

# ST. AGATHA'S PARISH

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PAST PRESENT FUTURE

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

## Nineteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time (Yr. B) - 12<sup>th</sup> August 2018

### Readings

1st Reading: 1 Kings 19:4-8; 2nd Reading: Ephesians 4:30-5:2; Gospel: John 6:41-51

#### WEEKDAY MASSES

Monday 13 August: 6.30am

Tuesday 14 August: 9.00am

\* School Mass - The Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary

\* Saint Maximilian Mary Kolbe

Tuesday 14 August: 7.00pm

Vigil: The Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary

Wednesday 15 August: 9am

The Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary

Thursday 16 August: 9am

Friday 17 August: 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

##### AUGUST

• Monday 20<sup>th</sup>

SVDP Meeting 5pm Parish Office



*Jesus said, "I am the living bread that came down from heaven. Whoever eats of this bread will live forever; and the bread that I will give for the life of the world is my flesh."*

Dear friends,

The last major Allied offensive of World War I had begun only a few weeks before. Whether it had become known or not back home at that stage, the German army was in retreat, and World War I would formally end in a few

months time. On August 12<sup>th</sup>, 1918, Australian Commander Lieutenant General John Monash was knighted on the battlefield by King George V. The day before, back on our home turf, a fledgling community gathered to lay the foundations of what in time would become St. Agatha's Parish. One wonders what was on the mind of the community that gathered on that day: no doubt some had lost sons or brothers to battle; no doubt some feared for the safe return of those they loved; perhaps some wondered what was the point of praying to the Prince of Peace; probably, for most, the power of a local Christian community based in the sacrament of the Eucharist offered a great source of courage, strength and hope.

One hundred years and one day later, we are summoned by God of the Prince of Peace to once again place our trust in Divine goodness amid our own days of uncertainty and perplexity. The Eucharist is fundamentally an act of thanksgiving; an active praise of all that God has given us. As that first community gathered with their own prayers welling in their hearts, God does today what has been enacted every Sunday since that first Mass in the parish in September, 1918: we share in the gift of the Living Bread, Jesus Christ. A foundation stone is one thing: our *living foundation* is another story all together. This parish community is built on the living foundation stones of faith of those who have shared in the gift of Eucharist, who have generously given of their time, talents and resources, who have served those in need of one kind or another, who have taught and passed onto the children of this parish the power of the Gospel and the value of a community of love, who have accompanied one another in friendship and companionship, who have challenged one another, and who have laughed, cried, sung and prayed together. When Jesus speaks of being "the Living Bread", this is exactly what he means. On this centenary of the laying of our Foundation Stone, we give thanks that everything that St. Agatha's parish offers us, and our corner of the world, is done on memory of him — our true foundation, Jesus Christ.

*Fr. Anthony*

#### The Wisdom of Pope Francis

As we process to receive Communion, in reality it is Christ who comes to meet us and assimilate us to himself. To receive the Eucharist means letting oneself be transformed into that which we receive. Nourished by the bread of life, we become a "living Eucharist"; that is, "we become what we receive".

## Clayfield Conversations

### Of Stone and Bread

Don't build your house on sand the wise person said. For what is sand but ground down stone?

Choose a stone, a rock, an unshakeable foundation, that won't crumble away, whither into dust, or be worn down. But where in this age, in this world, would one find such stability, such certainty, such permanency? Isn't all in flux, in flow, in contradictory and complex paradox? Was that wise person just an illusionary dreamer, a voice from a different age, a non-credible witness?

Another wise saying: Mortals do not live on bread alone. Of course we don't, but we are still spoiled for choice: white, brown, sprouted grain, wholegrain, multigrain, gluten-free, sourdough, rye. And that's just bread, so we could live on just breads alone; another saying seemingly past its used by date.

A thought useful for our grand-parents, not for us moderns.

Now today, among this great, gathered crowd, we hear stories of "foundation stones" and "living bread", but we could just as truly speak of "foundation bread" and "living stones". The ancient wise person remains wise, reminding us that passing things come and go. That which is just bread remains just bread; no matter how we try, we know it is not enough to give us life and soon becomes stale. And that which is ground down, withered, weathered, unstable, in flux and flow cannot provide the ground for a house, a home, a shelter, a family, a community, a people.

What is, then, this space, here? Here, we are served "living bread" baked on "foundation stones". Only here, in some unspoken way, something, almost silently but not quite, calls my name. I hear, too, the echoed names of others. I hear whispered prayers from both voices I recognise and voices unfamiliar.

In this place, I see the hopeful young, comfortable in the embrace of kin but straining to be somewhere else. I see families trying to find their way, to be faithful while open to every opportunity. I see visitors passing through, transient but still fully members. I see the sad whose bones are aching in grief, sorrow, shame or loss. I see those whose joy is contagious and fill the space with light. I see those whose hopes are high with new beginnings. I see the tireless, silent servant who works, giving everything to others in selfless sacrifice. I see the carers who come for some short respite but must return to those who demand their energies. I see those scarred by life's unfairness, hampered by a greater incompleteness than most. I see the lonely who simply come to breath the air with fellow human beings. I see the searcher who is here but not sure why. I see the empty-hearted whose faith has long since deserted them. I see the old who feel at home and whose minds drift towards our true homeland – but not yet Dear Lord! I see the space where people used to be – either gone to God or gone away or gone to somewhere else.

But still, thank God, I see.

This scene is today. It is yesterday. It is tomorrow. Time and generations are mixed and mingled, here and there, *passim* in Latin. These are God's foundation stones who are nourished by God's living bread, for this is real food for real people for real life.

Fired in the ovens of the everyday, this bread becomes life precisely because it is crushed, grounded. But then it is kneaded, shaped and baked by Divine hand. Even in fragments, we too are living bread: For the stones on which we are baked are flared with memory; white-hot, piercing and powerful.

Today is a day of stones and bread; not cold and stale, but living and fresh. This foundation is not of sand but born from the powerful Memory that makes Present the Promise of Life which satisfies our hunger.

Today, we need only to look around to taste and see the goodness of the Lord.

**THANK YOU** to all who have contributed to the success of our Centenary celebrations today.

In particular, we acknowledge the support of Cr. David McLaughlin and the Brisbane City Council for their administrative and financial assistance for the closure of Oriel Rd for this morning's gathering. Their excellent support is greatly appreciated by our community. Thank you to David, his office and BCC.

### **INVITATION- YOUNG ADULTS SOCIAL CATCH-UP**

Aggies Youth's upcoming Social Catch-up will be held at Ten Pin Bowling at Chermside.

This event is aimed at 18-35s. New friends are encouraged to attend!

When: Saturday 18 August

Where: Kingpin Bowling (Chermside Shopping Centre, 2<sup>nd</sup> Level)

Time: 4.45pm for a 5pm start / Cost: \$20 for 2 games

**BRING YOUR SOCKS!** Dinner will be after bowling at one of the nearby restaurants.

RSVP: Joel 0438 241 524 or [joelperkins@hotmail.com](mailto:joelperkins@hotmail.com) or click "attending" on the Aggies Youth facebook page.

## In our prayers we remember



### Those who have died recently:

Patricia Woolhouse, Sr Loyola McGrath, Daphne Beattie, Mary Nemeth, Fr John O'Doherty OMI, Kathleen McCarthy, Ron Duke, Lynette Clarke, Allan New

### Those whose anniversaries occur about now:

Neil Murphy, George & Mona Leutenegger, William Mahon, Hugh McBride, Lew Brumpton, Rory Schuh, Margaret (Bobby) Tynan, Fulvia Anton-angeli, May McKenzie, Marie MacGinley, Santo & Giuseppa Catalano, Claire & John Collins, Gloria & Mick Statham, Jean & Frank York, Laurence & Eileen Quinlan, Fr Tom Gard, Shawn Macgroarty

### Those who are sick:

Alexander Clark, Rosemary Douglas, Danielle Johnson, Warwick Jones, Gordon Hodge, Maureen Long, Anne Seymour, 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, 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](mailto: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](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.



### **MASS TIMES FOR THE ASSUMPTION OF THE BLESSED VIRGIN MARY**

Tuesday 14 August (School Mass) 9.00am

Tuesday 14 August (Vigil) 7.00pm

Wednesday 15 August 9.00am

### **ARCHDIOCESAN MULTICULTURAL MASS 2018**

Everyone is invited to participate and enjoy the Archdiocesan Multicultural Mass 2018 at the Cathedral.

It will celebrate Pope Francis' message for the 103rd World Day of Migrants and Refugees -

“to welcome, protect, promote and integrate migrants and refugees” into our communities.

**Where:** Cathedral of St Stephen, 249 Elizabeth Street

**When:** Sunday 26 August, 2.30pm

**Main Celebrant:** Archbishop Mark Coleridge



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### **RCIA ENQUIRY NIGHT**

#### **(Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults)**

Wednesday 29 August, 7.00pm at the Parish Office.

If you are interested in coming along to this enquiry night, please contact the Parish Office 3262 2859.

### **POSITION VACANT – OFFICE ASSISTANT**

Applications are open for a position at St John's Wood, The Gap Catholic Parish. A person with excellent administration and secretarial skills is required for a part time position of Office Assistant for 22.5 hours a week to work alongside the Office Coordinator. Applications close Monday 13 August. 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:**

11/12 Aug *Volunteer* Ann Goves NO 7am MASS Andrew Douglas (10am) Liz O'Connor (10am) NO 5.30pm MASS

18/19 Aug Graham Gibson Annaliese Beckmann Dan Butler Life Teen Mass  
Julie-Anne Gibson Jeanine Bygott Clare Smethurst Jane Arkininstall

**COMMUNION MINISTERS:**

11/12 Aug Edward Foley NO 7am MASS To be advised (10am) NO 5.30pm MASS  
18/19 Aug Ann Goves Helen Roberts Julianne Ryan Life Teen Mass

**"HOME" COMMUNION MINISTERS:**

12 Aug Anna Coventry  
19 Aug Geraldine Swindells

**ORGANISTS:**

11/12 Aug *Volunteer* NO 7am MASS Robyn Cuming, Daniel Allen, Mark Leung, D'Arne Sleeman and Choirs

18/19 Aug *Volunteer* *Volunteer* Robyn Cuming Life Teen Mass

**ALTAR SERVERS:**

11/12 Aug Billy Crutcher NO 7am MASS Centenary Mass (10am) NO 5.30pm MASS  
Dash Crutcher

18/19 Aug Eve Ryan Joseph Douglas *Volunteer/s* Bart Marino  
Claire Ryan Ella Shepherd

**CHILDREN'S LITURGY:**

12 Aug  
19 Aug *No Children's Liturgy - Centenary Mass*  
Michelle Wille & Naoko Leotta

**SANCTUARY CARERS:**

18 Aug Beverley O'Brien

**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.

**PLENARY COUNCIL 2020 Listen to what the Spirit is saying...**

You are invited to host or join a small group for Plenary Council Listening and Dialogue Encounters. Register your interest with the parish office on 3262 2859. We are gathering to pray, talk and listen to one another about our experiences of faith, and the Church.

Read more about this at [plenarycouncil.catholic.org.au](http://plenarycouncil.catholic.org.au)



St Rita's College  
**HAS LIMITED CURRENT VACANCIES  
IN YEARS 7-12**

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*"Get up and eat, else the journey will be too long for you!" 1 KINGS 19:7*

**ST AGATHA'S SCHOOL**

St Agatha's School Clayfield has limited vacancies in Year 5 for 2019. Please direct all enquiries to the Enrolment Secretary: [wkwhite@bne.catholic.edu.au](mailto:wkwhite@bne.catholic.edu.au) or phone: 3326 9222

**SACRAMENT OF CONFIRMATION**

**CONFIRMATION CEREMONY: Friday 7 September 5pm and 7pm**

For more information call Jane Cameron at the Parish Office: 3262 2859 or email: [clayfield@bne.catholic.net.au](mailto:clayfield@bne.catholic.net.au)



**Readings - Twentieth Sunday in Ordinary Time - 19 August 2018**  
1st Reading: Proverbs 9:1-6; 2nd Reading: Ephesians 5:15-20; Gospel: John 6:51-58