

ST. AGATHA'S PARISH

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Sixth Sunday of Easter (Yr. B) - 6th May 2018

Readings

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

WEEKDAY MASSES

Monday 7 May: 9am

Wednesday 9 May: 9am

Thursday 10 May: 9am

School Mother's Day Mass

Friday 11 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

MAY

• **Monday 7th**

Catholics Returning Home

7.30pm Parish Office

• **Thursday 10th**

School Mother's Day Mass 9am

• **Sunday 13th**

P26 Mass 9am

• **Monday 14th**

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



My dear people, since God has loved us so much, we too should love one another. No one has ever seen God; but as long as we love one another God will live in us and his love will be complete in us.

Dear Friends,

Our culture uses the word “love” in all kinds of ways. “Love” is often used to describe our personal feelings towards someone, or something, or some activity. In our culture, it can be a feeling that is deep or shallow, lasting or permanent. Love is thrown around to describe how we feel about this or that.

There is a deeper dimension to love that our liturgical and Eucharistic world reminds us of this Sunday. Love is more than a feeling; it is an action. In the biblical world, the word “love” means “to do good”. As the founder of the Jesuits, St Ignatius said, “Love is shown more by deeds than by words”. For disciples of Jesus, love – our doing good – is the measure of our faith. Love isn't just an emotion that we respond to or have little control over; it is a choice, a decision. We must choose to love.

When Jesus says, “I give a new commandment,” this commandment is new because the choice to love must be a new choice each day. Love is new with each new dawn.

While love is a choice, it is impossible to force ourselves to love.

In the Christian sense, we can only speak of love because we have first been loved. God makes a choice to love us; not because we are good or because we deserve God's love or have proved ourselves to be worthy, but because God first chooses to love us. We are filled with a love that comes to us from the outside, from beyond us, as a gift, a deep sense of God's choice for us – even if we don't always choose to love in return.

We celebrate this eucharistically – the gifts of bread and wine are transformed into the gifts of God's love made real in the person of Jesus Christ. It is Jesus' love that we are drawn to – this commandment to make a choice to love each new day and to allow our words about love to become our deeds of love. Love is the pattern of how we are to live and the foundation of our relationships.

Fr. Anthony

The Wisdom of Pope Francis

We are all called to be holy by living our lives with love and by bearing witness in everything we do, wherever we find ourselves. Are you married? Be holy by loving and caring for your husband or wife, as Christ does for the Church. Do you work for a living? Be holy by labouring with integrity and skill in the service of your brothers and sisters. Are you a parent or grandparent? Be holy by patiently teaching the little ones how to follow Jesus. Are you in a position of authority? Be holy by working for the common good and renouncing personal gain.

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 2)

The starting point for Plenary 2020 will be an official launch on Pentecost Sunday (May 20), with an invitation to Catholics and Catholic organisations to provide their views, through a range of meetings and online kits – downloadable from a plenary council website that goes live in May.

This “listening and dialogue” stage will take a year, and Mrs Turvey-Collins expects “tens of thousands of responses”, but if there is to be one overarching question for the Church, she believes it is: “What do you think God is asking of us in Australia?”

“And anybody can answer that: whether you’ve got a theology degree or not, whether you’re a five-year-old or a seventy-year-old, you can engage in that question,” she said.

“It is important that we try to enable as many parts of the Catholic Church, all of that diversity of health, social services, education, parish-based, curia, agencies, media, as well as those who somehow aren’t in any of those places, who in a survey can’t even decide whether they tick Catholic or not.”

Mrs Turvey-Collins grew up in Beenleigh, south of Brisbane, attended St Joseph’s primary school and Trinity College. She remembers growing up experiencing the Church as a community, with a sense of belonging grounding her faith.

“My mum was the head of the presbytery in the parish and we always had priests and sisters and brothers around in our lives,” she said.

As a student, she spent a year in Japan, studied commerce and arts at the University of Queensland and at 22 years old moved to Sydney to work for a company running a global exchange program for traineeships.

By her late twenties, after extensive work in sales and training, she set a trail-blazing course as director of Catholic Mission in the Sydney archdiocese. “I was the first layperson in the role, and I was under 30, and I was female – so it was a little bit of culture shock,” she said.

With no background working for a Church organisation, Mrs Turvey-Collins set about “learning the business” by talking to Church leaders.

“I began a journey of not only learning about the Church in Australia but learning about mission. Catholic Mission was encouraging, nurturing and let me explore,” she said. *(Part 3 next week)*



THANK YOU

A special thank you to a very special lady, Nicola Warda, who has been an active member of our Parish for some years. About four years ago Nicola initiated the formation of the St Agatha’s Junior Choir. Nicola took the time to train up a small group of children from the Parish who would sing at our P26 Masses and the Christmas Vigil, much to the delight of our Parishioners. As in life, all good things come to an end and we would like to thank Nicola for the time that she has devoted to not only the junior choir, but to her contributions to Parish life in general.



CATHOLICS RETURNING HOME - ST AGATHA'S CLAYFIELD
Monday 7 May, 7.30pm to 9pm at St Agatha's Parish Office 52 Oriel Road.
For more information, please contact Lisa on 0418 734 147

CENTENARY HIGH TEA
Sunday 10 June 2-4pm
Flyers available at the
back of the church

HENDRA MAY FAIR | Sunday 20 May | 10am - 4pm
Our Lady Help of Christians Primary School | 23 Bowman Street, Hendra
Bring the kids along for a great day of family entertainment. Everyone is welcome! All the excitement of rides, sideshow alley, cake stall, book stall and other traditional favourites right in the heart of Hendra. Entry is free.
Easy parking on Manson Road, Hendra and surrounding streets.

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 or call 0412 802 122

In our prayers we remember



Those who have died recently:

Bill Bygott, Kerry Sonter, Cardinal Keith O'Brien, Shirley Harris, Fr Joseph Wilson OP, Patrick Long, Stuart Knowles, Rosina Fiumara

Those whose anniversaries occur about now:

Dan McCluskey, Basil Taylor, Elizabeth Stewart, Ross McKenzie, Sr Christina Zammit, Ann & Thomas Curtin, Gail Purcell, Fr Dominic Cremasco SVD

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

CELEBRATE 100 YEARS OF TYING THE KNOT

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.

GOOD READS FROM ST AGATHA'S PARISH LIBRARY

This month we are displaying a set of books that we try to offer once a year:

“**25 BOOKS EVERY CHRISTIAN SHOULD READ**”. Those that will not fit on the table outside the Library are shelved together inside. The book listing and promoting these significant books is also on the table.

It gives helpful explanations of their content.



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.

MASS MONDAY 7 MAY

Please note that Mass on Monday 7 May will be at 9am, due to public holiday.

PADUA COLLEGE OPEN DAY 2018

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

www.padua.qld.edu.au | Learn about the good men of Padua

Bill Bygott's funeral Mass will be held on Tuesday 8 May, 11am at St Agatha's Church.

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.

DOMESTIC AND FAMILY VIOLENCE

May is Domestic and Family Violence Prevention Month. During this month the Archdiocese will be demonstrating their commitment to helping end domestic and family violence and raising awareness of the work they do to support victims through Centacare. Wallet cards and prayer cards are available at the back of the Church. To find out how you can help or to make a tax deductible donation visit:

rewritethestory.org.au

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

5.00pm

7.00am

9.00am

5.30pm

READERS:

5/6 May	Ann Goves Katrina Murphy	Sr Cecily Foster Lauren McMullan	Don Macpherson Eileen Duncan Tim Hancock	Life Teen Mass
12/13 May	Eric van der List Phil Zammit	Kate O'Neill Annette Riba	St Agatha's P26 Mass	Life Teen Mass

COMMUNION MINISTERS:

5/6 May	Edward Foley	<i>Volunteer</i>	Christine Iannarella	Life Teen Mass
12/13 May	Jan Zammit	Helen Roberts	Erin Bledsoe	Life Teen Mass

"HOME" COMMUNION MINISTERS:

6 May	Lisa Carter
13 May	Geraldine Swindells

ORGANISTS:

5/6 May	<i>Volunteer</i>	Robyn Cuming	Jenny McKeon	Life Teen Mass
12/13 May	<i>Volunteer</i>	<i>Volunteer</i>	Robyn Cuming/ Paul Fiumara	Life Teen Mass

ALTAR SERVERS:

5/6 May	Eve Ryan Claire Ryan	<i>Volunteer/s</i>	Amelia Marino-Cebulski Bart Marino-Cebulski	Caitlin Marshall
12/13 May	Lachlan Hinneberg	<i>Volunteer/s</i>	St Agatha's P26 Mass	Tia Manuel

CHILDREN'S LITURGY:

6 May	Ewan McPherson & Lisa Sos
13 May	No Children's Liturgy - P26 Mass

SANCTUARY CARERS:

19 May	Beverley O'Brien
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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.

**ST AGATHA'S PARISH P26 MASS /
SUNDAY 13 MAY 2018 - 9AM**

All children in Grade Prep to Year 6 are invited to participate in the P26 Mass which will be at 9.00am on Sunday 13 May. 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 Tuesday 8 May.

All welcome.



CATHOLIC MISSION

The Brisbane team of Catholic Mission is expanding. We are looking for someone with passion, energy and a sense of humour to join us as a donor relations officer. If you know someone who wants to make a difference in the world and has a heart for mission and evangelisation please share the link below with them.

<http://catholicmission.org.au/about-us/work-with-us>

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

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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

