!

## *In our prayers we remember*



### *Those who have died recently:*

Cardinal Keith O'Brien, Shirley Harris, Fr Joseph Wilson OP, Patrick Long, Stuart Knowles, Rosina Fiumara, Delma Webster, Rita Tracey, Martha Chan

### *Those whose anniversaries occur about now:*

Sr Christina Zammit, Ann & Thomas Curtin, Fr Dominic Cremasco SVD, Gail Purcell, Jim See, Lily Chinn

### *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](mailto: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](mailto: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.



## **ALL HALLOWS' SCHOOL OPEN DAY**

Sunday 27 May 2018 | Time: 11:00am

To register your attendance and to view the program for Open Day, please visit [www.ahs.qld.edu.au](http://www.ahs.qld.edu.au).

## **PADUA COLLEGE OPEN DAY 2018**

Sunday 20 May 2018 | Time: 11.00am-2.00pm

[www.padua.qld.edu.au](http://www.padua.qld.edu.au) | Learn about the good men of Padua

## **CENTENARY HIGH TEA**

Sunday 10 June

2pm - 4pm

St Rita's College,

Ballygriffin Room

41 Enderley Road, Clayfield

More information

this weekend.

## **LITTLE KINGS MOVEMENT**

Thank you to everyone who donated to "The Little Kings Movement for the Handicapped" Appeal in February. A total of \$3,087.10 was raised from St Agatha's Parish.

## **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 1<sup>st</sup> and 3<sup>rd</sup> 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:**

28/29 Apr	Graham Gibson Julie-Anne Gibson	Aleira Egan Andrew Douglas	Michael Crutcher Ryan Smethurst Heidi Cooper	Life Teen Mass
5/6 May	Ann Goves Katrina Murphy	Sr Cecily Foster Lauren McMullan	Don Macpherson Eileen Duncan Tim Hancock	Life Teen Mass

### **COMMUNION MINISTERS:**

28/29 Apr	Ann Goves	<i>Volunteer</i>	Julianne Ryan	Life Teen Mass
5/6 May	Edward Foley	Paulette Archer	Christine Iannarella	

### **“HOME” COMMUNION MINISTERS:**

29 Apr	Karen Birtles
6 May	Anna Coventry

### **ORGANISTS:**

28/29 Apr	<i>Volunteer</i>	<i>Volunteer</i>	Robyn Cuming	Life Teen Mass
5/6 May	<i>Volunteer</i>	<i>Volunteer</i>	Jenny McKeon	Life Teen Mass

### **ALTAR SERVERS:**

28/29 Apr	Billy Crutcher Dash Crutcher	<i>Volunteer/s</i>	Bridget Birchley Milly Ryan	Sophia Lazzarini Max Lazzarini
5/6 May	Eve Ryan Claire Ryan	<i>Volunteer/s</i>	Amelia Marino-Cebulski Bart Marino-Cebulski Joy Kordic	Caitlin Marshall

### **CHILDREN’S LITURGY:**

29 Apr	Julie Kordic & Ewa Marino-Cebulski
6 May	Ewan McPherson & Lisa Sos

### **SANCTUARY CARERS:**

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 3<sup>rd</sup> and 4<sup>th</sup> 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](http://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](mailto: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

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## **Readings - Sixth Sunday of Easter - 6 May 2018**

**1st Reading: Acts 10:25-26, 34-35, 44-48; 2nd Reading: 1 John 4:7-10; Gospel: John 15:9-17**