

ST. AGATHA'S PARISH

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

Eleventh Sunday in Ordinary Time (Yr. B) - 17th June 2018

Readings

1st Reading: Ezekiel 17:22-24; **2nd Reading:** 2 Corinthians 5:6-10; **Gospel:** Mark 4:26-34

WEEKDAY MASSES

Monday 18 June: 6.30am

Wednesday 20 June: 9am

Thursday 21 June: 9am

Friday 22 June: 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

JUNE

• Monday 18th

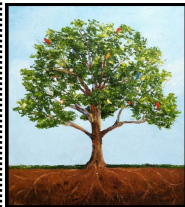
Community and Mission
Council Meeting 6.30pm Parish
Office.

• Monday 25th

SVDP Meeting 5pm Parish
Office

Saturday 30th/Sunday 1st July

Annual Peter's Pence Collection



Jesus said, "With what can we compare the kingdom of God? It is like a mustard seed, which, when sown upon the ground, is the smallest of all the seeds on earth; yet when it is sown it grows up and becomes the greatest of all shrubs, and puts forth large branches, so that the birds of the air can make nests in its shade."

Dear friends,

The first of our next three centenary events was certainly celebrated in style last Sunday. Thanks to everyone who helped organise our High Tea, especially our centenary committee and parish office staff, and all who came along to support our celebration. We were very grateful for the generosity of Dale Morrow and the St. Rita's community who hosted us in the magnificent Ballygriffin Room. It was a great demonstration of community co-operation. Katrina Murphy was an excellent speaker, who spoke eloquently of the connection between faith, community and daily living. Through Katrina's words, we were reminded of what celebrating a centenary is really all about: being thankful that we belong to a Eucharistic community of faith which sustain us in all of the joys and sorrows of life and forms us to live our faith every day. Our next major centenary event is our Centenary Mass on **Sunday, August 12th** with Archbishop Mark Coleridge at 10am (**please note** that this will be the only Sunday Mass on that weekend).

An important element of our centenary year is our wish to collect your stories and hear your voices. You may have missed this notice in the newsletter but we are calling for your contributions to the story of our parish: "*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.*" So, as our centenary events continue, I hope that they prompt some reflections on your part. Set aside a little time and write a few lines or write a few pages. Let your voice become part of the living and collective memory of our parish community.

Fr. Anthony



The Wisdom of Pope Francis

It is precisely hope that brings us to fullness, hope of leaving this prison, of these limitations, of this slavery, of this corruption, and to get to glory: it's a journey of hope. Hope is a gift of the Spirit. It is the Holy Spirit that is within us and brings this: a great thing, a freedom, a great glory. For this reason, Jesus says: "Inside the mustard seed, that small grain, there is a force that triggers an unimaginable growth."

Clayfield Conversations

Here is a story from spiritual writer, Fr. Ron Rolheiser, about the power of mustard seed memories.

Thinking Small

I once heard this story from John Patrick Gillese, a Western Canadian writer, who tells the story of going home to the small town in Alberta where he had grown up, for a funeral of an elderly woman. Among the many messages of condolence that were sent to her family there was a note from a family who now lived in British Columbia and who had left that small Alberta district some 30 years before. The note expressed sympathy to the family on the loss of their grandmother and added simply: "We will never forget how kind she was to us back in the 1930s." Here was a family who remembered a small act of kindness, whatever it was, fifty years later. This story teaches us this: Small acts leave their effect long after the effects of events of seemingly much greater importance have passed away.

There is, I believe, a profound lesson in this. The Kingdom of God, as Jesus assures us, is about mustard seeds, about small seemingly unimportant things, but which, in the long run, are the big things. Not much in our world today helps us to believe that. Most everything urges us to think big and to be careless about small things. The impression is given us that what is private in our lives is little and unimportant. Likewise what is played out on the smaller stage of life – in the more domestic areas of family, marriage, and our exchanges with our neighbours and colleagues – is also deemed to be of little consequence. The big stage is what is important. What mark have you left in the world? What have you achieved on the bigger stage? What has been your involvement in the great causes? Nobody cares about your little life! Private morality, private grudges, the little insults that we hand out, our many angers and resentments, the small infidelities within our sexual lives, the many little acts of selfishness, and, conversely, the small acts of sacrifice and selflessness that we do and the little compliments that we hand out, these are not valued much in our culture. As a song suggests: "Our little lives don't count at all!"

I remember a young man, very dedicated to social causes, once asking me: "Do you really think that God gives a damn whether or not you say your morning prayers, or whether or not you hold some small grudge, or whether or not you are always polite to your colleagues, or whether or not you are always chaste sexually? That's petty, small, private stuff that deflects attention off of the bigger moral issues." Well, I believe that God does care, and that God cares a great deal because, in the end, we care about small things, as these stories illustrate, affect a great deal. I have always found it ironic that we easily forget the big things, the events that seem of great importance. Who won the Nobel prize for literature two years ago? Who won the academy awards last year? Who won the World Cup 10 years ago? Who starred in that Broadway (or West End) play three years ago? It's funny how quickly we tend to forget these things. It is also curious what we do not forget.

We tend to forget quickly who won such or such an award, or who starred in such and such a movie or play. But we remember, and remember vividly, with all the healing and grace it brought, who was nice to us all those years ago on the playground at school. We remember who encouraged us when we felt insecure. Conversely, we also remember, and remember vividly, with all the scars it brought, who laughed at us on the playground, made fun of our clothes, or who called us stupid. Autumns come, winters come, springs come, summers come and go, and sometimes the only thing we can remember from a given year is some small mustard seed, of cruelty or kindness.



SVDP WINTER APPEAL

The St Agatha's SVDP Conference are conducting its Winter Appeal during June/July. Please find envelopes on the church seats. The Conference visits people in a large area from Pinkenba to Bowen Hills, assisting families and single people, with food vouchers, clothing and furniture. Any donations will be gratefully appreciated. Please use the envelopes provided.

If paying by cheque, please make it payable to
"St Agatha's Clayfield SVDP Conference".

Thank you on behalf of the people that the SVDP assist.

Welcome

This weekend we
welcome
Fr Paul Chandler for
the 5pm Mass

"Teach by **WORKS** more than
by **WORDS**" – St Teresa of Ávila
Spanish nun in the 1500s
Sent to the convent by her father
at 16 yrs old

NORTH EAST DEANERY YOUTH DAY

Join with youth and young adults (12 -30 years old) from across North East Brisbane to celebrate the Year of Youth. The Day will be facilitated by Br Damien Price, Greg Sunter and the Passionist Youth Team, and will include discussions, activities, the sharing of food, and the celebration of Mass. Saturday 28 July from 8:30 to 4pm at St Joseph's Bracken Ridge. Cost \$5. Please register by 20 July 2018 at www.trybooking.com/VJYQ.

Enquiries: nedyouthday@gmail.com

In our prayers we remember



Those who have died recently :

Shirley Odehnal, Barbara Valentine, Maria Hilda Uy Antig

Those whose anniversaries occur about now:

Paul McGuire, Hugh McBride, Eileen Brumpton, Maureen Williams

Those who are sick:

Gary Balkin, Peter Madden, Danielle Johnson, 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?

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The Book Team:

stagathascenentarybook@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

We have culled some duplicate, but still interesting, books from the library shelves and you may purchase them for a gold coin. They are on a table to the right of the library door. Just drop your coin donation into the bowl.

Congratulations

Dianne Eden has been named on the Queen's Birthday Honours list, Order of Australia (OAM) for Services to Performing Arts Education. Dianne, a master Acting, Voice and Text teacher was head of Acting at QUT for 23 years. Dianne is now working with teachers, corporate speakers, leaders and anyone wanting to find power in their voice.



In this *Year of Youth* Aggies Youth and the NET team present an encounter day to help young people explore how they can transform and impact the world through their lives. What change do you want to see in the world? In your community?

AGENTS OF CHANGE

Join the dynamic young team on Sunday 24 June 2018 at the presentation centre at St Agatha's Primary School, behind the church at 52 Oriel Road.

WHO: All High School Students

WHEN: Sunday 24 June 2018 - 10am to 1pm
(with morning tea and lunch)

COST: FREE

Register at: <https://www.stickytickets.com.au/70350>

Planned Giving Envelopes

If you haven't collected your Planned Giving Envelopes, please contact the Parish Office to arrange pick up.

Happy Birthday Fr Prem

for Wednesday 20 June

Blessings for your birthday from all at
St Agatha's Parish.



With great joy we welcome
Arabella Montague, Astrid Templeman
and **Beatrix Templeman** who will be
baptised this weekend.

PARISH ROSTERS

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



5.00pm

7.00am

9.00am

5.30pm

READERS:

16/17 June	Marian Nolan Ann Goves	Nick Eden Dianne Eden	Trish Ryan Dominic Ryan Clare Smethurst	Life Teen Mass
23/24 June	Katrina Murphy Eric van der List	Rafael Chase Ruby Chase	Ryan Smethurst Jane Arkinstall Heidi Cooper	Life Teen Mass

COMMUNION MINISTERS:

16/17 June	<i>Volunteer</i>	Paulette Archer	Amrita Moss	Life Teen Mass
23/24 June	Ann Goves	Helen Roberts	<i>Volunteer</i>	Life Teen Mass

“HOME” COMMUNION MINISTERS:

17 June	Karen Birtles
24 June	Anna Coventry

ORGANISTS:

16/17 June	<i>Volunteer</i>	<i>Volunteer</i>	Robyn Cuming	Life Teen Mass
23/24 June	<i>Volunteer</i>	<i>Volunteer</i>	Robyn Cuming	Life Teen Mass

ALTAR SERVERS:

16/17 June	Ella Shepherd Xavier Coorey Dominic Coorey	<i>Volunteer/s</i>	Joy Kordic Sophia Perkins	Caitlin Marshall Alex Oliveri
23/24 June	Billy Crutcher Dash Crutcher	Lachlan Hinneberg	Sofia Iannarella Max Elliott	Sophia Lazzarini Max Lazzarini

CHILDREN'S LITURGY:

17 June	Erin Bledsoe and Jane Cameron
24 June	Mel Ryan, Sophia Vangnaitham

SANCTUARY CARERS:

7 July	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.

“For we must all appear before the judgment seat of Christ, so that each one may receive good or evil, according to what he has done in the body.” – 2 CORINTHIANS 5:10

IGNITE CONFERENCE 2018 - “E M P T Y ”

National Catholic Youth Conference

Thursday 26 - Sunday 30 September 2018

For full details and to register see brochures at the back of the Church.

COMMUNITY WELLNESS FORUM

Anglicare Stafford Service Centre invite you to attend a Wellness Forum

Tuesday 19 June 2018 | 10.00am - 1.30pm

St Colombs Church Hall, 23 Victoria Street, Clayfield

Please come along to gather information or speak with professional staff and guests. The complete package will be under one roof to assist you or a loved one to live an independent life within the community. Please contact Michelle Simpson or Cozette Hopkins on 1300 610 610 if you are interested or would like more information. Free to attend.

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 **one** 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 - The Nativity of Saint John the Baptist - 24 June 2018

1st Reading: Jeremiah 1:4-10; 2nd Reading: 1 Peter 1:8-12; Gospel: Luke 1:5-17