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(Please note: the Office is closed between 12.30 - 1.30pm)

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Thirteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time (Yr. B) - 1 July 2018

Readings

1st Reading: Wisdom 1:13-15; 2:23-24; 2nd Reading: 2 Corinthians 8:7, 9, 13-15; Gospel: Mark 5:21-43

WEEKDAY MASSES

Monday 2 July: 6.30am

Wednesday 4 July: 9am

Thursday 5 July: 9am

Friday 6 July: 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

JULY

• Monday 9th

SVDP Meeting 5pm Parish Office



*Taking the child by the hand Jesus said to her,
"Talitha, kum!" which means, "Little girl, I tell you to get up."
The little girl got up at once and began to walk about.*

Dear friends,

This weekend, the Archdiocese of Brisbane launches its new safeguarding policy. As well as Archbishop Mark Coleridge's video address, there are also pamphlets available to take home with you. The purpose of this strategy is to set out the 2018 to 2020 safeguarding approach and priorities for the Archdiocese of Brisbane. The strategy applies to all Archdiocesan church personnel including bishops, clergy, religious, employees, contractors and volunteers across all parishes, ministries, agencies and services. The foundational principle is the recognition that *Safeguarding is everyone's responsibility*. It calls all Archdiocesan church personnel, regardless of their position, to embrace safeguarding and their duty to care for and protect others from abuse, especially children and vulnerable adults. At the heart of this strategy is the obligation to uphold our commitment to make each and every church community as safe and as supportive as possible and to continue the long and difficult road of re-building our relationship of trust with each other and with the broader community as a whole. The Office of Safeguarding Services (previously 'Safeguarding & Professional Standards Service') is entrusted with the role of supporting the Archdiocese to safeguard those who engage in Archdiocesan ministries and services.

As a result of this strategy, this does mean that extra-responsibilities fall to parish communities and added levels of compliance are necessary for many ministries and parish volunteers. If the outcome is safer communities for all and the restoration of trust, then all the extra requirements are worthwhile. Given that safeguarding is everyone's responsibility, please take time to familiarise yourself with the Safeguarding brochure that is available this weekend.

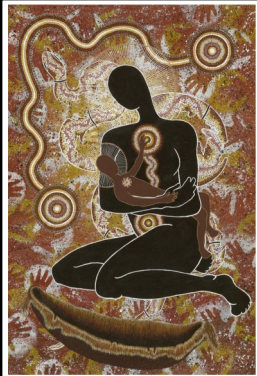
I am off on holidays for the month of July (on my annual pilgrimage to Nudgee Beach). I will leave you in the capable hands of Fr. Prem, with some extra help on weekends from Fr. Orm Rush. I will see you again in August, just in time for our centenary celebrations. Please keep in mind our Centenary Mass with Archbishop Mark on August 12th at 10am. I'm sure it will be a wonderful celebration.

Fr. Anthony

The Wisdom of Pope Francis

The Church loves all her children like a loving mother, but cares for all and protects with a special affection those who are smallest and defenseless. This is the duty that Christ himself entrusted to the entire Christian community as a whole. Aware of this, the Church is especially vigilant in protecting children and vulnerable adults.

Clayfield Conversations



This Sunday is National Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Sunday. The theme for this year is Because of her, we can. The 'her' is a reference to strong women in our lives - our mothers, daughters, aunts, grandmothers, sisters - and also to Mary, Mother of God.

Below is a reflection by Fr. James McEvoy.

Because of Her, We Can

As you reflect upon and pray with the liturgical readings for Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Sunday — with its theme Because of Her, We Can — you might focus on three aspects of the gospel passage: (a) women as the major characters in the two healing stories; (b) the significance of faith for these healings; and (c) Jesus' healing power transforming a broken world. At the conclusion of this reflection, I will propose a connection with Mary's place in the history of our salvation. Both Jairus's daughter and the woman with the flow of blood find themselves at the edge of Israel's communal and religious life. The twelve year old is reported to be dead, and the woman is utterly marginalized. She has suffered from uncontrolled menstrual bleeding for twelve years, which renders her constantly ritually impure. She is unable to play an active part in the community of Israel. Her ailment, therefore, is far more than a medical problem; it banishes her to the margins of the communal and religious life of Israel. In both of these healings, Jesus responds to faith. The woman's faith was aroused when she heard about Jesus, and she knew that touching his cloak would be enough. It was. Jesus sensed that God had acted through him, and told the woman that her faith in what God could do through him had made her whole. In the other healing story, Jesus responds to the faith of the synagogue official Jairus. Jesus insists that faith must replace fear, he takes the girl by the hand, and she is healed. The healing miracles are a central part of Jesus' ministry and are only understood in relationship with him, through faith. He rejects the idea of self authenticating or spectacular miracles; he rejects acts which might simply draw attention to himself. Rather, Jesus' healings express God's desire to liberate women and men from suffering. The reign of God is coming about through his healings. They are a liberation not just from disease, but from social, personal, and religious alienation. Toward the end of her beautiful book about Mary the mother of Jesus, *Truly Our Sister*, New York-based theologian Elizabeth Johnson reflects on the Magnificat (Luke 1:39-56), Mary's song praising God for the gift of a child. She praises God for overcoming the oppression of a broken world — exalting the lowly and sending the hungry away with good things. Johnson sums up the meaning of the Magnificat in these words: "Mary sings pregnant with hope, bearing the Messiah, embodying the historic reversal she proclaims. Who shall mother the Messiah? Not a well-protected queen, not someone blessed with a bounteous table and a peaceful life, not a well-regarded woman of influence. Indeed, there is nothing wrong with these things; peace and abundant nourishment are among the blessings hoped for in the messianic age. But the world is distorted by sin. People accumulate power and wealth at the expense of others. Suffering is rampant. And the pattern persists through the generations. Into this unjust situation comes the choice of God, Creator and Redeemer of the world. Hearing the cries of the oppressed, seeing their misery, knowing well what they are suffering, coming down to redeem, the Holy One aims to turn the unjust order of things upside down and make the world right again, being faithful to the covenant promise. In the deepest revelatory insights of Jewish and Christian traditions, there is no other God." In light of the readings for National Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Sunday, and in the lead-up to the Plenary Council in 2020, we must, as a Catholic community, attend to the Spirit of God at work among us, and to the healing that the Spirit seeks to bring. One dimension of this healing concerns an adequate response to the needs of the whole Aboriginal community. Another concerns the recognition of Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander peoples in the constitution, and their having a far more significant voice in Australia's governance. A further dimension of healing suggested by the gospel passage is the need to develop a church life in which women's equal dignity is recognized.



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.

DATE CLAIMER Centenary Mass Sunday 12 August 10.00am

Please note, there will only be the **one** Mass on this day. There will also be a 5pm evening Mass Saturday 11 August.

Thank you to all our volunteers that have completed relevant forms and that are attending the Safeguarding Training. If you are yet to complete your form/s, can you please complete as soon as possible and if you have any questions, please contact Jane or Rosemary at the Parish Office.

In our prayers we remember



Those who have died recently :

Fr John Egan, Joseph Zagami, Fr Lawrence Ayoub, Cardinal Dario Hoyos, Helen Fletcher

Those whose anniversaries occur about now:

Bishop Andrew Tynan, Catherine and Charles Martin, Thomas and Ann Curtin, Lyse Killoran, Len Moynihan, Eileen Williamson

Those who are sick:

Rosemary Douglas, 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

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 some new books and donations to the library. Perhaps the most interesting are about Mary the mother of Jesus, to whom many of you have great devotion. Do have a look.

Other books about Mary are at number 232 on the shelves inside the library.

FACE-TO-FACE SAFEGUARDING TRAINING RECOMMENDED MAINLY FOR THOSE ENGAGED WITH CHILDREN & VULNERABLE ADULTS

In light of the Royal Commission recommendations and national draft standards by the new national body Catholic Professional Standards Ltd, the Safeguarding Office have thoroughly overhauled the safeguarding training content to meet new requirements. The current training provided face-to-face is specifically targeted for those in more leadership positions, or are engaged with children & vulnerable adults. The Safeguarding Office has been working with Catholic Church Insurance & Catholic Professional Standards Ltd in creating online based training that would be more concise and convenient for volunteers. This online training may become available by the end of the year.

Please speak with your Parish Office to request details on where training sessions are being hosted throughout 2018.

Alternatively, those who are not due for training, are listed as minimal – moderate on People & Culture (HR) Team's Volunteer Requirement Matrix or are not engaged with any children & vulnerable adults may postpone their training until online options become available at the end of 2018.

The Archdiocesan People & Culture (HR) Team have been reviewing their Volunteer Requirement Matrix document, which out-lines what checks & accreditation measures are required of each volunteer role. For all volunteer requirement and background checks questions, please contact the People & Culture (HR) Team & the Volunteer Coordinator, Mr Pat Casey - 3324 3106

ANNUAL PETER'S PENCE COLLECTION This weekend Saturday 30 June/Sunday 1 July

At all Masses this weekend the annual Peter's Pence Collection will be taken up in support of the global ministry of Pope Francis. Please give generously to this worthy cause as a sign of our communion with the universal Church and an understanding of the many almsgiving needs requests made of the Pope.

This very special collection will be taken up as a retiring collection after all the Masses.

We are responsible not only for our own lives, but for the lives of those around us. It is important that we not only grow, nurture and share our gifts; but that we also teach our children and encourage others to do the same. This is the communal aspect of our Catholic faith.

We are the "Body of Christ". We are called to be dependent on each other and not live in isolation.

PARISH ROSTERS

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



5.00pm

7.00am

9.00am

5.30pm

READERS:

30 June/1 July

Phil Zammit
Cate Barrett

Aleira Egan
Sr Cecily Foster

Tim Hancock
Don MacPherson
Eileen Duncan

Life Teen Mass

7/8 July

Marian Nolan
Edward Foley

Lauren McMullan
Annette Riba

Amrita Moss
Joseph O'Brien
Wilma O'Connell

Life Teen Mass

COMMUNION MINISTERS:

30 June/1 July

Volunteer

Volunteer

Christine Iannarella

Life Teen Mass

7/8 July

Volunteer

Helen Roberts

Volunteer

Life Teen Mass

"HOME" COMMUNION MINISTERS:

1 July

Georgia Allan

8 July

Marjorie Wessels

ORGANISTS:

30 June/1 July

Volunteer

Volunteer

Robyn Cuming

Life Teen Mass

7/8 July

Volunteer

Volunteer

Robyn Cuming

Life Teen Mass

ALTAR SERVERS:

30 June/1 July

Volunteer/s

Volunteer/s

Volunteer/s

Volunteer/s

7/8 July

Volunteer/s

Volunteer/s

Volunteer/s

Volunteer/s

CHILDREN'S LITURGY:

1 July

No Children's Liturgy - School holidays

8 July

No Children's Liturgy - School holidays

SANCTUARY CARERS:

7 July

Victor Podesta



"Wherever God has put you, that is your vocation. It is not what we do but how much love we put into it."
- Mother Teresa Founder of the Missionaries of Charity First felt a call to religious life at age 12

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.

Safe travels Fr Anthony.

We hope you have a great holiday.

Fr Anthony leaves on

2 July and returns 1 August.

St Cecilia's
CHILD CARE AND KINDERGARTEN

A place to learn, grow and experience the wonder of childhood

At St Cecilia's we feel privileged to care for the children who form part of our community.

Our long day care and approved Kindergarten program provide diverse play-based learning opportunities that prepare your child for life and learning in the way that suits them best. Our beautiful, new learning environment in Hants Street is conveniently located opposite Hamilton State School. Best of all, with capacity for just 49 children, your family will enjoy a sense of belonging at the heart of an extended Catholic community.

Call our friendly team on 0448 302 346 to arrange a visit.

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BROCHURES AVAILABLE AT THE BACK OF THE CHURCH

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 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 - Fourteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time - 8 July 2018

1st Reading: Ezekiel 2:2-5; 2nd Reading: 2 Corinthians 12:7-10; Gospel: Mark 6:1-6