

# ST. AGATHA'S PARISH

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## The Most Holy Body and Blood of Christ (Yr. B) - 3<sup>rd</sup> June 2018

### Readings

1st Reading: Exodus 24:3-8; 2nd Reading: Hebrews 9:11-15; Gospel: Mark 14:12-16, 22-26

#### WEEKDAY MASSES

Monday 4 June: 6.30am

Wednesday 6 June: 9am

Thursday 7 June: 9am

Friday 8 June: 9am

*The Most Sacred Heart of Jesus*

#### 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

• Sunday 10<sup>th</sup>

P26 Mass 9am

Centenary High Tea 2-4pm

St Rita's College, Ballygriffin

Room

• Monday 11<sup>th</sup>

SVDP Meeting 5pm Parish Office

**WELCOME BACK  
FR PREM**

we hope you had an  
enjoyable holiday.



*And as they were eating Jesus took some bread, and when he said the blessing he broke it and gave it to them. 'Take it, this is my body.' Then he took a cup, and when he had returned thanks he gave it to them, and all drank from it, and he said to them, 'This is my blood, the blood of the covenant, which is to be poured out for many.'*

Dear Friends,

Our festival of First Communion continues this weekend of the Feast of the Body and Blood of Christ. From the earliest days of the church, the Eucharist has been known as "food for the journey". It is the gift that sustains us throughout the journey of life and what sustains the church throughout the ages. It is the food for that life-long journey from slavery to all the habits and behaviours that hold us hostage to the promised land of freedom where we are liberated from the worst of ourselves. A poem French Jesuit Didier Rimaud challenges us to see the Eucharist linked to the liberation begun in the Exodus story of the Old Testament when Moses led the former slaves through the Red Sea, a story which finds its fulfilment in the Resurrection of Jesus and which continues to help us journey in our world today:

*In remembrance of you, We take the bread of Easter in our hands,*

*This Bread do we consume:*

*It does no longer taste of bitter herbs, nor of unleavened bread.*

*It is the bread of a land promised us where we shall be set free.*

*In remembrance of you, We take the wine of Easter at our feast,*

*This wine do we hold dear.*

*It does no longer taste of bitter springs, nor of dark salty pools.*

*It is the wine of land promised us where we shall be made whole.*

*In remembrance of you, From exile we return.*

*In remembrance of you, We walk across the sea!*

May the Eucharist always be food for the journey for our children who receive their First Communion today and for all of us who believe.

*Fr. Anthony*

#### The Wisdom of Pope Francis

The Church is called to be the face of the Father, with doors always wide open... Everyone can share in some way in the life of the Church; everyone can be part of the community... The Eucharist, although it is the fullness of sacramental life, is not a prize for the perfect but a powerful medicine for the weak. These convictions have pastoral consequences that we are called consider with prudence and boldness. Frequently, we act as arbiters of grace rather than its facilitators. But the Church is not a tollhouse; it is the house of the Father, where there is a place for everyone, with all their problems.

## Clayfield Conversations

Redemptorist priest and theologian, Tony Kelly, offers us his reflections on Eucharist for this feast day.

### Corpus Christi

Every Eucharist is a feast of “the body and blood of Christ”: a festival and a feast. In every Eucharist, faith can feast on the reality of Christ, even if the conditions don't seem very festive, nor the community very expansive, nor the mood particularly convivial. Still, faith can feast: at the deepest level of our lives, at the point where we face God and look our neighbour in the eye, in our immersion in the uncanny fact of our existence together, in this world, at this time, faith can feast. For here, in what is offered, there is an unstinted abundance; and in what is received, a surfeit of reality. Faith can feast because, in a way, it is all too much. The plain tables of our lives groan under such abundance. Because God has so loved, because our Lord is so present, because his death and resurrection have so transformed the depths and heights of life, because his Spirit is so all-pervasive and is so intimately creative, because the realities of this world of bread and wine are so drawn into a momentous movement of what is coming to be, faith can feast:

*O sacred feast in which we partake of Christ: his sufferings are remembered, our minds are filled with his grace as we receive the pledge of the glory to be ours.*

Faith feasts on Christ. It does not feast on feelings. Moods and feelings come and go, now more intense, now more joyous and outgoing, then weaker, darker, confused. If we feasted on our own feelings, if we became connoisseurs of mere moods, we could easily miss out on this *real* food and drink. That is not to say that Eucharistic faith is alien to the deepest and wonderful feeling. For in this kind of feast, we are drawn into the field of divine feeling: the way in which God has a heart, the way in which God has time for us, the way the divine mystery has gone out of itself in an ecstasy of compassion, to embrace us; and the manner in which all this is embodied, quite literally, in the desire and longing of Christ to celebrate this kind of feast with us. Compared to the divine feeling toward us, our feeling for God is numbed, confused and wayward. The Eucharist does not let us be locked in our own disaffection or soured feelings, but educates us to feel as God feels for us and for the whole world of creation.

Nor does it feast on guilt, even if every Eucharist begins, perhaps too starkly, with an acknowledgement of our guilt and failure. Though that, too, might well have its own perverse abundance as we acknowledge, not only personal failure, but also how we are locked into systems of injustice and violence. But in the Eucharist, faith feasts on that great giving which is always a forgiving, that wholeness of love that is always healing. We are not pushed further into the morass of failures, but nourished with sheer mercy: ‘this is the chalice of my blood poured out for you and for many for the forgiveness of sins’: this banquet radiates a light greater than any darkness we know: ‘on the night he was betrayed...’

Faith certainly does not feast on its own merits, even if, by the mighty grace of Christ, good things have been done and are in the making. For here we feast on grace, the gift that is given before any personal worth, before any social accomplishment. We are nourished by the sheer giving of God. Nor does faith feast on knowledge and fine thoughts or splendid images. For what we eat and drink here is God’s way of knowing us, the divine way of thinking about us, the Spirit’s mode of imagining ourselves and our world.

In short, in the Eucharist we are not eating either anxiety or guilt or responsibility or pride. If we did, there would soon be exhausted, and diminished. We would soon be either consumed or fed up. In the Eucharist, we are fed with what can never run out. There is limitless nourishment here. The gifts of God are without end. We are dining in an economy of abundance and boundless grace.



Congratulations to all the children receiving their First Holy Communion at the 5pm and 9am Masses this weekend.



### **CENTENARY HIGH TEA**

Due to the overwhelming response to our Centenary High Tea, unfortunately there are no more seats available.

### **LIFE TEEN MASS - EVERY 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> Sunday of each month (supper) and the 3<sup>rd</sup> Sunday of each month (drinks and nibbles). Helpers eagerly accepted. Visit Aggies Youth: <https://www.facebook.com/aggiesyouth>

### **ST AGATHA’S CENTENARY WINE / MERCHANDISE**

If you would like to order a bottle/case of St Agatha’s Centenary Wine or Centenary Merchandise or perhaps order one of our “great” valued packs, please complete order forms found on table at the back of the church and email to Parish Office. *There are only three cases of centenary red left, so don’t miss out!!*

“Then he took a cup, gave thanks, and gave it to them and they all drank from it.” – MARK 14:23

## In our prayers we remember



### Those who have died recently:

Stuart Pascoe, Mervyn O'Brien

### Those whose anniversaries occur about now:

Cecily Dobson, Gloria McKenzie

### 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?**

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:

[stagathascenentarybook@gmail.com](mailto: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](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.

### **ST AGATHA'S PARISH P26 MASS – Sunday 10 June 2018 - 9am**

All children in Grade Prep to Year 6 are invited to participate in the P26 Mass at 9am on Sunday 10 June. We would especially like to invite all the children that have just received their First Holy Communion. 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](mailto:clayfield@bne.catholic.net.au) by no later than Monday 4 June. All welcome.

### **PIETY STALL/PARISH LIBRARY**

Variety of items for sale including First Communion keepsakes, Rosary Beads, Bracelets, Youth Bibles, Holy Picture Plaques and various cards for birthdays, sympathy, thank you, First Communion and Confirmation.

Feel free to also browse the lending library before and after Mass. These books are available for LENDING ONLY and NOT for sale.

This month we are displaying a set of books  
"25 BOOKS EVERY CHRISTIAN SHOULD READ".

### **GIVE THE GIFT OF FAITH**

Your generosity towards St Agatha's Parish can go on forever when you include our parish endowment fund in your Will. With endowment funds, the principal is kept intact and the distributions to the parish come from growth and earnings. This provides a steady stream of income to parish ministries forever. For more information on naming St Agatha's Parish in your Will, please call the Catholic Foundation at 3324 3200 or the parish office.

### **YOUNG ADULTS BIBLE STUDY**

All are welcome to join young adults from the deanery for a night of prayer, scripture reading, reflection, fellowship and food. We meet every Wednesday night at Nolan Hall, 16 Leslie St Nundah at 7pm - 8:30pm. What to bring: bible, paper and pen. For more details go to Facebook @BNEDYA or call Jesse on 0404 732 662

Jesus, the perfect steward, gave thanks, just before He gave Himself to us completely for our salvation. He offers us the chance to drink from His cup. In the Eucharist, we meet Christ personally and, if we listen to Him, we know what drinking from His cup means our own sacrifice – giving up some of our time, talent and treasure to do His work on earth.



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

**5.00pm**

**7.00am**

**9.00am**

**5.30pm**

**READERS:**

2/3 June	First Communion	Mark Burton Jeanine Bygott	First Communion	Life Teen Mass
9/10 June	Graham Gibson Julie-Anne Gibson	Andrew Douglas Jenny Close	St Agatha's P26 Mass	Life Teen Mass

**COMMUNION MINISTERS:**

2/3 June	Edward Foley	Helen Roberts	Christine Iannarella	Life Teen Mass
9/10 June	Jan Zammit	<i>Volunteer</i>	<i>Volunteer</i>	Life Teen Mass

**"HOME" COMMUNION MINISTERS:**

3 June	Anna Coventry
10 June	Georgia Allan

**ORGANISTS:**

2/3 June	Mark Leung	<i>Volunteer</i>	Jenny McKeon	Life Teen Mass
9/10 June	<i>Volunteer</i>	<i>Volunteer</i>	Jenny McKeon/ Paul Fiumara	Life Teen Mass

**ALTAR SERVERS:**

2/3 June	Billy Crutcher	Lachlan Hinneberg	Sophia Lazzarini	Bart Marino-Cebulski Ella Shepherd
9/10 June	Daniel Benjamin	Joseph Douglas	Bridget Birchley Chelsy Waller	Tia Manuel Sharon Mathew

**CHILDREN'S LITURGY:**

3 June	No Children's Liturgy - First Communion
10 June	No Children's Liturgy - P26 Mass

**SANCTUARY CARERS:**

16 June	Beverley O'Brien
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"Let us love, since that is what our hearts were made for"  
- Saint Therese of Lisieux, 24 years old French nun in the 1980s



**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.

**IGNITE CONFERENCE 2018**

Thursday 27 September - Sunday 30 September  
Mueller College,  
75 Morris Rd, Rothwell  
All registrations are due 14 September 2018. Visit: [www.igniteconference.com.au](http://www.igniteconference.com.au) for more information.

**CATHEDRAL OF ST STEPHEN ART GROUP**

The Cathedral of St Stephen Art Group holds an exhibition every June of art prize finalist. The theme this year is "I Thirst..." The exhibition opening night is Friday 15 June from 6pm. Everyone is welcome for light refreshments and prize winner announcements. Featuring the work of over 30 artists the exhibition is open from 10am to 4pm, 15 June to 18 June. The art exhibition is held in the Hanly Room of the Francis Rush Centre, 249 Elizabeth Street (next to the Cathedral). For enquiries email: [cossagart@gmail.com](mailto:cossagart@gmail.com)

**THE CATHOLIC MAN BREAKFAST SERIES**

Hosted by Archbishop Mark Coleridge | 7.00am-9.00am  
Thursday 7 June | Tattersall's Club, 215 Queens Street  
Hear Robbie Katter tell his story.  
Bookings: [des@menalive.org.au](mailto:des@menalive.org.au) (credit card & eft available)  
For further enquiries and dress code email: [mail@menalive.org.au](mailto:mail@menalive.org.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](mailto:clayfield@bne.catholic.net.au)



**Readings - Tenth Sunday in Ordinary Time - 10 June 2018**

**1st Reading: Genesis 3:9-15; 2nd Reading: 2 Corinthians 4:13-5:1; Gospel: Mark 3:20-35**