

ST. AGATHA'S PARISH

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

The Ascension of the Lord (Yr. B) - 13th May 2018

Readings

1st Reading: Acts 1:1-11; **2nd Reading:** Ephesians 4:1-7, 11-13; **Gospel:** Mark 16:15-20

WEEKDAY MASSES

Monday 14 May: 6.30am

Saint Matthias

Wednesday 16 May: 9am

Thursday 17 May: 9am

Friday 18 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 14th

SVDP Meeting 5pm Parish Office

Community & Mission Council

Meeting 6.30pm Parish Office

Catholics Returning Home

7.30pm Parish Office

"Whoever confesses that Jesus is the Son of God, God abides in him, and he in God."

- 1 JOHN 4:15

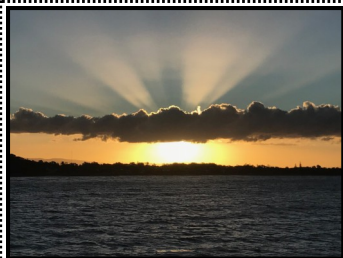
First Holy Communion

Saturday 26 May 5.00pm

Sunday 27 May 9.00am

Saturday 2 June 5.00pm

Sunday 3 June at 9.00am



Jesus was lifted up while they looked on, and a cloud took him from their sight. They were still staring into the sky when suddenly two men in white were standing near them and they said, "Why are you men from Galilee standing here looking into the sky? Jesus who has been taken up from you into heaven, this same Jesus will come back in the same way as you have seen him go there."

Dear Friends,

Firstly, happy Mother's Day to all our mothers on this Mother's Day. We shared a wonderful celebration with our school community last Thursday and the celebrations continue today. We can never celebrate our mothers enough, nor the challenging but rewarding gift and task of motherhood. I hope that all mothers, grand-mothers and great grand mothers have a special day today and are showered with gratitude and blessings from their children. Days such as Mother's Day can also be sad occasions for some who are grieving or estranged from family. We remember those whose family relationships are tense and fraught, and we pray that there may be some glimmer of reconciliation and peace.

Our children who are preparing for First Communion will receive a copy of the "Our Father" today. It just happens to coincide with Mother's Day, but there is a neat symmetry here. Pope John Paul I, who was Pope for only 33 days, said just 18 days before he died, "God is our father; even more he is our mother. He does not want to hurt us, He wants only to do good to us, to all of us". This is a lovely image of God who acts both as a loving father and mother towards us, and especially towards these children who are preparing to be embraced by the church as fully members through the reception of Holy Communion. May they have a special sense of the tenderness of God who "wants only to do good" for them. Let us continue to accompany them with our prayers.

Don't forget to book your seats for the Centenary High Tea on June 10th. I'm sure that it will be a splendid celebration. And also, don't forget our centenary merchandise. There are only three cases of centenary red left, so don't miss out. And the white and sparkling wines will make excellent Mother's Day gifts! *Fr. Anthony*

The Wisdom of Pope Francis

A Christian cannot think of his or her mission on earth without seeing it as a path of holiness... Each saint is a mission, planned by the Father to reflect and embody, at a specific moment in history, a certain aspect of the Gospel. At its core, holiness is experiencing, in union with Christ, the mysteries of his life... But it can also entail reproducing in our own lives various aspects of Jesus' earthly life: his hidden life, his life in community, his closeness to the outcast, his poverty and other ways in which he showed his self-sacrificing love.

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 3)

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 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."

In 2012, Mrs Turvey-Collins took a year-long sabbatical in Zambia, working for the country's Catholic bishops as a project officer and international liaison. It turned out to be a time of deep spiritual growth. "It was the first place I had ever experienced being in the minority," she said. "I also experienced the vulnerability and open-heartedness of being human, that poverty creates inter-dependence and a real need of having other people in your life. And that space – the Catholic parish – was no longer a place you go to for one hour on a Sunday, it was a deep, integrated part of how people considered their lives. Their faith meant they could see beyond where their current reality was." Mrs Turvey-Collins said her Zambian experience helped her to see that the "way of being Church" was "loving one another so deeply that you help each other to survive". "This is the Church Jesus talked about as Kingdom," she said. Back with Catholic Mission in Australia, Mrs Turvey-Collins became part of a team offering formation training for staff within Catholic sector organisations. Her skills helped many Catholics find their "mission" in their work and life, and led her to apply for the role of facilitator for Plenary Council 2020. Her Catholic Mission colleagues Peter Gates and Columban Father Noel Connolly also became part of a facilitation team that held its first meeting with the bishops' commission and an executive committee for Plenary Council 2020, late last year. She sees her work on the plenary as an extension of her Catholic Mission work.

"My job as facilitator is to create spaces where all of those people with all of those different perspectives can engage with one another, and that we genuinely listen to God by listening to one another, and that we discover what the Spirit is trying to say to us," she said. After the first plenary stage of listening and dialogue, contributions will be collated by the plenary council organisers and used to develop some discussion documents for the plenary council. The plenary council will then be held in two sessions, the first in October 2020 in central Australia (in Adelaide, Alice Springs or Darwin), and a second in May 2021, most likely in Sydney.

ST RITA'S COLLEGE | MEMORIAL MASS | Saturday 19 May, 10.00am

Celebrating the lives of all deceased students and staff | College Chapel. All Welcome

Please join us for morning tea following Mass. 41 Enderley Road, Clayfield | Phone 3862 1615



CATHOLICS RETURNING HOME - ST AGATHA'S CLAYFIELD

Monday 14 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

How strong is your faith? When you have an opportunity to either defend or clarify a question about our Catholic faith, do you do it? Or, do you remain silent so that others don't think you are weird? Pray for the courage to be strong in all circumstances and to share your witness with others.

In our prayers we remember



Those who have died recently:

Fr Brian Cooper, Archbishop Leonard Faulkner, Jeff Doidge, Bill Bygott, Kerry Sonter

Those whose anniversaries occur about now:

Peter Warda, Andrew Collier, Dan McCluskey, Basil Taylor, Elizabeth Stewart, Ross McKenzie

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

A MOTHER'S BLESSING: Of all the special joys in life, the big ones and the small, a mother's love and tenderness is the greatest of them all.

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

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.

ST AGATHA'S CONCERT - Thursday May 17

St Rita's College Music department invites you to its annual St Agatha's Concert. Come along to witness the talents of the College's Choirs and Clarinet Ensemble in the beautiful acoustics of St Agatha's Church, Thursday May 17 at 6:30pm. Entry via gold coin donation. All welcome.



Congratulations to Jordan McLennan and Emma Jensen who will be married this Sunday.

THE MASS SERIES

Archbishop Mark Coleridge takes you through the Catholic Mass in this multi part series - archbne.org/mrml

ALTAR SERVING TRAINING

Fr Anthony will be running an Altar serving training session on Tuesday 15 May at 3.15pm in the Church for those children (grades 3-6) who are interested. If your child would like to attend the session could you please notify the parish office by email: clayfield@bne.catholic.net.au or by phone: 3262 2859.



POSITION VACANT - PARISH FINANCE OFFICER - WYNNUM CATHOLIC PARISH

Applications are open for a position at the Wynnum Catholic Parish. A person with excellent financial experience and skills is required for a casual position of finance officer.

The days required to be worked will be negotiated with the successful candidate.

For additional information, please visit the Archdiocese of Brisbane website <https://brisbanecatholic.org.au/> and to careers.

The Archdiocese of Brisbane has standards of conduct for employees and volunteers to maintain a safe and healthy environment. Our commitment to these standards requires that we conduct background referencing for all persons who will engage in direct and regular involvement with children, young people and/or vulnerable adults.

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

5.00pm

7.00am

9.00am

5.30pm

READERS:

12/13 May	Eric van der List Phil Zammit	Kate O'Neill Annette Riba	St Agatha's P26 Mass	Life Teen Mass
19/20 May	Cate Barrett Edward Foley	Rafael Chase Ruby Chase	Wilma O'Connell Amrita Moss Joseph O'Brien	Life Teen Mass

COMMUNION MINISTERS:

12/13 May	Jan Zammit	Helen Roberts	Erin Bledsoe	Life Teen Mass
19/20 May	Ann Goves	<i>Volunteer</i>	Amrita Moss	Life Teen Mass

"HOME" COMMUNION MINISTERS:

13 May	Geraldine Swindells
20 May	Tom & Jeannine Treston

ORGANISTS:

12/13 May	<i>Volunteer</i>	<i>Volunteer</i>	Jenny McKeon/ Paul Fiumara	Life Teen Mass
19/20 May	<i>Volunteer</i>	<i>Volunteer</i>	Jenny McKeon	Life Teen Mass

ALTAR SERVERS:

12/13 May	Lachlan Hinneberg	<i>Volunteer/s</i>	St Agatha's P26 Mass	Tia Manuel
19/20 May	Ella Shepherd Xavier Coorey Dominic Coorey	<i>Volunteer/s</i>	Charlotte Shepherd Felicity Shepherd Sophia Perkins	Caitlin Marshall Alex Oliveri

CHILDREN'S LITURGY:

13 May	<i>No Children's Liturgy - P26 Mass</i>
20 May	Katrina Murphy & Naoko Leotta

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.

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:

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



Readings - Pentecost Sunday - 20 May 2018

1st Reading: Acts 2:1-11; 2nd Reading: Galatians 5:16-25; Gospel: John 15:26-27; 16:12-15