

ST. AGATHA'S PARISH

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The Most Holy Trinity (Yr. B) - 27th May 2018

Readings

1st Reading: Deuteronomy 4:32-34, 39-40; 2nd Reading: Romans 8:14-17; Gospel: Matthew 28:16-20

WEEKDAY MASSES

Monday 28 May: 6.30am

Wednesday 30 May: 9am

Thursday 31 May: 9am

The Visitation of the Blessed Virgin Mary

Friday 1 June: 9am

Saint Justin

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 28th**

SVDP Meeting 5pm Parish Office

Catholics Returning Home

7.30pm Parish Office

JUNE

• **Sunday 10th**

P26 Mass 9am

Centenary High Tea 2-4pm

St Rita's College, Ballygriffin Room

First Holy Communion

Saturday 2 June 5.00pm

Sunday 3 June at 9.00am



All who are led by the Spirit of God are children of God.... When we cry, "Abba! Father!" it is that very Spirit bearing witness with our spirit that we are children of God, and if children, then heirs, heirs of God and joint heirs with Christ.

Dear Friends,

This weekend we welcome into full membership the first group of our children who are celebrating First Communion. They, and their families, have been eagerly preparing over recent weeks and we have accompanied them with our prayers and support. They are now ready to feast at the Table of the Lord and we share their delight. May this food and drink be a constant source of spiritual nourishment and communal support.

Don't forget that this coming Friday is the closing date to RSVP for our centenary High Tea. It is sure to be a memorable gathering and one of the "high-points" of our centenary year. Gather your friends together and organise a table — and don't forget to invite former parishioners who might wish to return for this celebration. It will be a wonderful way to spend a winter's afternoon. All the information is on the promotional flyers which can be found on the pews.

Today is the feast of the Holy Trinity. This is not some abstract idea but a mediation about how the people of God have experienced and come to understand God throughout the ages. At the heart of the doctrine of the Trinity is the gift of Love: the love of the Father and Son in the Spirit; the love of the Spirit that turns our hearts towards love; and the love of one another which flows forth from this gift of the Spirit. This was really the theme of the show-stopping sermon from last week's Royal wedding. As Bishop Michael Curry said, "There's power in love to help and heal when nothing else will", and he went to say, "When love is the way, then no child would go to bed hungry in this world ever again." With love, he said, "poverty will become history" and "the earth will become a sanctuary," and then ended with, "may God hold us all in those almighty hands of love". The Son and the Spirit are the two hands of the Father who reach out to us in love. So there is no need to be caught-up in tricky mathematical formulas, or mind-bending theories, just a simple reflection on the power of love gets to the heart of what the doctrine of the Trinity is all about. *Fr. Anthony*

The Wisdom of Pope Francis

Every saint is a message which the Holy Spirit takes from the riches of Jesus Christ and gives to his people. To recognize the word that the Lord wishes to speak to us through one of his saints, we do not need to get caught up in details, for there we might also encounter mistakes and failures. Not everything a saint says is completely faithful to the Gospel; not everything he or she does is authentic or perfect. What we need to contemplate is the totality of their life, their entire journey of growth in holiness, the reflection of Jesus Christ that emerges when we grasp their overall meaning as a person.

Clayfield Conversations

The late Bishop Ken Untener was bishop of Saginaw in the United States. He was an excellent homilist. Here is his homily for Trinity Sunday which was originally given in the year 2000.

Trinity Sunday Homily by Bishop Untener

I don't think we sit back often enough, and take in with wonder and awe, and enjoyment, the truths that God has revealed to us. You see, if we understand these great truths, it changes everything. That's what makes us act differently. That's what causes us to want to follow the Way of the Lord. It's because of the way we see things. Now for example, the Trinity. On this Sunday we celebrate the feast of the Trinity. Here's a way of looking at it that you might find helpful.

The universe bears the imprint of God, and if you want to get clues as to what God is like, look around at what God created. When we look around at this universe, what do we see? We see multiplicity... variety... beauty... inter-connectedness... motion... liveliness... life. Now that gives us a clue as to what God is like. That's why we speak of God as a trinity of persons in which there is multiplicity... variety... beauty... inter-connectedness... motion... liveliness... life. God is not some immobile being looking out with a blank stare. We can't describe God except to use analogies. God is all the wonderful beauty of this universe. God is all the wonderful relationships of a people who love one another. That's why we teach God as more than a solitary person. God is the Trinity.

Did you ever wonder why, in the human race, everyone has an instinct for family, for relationships? It's in our blood. It's in our bones. That's because we're made in the image and likeness of God, and we have it in us to connect with other people – not to be solitary folks – but to have relationships, to experience loving and being loved.

Now the wonderful thing is, you and I have been made part of God's own family. We're part of the life of the Trinity. That's why I think of the first reading (the words of Moses): "Did anything so great ever happen before? Was it ever heard of?" Well, it is almost too good to be true... us being part of God's own family.

If you want to understand God, take all the beautiful thoughts of Mothers Day and the beautiful thoughts of Fathers Day, and feelings too, and roll those all together, and you have an experience of what God is like. You have a sense of God.

So that's all I have to say to you. I have no, "Therefore, go out and do this... therefore do that." I simply want all of us to appreciate the wonder of this god whom we call God, this god who created us in the same image and likeness of God...this god whose fingerprints are in the universe. When we appreciate this, then this is a God with whom we want to spend time with. This is a God we want to be close to. And this is a God to whom we want to give thanks and enjoy with wonder and awe. We do that in many different ways. Most of all we do it together when we gather at Eucharist, which is the Greek word for "Thanksgiving." As we celebrate this Eucharist this morning, keep in mind who it is who is with us. And keep in mind who it is that we hold in our hand at communion. It is the Lord Jesus who is the sacrament of God's presence, which means it is God – Father, Son, and Holy Spirit. Enjoy this God who is so close to you, so much a part of you. Reverence this God. Give thanks to this God. God bless you.



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



SACRAMENTAL TEAM

We would like to hear from anyone who would like to assist Jane Cameron with the formation of candidates in readiness for their Sacramental journey and to assist at the actual celebrations. Ideally we would like a team of 10 minimum which would mean that you would only be asked once or twice a year to assist. If you feel this is something you could commit to, please contact the Parish Office on 3262 2859 or email clayfield@bne.catholic.net.au

CORPUS CHRISTI PROCESSION Sunday 3 June 2018 | 2.00pm

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

To watch the live stream of the procession and for information regarding parish bus timetables, visit the website www.corpuschristibrisbane.com or call 0412 802 122

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!!*

In our prayers we remember



Those who have died recently:

Mervyn O'Brien, Fr Keith Teefey C.Ss.R, Iris Robinson

Those whose anniversaries occur about now:

Fleming & Molly Hickey, Fr Patrick Connor SVD, Neville & Rhonda Martin, Fr Peter O'Reilly SVD, Mary McBride, Ray & Bell Logan, Ethel Wallin

Those who are sick:

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: stagathascentenarybook@gmail.com

CELEBRATE 100 YEARS OF TYING THE KNOT

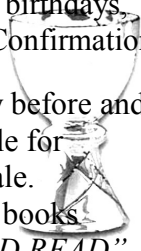
As part of our centenary at St Agatha's, we are also planning to celebrate 100 years of *tying the knot* at the parish. By sending in your wedding image, you will have a chance to be part of a commemorative poster to mark the centenary. So if you were married at the church or know someone who was, feel 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.

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.

With great joy we welcome **Louis Buys, Louis David, Quinn David and Harry O'Sullivan** who will be baptised this weekend.



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

ANNUAL ST DYMPNA'S DAY CELEBRATIONS

Catholic Psychiatric Pastoral Care invites you to the annual St Dympna's Day Celebrations to be held on Saturday 2 June. A Healing Mass with the Sacrament of Anointing of the Sick will be concelebrated at 10.00am in St Patrick's Church 58 Morgan Street, Fortitude Valley, with the Principal Celebrant being Bishop Ken Howell. This is our annual donation day for Catholic Psychiatric Pastoral Care. All donations of \$2.00 and over are tax deductible. The day will feature raffles, a lucky wheel with a variety of prizes and a cake stall.

There will be a free barbecue lunch. Parking is available in the grounds of the Church.

Enquiries: Catholic Psychiatric Pastoral Care Ph: 3252 5461 Email: cppc@bne.catholic.net.au Website: www.cppc.net.au

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

5.00pm

7.00am

9.00am

5.30pm

READERS:

26/27 May	First Communion	Helen Roberts Kirsty Stevens	First Communion	Life Teen Mass
2/3 June	First Communion	Mark Burton Jeanine Bygott	First Communion	Life Teen Mass

COMMUNION MINISTERS:

26/27 May	<i>Volunteer</i>	<i>Volunteer</i>	<i>Volunteer</i>	Life Teen Mass
2/3 June	Edward Foley	Helen Roberts	Christine Iannarella	Life Teen Mass

“HOME” COMMUNION MINISTERS:

27 May	Marjorie Wessels
3 June	Anna Coventry

ORGANISTS:

26/27 May	Mark Leung	<i>Volunteer</i>	Jenny McKeon	Life Teen Mass
2/3 June	Mark Leung	<i>Volunteer</i>	Jenny McKeon	Life Teen Mass

ALTAR SERVERS:

26/27 May	Eve Ryan Claire Ryan	<i>Volunteer/s</i>	Bart Marino-Cebulski	Max Lazzarini Sophia Lazzarini
2/3 June	Billy Crutcher	Lachlan Hinneberg	Sophia Lazzarini	Bart Marino-Cebulski Ella Shepherd

CHILDREN’S LITURGY:

27 May	<i>No Children’s Liturgy - First Communion</i>
3 June	<i>No Children’s Liturgy - First Communion</i>

SANCTUARY CARERS:

2 June	Victor Podesta
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“If you have God as the centre of all your action, you will reach the goal.”
– Blessed Pier Giorgio Frassati, 24 years old - Young adult social activist

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.

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
for more information.



The Archdiocese is committed to helping end domestic and family violence in all its forms.

Through Centacare we are working directly with victims of domestic and family violence, helping them to escape from harm and rebuild their lives.

This Domestic and Family Violence Prevention Month we acknowledge the incredible work these teams do to support vulnerable members of our community.

You too can help support people experiencing domestic and family violence. Find out how at rewritesthestory.org.au



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 (credit card & eft available)
For further enquiries and dress code email: 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



Readings - The Most Holy Body and Blood of Christ - 3 June 2018

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