

ST. AGATHA'S PARISH

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Seventeenth Sunday in Ordinary Time (Yr. B) - 29 July 2018

Readings

1st Reading: 2 Kings 4:42-44; 2nd Reading: Ephesians 4:1-6; Gospel: John 6:1-15

WEEKDAY MASSES

Monday 30 July: 6.30am
Wednesday 1 August: 9am
Saint Alphonsus Liguori
Thursday 2 August: 9am
Friday 3 August: 9am
Saint Dominic

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 30th
Community and Mission
Council Meeting 7pm Parish
Office

AUGUST

• Wednesday 1st / Thursday 2nd
Sacrament of Confirmation
Parent Information Night
6.30pm APAC
St Agatha's School

Next week Fr Anthony
returns from his
*annual pilgrimage to
Nudgee Beach.*
Apparently the weather
has been a bit cool...
WELCOME BACK!!

THERE IS NO PERSON TOO SMALL FOR JESUS TO USE

When Jesus solves problems, He uses people. Who was the person Jesus used in the miracle recorded in John 6? A little boy. Andrew, Simon Peter's brother found someone, 'Here is a small boy with five barley loaves and two fish; but what is that among so many?'

Here was a little boy and a little lunch. Meager in quantity, meager in quality, but the Lord Jesus blessed and fed the multitude with this little boy's lunch. And Jesus is blessing and feeding you and me today, two thousand years later.

Do you think this little boy went away hungry? When he gave it all to the Lord Jesus, then Jesus gave back to him. You cannot "out-give" God. Luke 6:38 says, "Give, and there will be gift for you: a full measure, pressed down, shaken together, and overflowing, will be poured into your lap; because the standard you use will be the standard used for you."

God is not asking us to give what we don't have, He's asking us to give what we do have. God specialises in doing extraordinary things with ordinary people. You may be too big for God to use but you'll never be too small for God to use!

Jesus Use Me is a simple but life changing prayer. Each day as Christians we have the opportunity to impact our world in the way that our Saviour and Creator has meant for us. All we have to do is be available, for God can use anyone with a willing heart. We can pray, 'Jesus, use me,' in any situation to surrender to be used for Jesus' glory. So pray it when you wake up, when you go to work, when you interact with friends, when you have a meeting, when you are with family, when you are going to the gym, when you are walking to the store, in any situation Jesus CAN and WILL use us for His glory! Let's join together today and pray the prayer 'Jesus, use me.'

Fr Prem

The Wisdom of Pope Francis

Although Jesus' words in the Beatitudes may strike us as poetic, they clearly run counter to the way things are usually done in our world. Even if we find Jesus' message attractive, the world pushes us towards another way of living. The Beatitudes are in no way trite or undemanding, quite the opposite. We can only practise them if the Holy Spirit fills us with his power and frees us from our weakness, our selfishness, our complacency and our pride.

Clayfield Conversations

English Dominican priest, Fr. David Edward Rocks, shares his thoughts on this Sunday's gospel.

God can feed us with more than we need.

Some days ago, somebody sent me a postcard that had a slogan emblazoned on it that went like this: "Hell hath no fury like me when I'm slightly inconvenienced and hungry." It's the kind of thing that makes people smile, because it sheds a different humour on a well-known cliché, but also points towards something that we recognise in ourselves. Babies get very cross when they're hungry. They feel the need for satisfying their hunger very deeply, but they know they depend on others to provide the means to satisfy that need, which they can't express. We have all been babies, and have all gone through the process of learning to express in language our need for food, and beyond that we have been able to find our own sources. But this very basic need is perhaps the first time we experience the extent of our neediness. Having learned to address this, we might feel that we can address all our needs ourselves, and be completely independent. In such a mind-set, we might want some of our deeper, less apparent needs, to go away. It is easy, and perhaps seems essential, for us to become detached from our neediness. Then, too, we can become expectant of others to attend to their own needs. We can become selfish.

The postcard I read made me smile. But it also reminded me of my experiences of my most basic needs being challenged. When I'm hungry, or tired, then my usual defence mechanisms are worn down, and I may no longer recognise myself as the person I expect myself to be. Important needs require attention.

In the Gospel passage, Jesus arrives before a great crowd, and he realises that their need is both simple and great. It is one of the simplest needs of human persons, but if it is unsatisfied, it becomes a great problem. Many people around us struggle to get enough to eat.

Jesus knows he must satisfy their essential need, their felt need, first. And in doing so, he teaches us that the deeper need he has come to address is one that depends on him for satisfaction. In this moment, he teaches the glory of humility. They sit on the ground, in touch with the earth on which they depend, and the meagre offering of bread and fish brings abundant satisfaction to the great multitude. There is plenty left over, too. The people are satisfied, but they misjudge the situation.

The Lord departs with haste because he fears they will make him their King. They want to rejoice in the fulfilment of their most basic needs, and to control that need. He demands more. He wants them to move away from seeking to control needs and to depend on him in their search for deeper satisfaction. But he can't teach all of that today.

They need to know they are full first.

Each time we come together for the Mass, we are invited to sit on the ground, to be close to the earth we depend upon, and to share our humility together. Whatever we know outside of status or wealth, within this place we are united in our profound need and longing. We are fed with something that is simple and great – simple bread and wine, great and eternal glory. It is a great privilege for us to recognise ever more deeply the awesome extent of our need for God's mercy and redemption. We lose nothing in this encounter. The loss comes when we are too proud of our ability to address our own needs. Experiencing God's benevolence to us, we should neither seek to set up our own independent economy of limited mercy in which we settle for less; nor should we characterise God as some easy answer to difficult questions. We need to respond to his generosity by imitating it. He can feed us with more than we need.



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.**

YOUTH AND VOCATIONS EXPO - The annual Youth and Vocations Expo invites young people to explore their call. It's also a valuable opportunity for youth to engage with other Catholic ministry organisations across Queensland and Australia, that can empower them to help make a difference in their community and deepen their faith. The expo will begin with Youth and Vocations Mass at the Cathedral of St Stephen at 12.00pm, celebrated by Archbishop Mark Coleridge.

Sunday 5 August | Stalls open 11.00am | 12.00pm Mass | 1.00pm – 2:30pm 2018 Vocations and Youth Expo (Cathedral Precinct).

In our prayers we remember



Those who have died recently:

Lynette Clarke, Allan New, Kristyn Thomas, Wilson Whitehouse

Those whose anniversaries occur about now:

Marie MacGinley, Santo & Giuseppa Catalano, Claire & John Collins, Gloria & Mick Statham, Jean & Frank York, Laurence & Eileen Quinlan, Fr Tom Gard, Shawn Macgroarty, Peita Dodson, Mona Moynihan

Those who are sick:

Patricia Woolhouse, 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, 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:

stagathacentenarybook@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.

POSITION VACANT – PARISH SECRETARY

Applications are open for a position at the Jubilee Catholic Parish. A person with excellent administration and secretarial skills is required for a full time position of parish secretary for 38 hours a week, Monday to Friday.

For additional information, please visit the Archdiocese of Brisbane website <https://brisbanecatholic.org.au/> and to careers. Applications close 2 August.



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



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Check out our FACEBOOK page
[facebook.com/St Agatha's Catholic Parish](https://facebook.com/StAgatha'sCatholicParish)

Welcome

This weekend we welcome Fr Orm Rush for the 5.00pm & 5.30pm Masses.

Thank you to Fr Orm who has filled in while Fr Anthony has been away.

SHORT COURSE IN THEOLOGY - LOOKING AT PLENARY COUNCIL 2020

Listening to the Spirit: Towards the 2020 Plenary Council

What do you think God is asking of us in Australia?

This upcoming short course consist of four Wednesday evening sessions and is suitable for parishioners, teachers, youth groups, university staff, students, and the general public, and will explore the future of the Church in Australia, with a specific focus on the 2020 Plenary Council.

Dates: Wednesday 8, 22, 29 August and 5 September 2018 **Time:** 6 – 8pm (refreshments from 6pm, lecture starts at 6.30pm).

Venue: ACU Leadership Centre, Level 3, Cathedral House, 229 Elizabeth Street. More information about this short course, including the full list of weekly topics and speakers, visit website: www.acu.edu.au/short-courses-brisbane

Please note, registration via the website is essential, and will close on Friday 3 August. Fees - Attendance: including a Certificate of Participation \$100.00 | Attendance only \$50.00. If you are interested in attending please contact the Parish Office and we can assist you with the registration.

ST AGATHA'S CHOIR
The St Agatha's choir will be practising for the Centenary Mass on Thursday August 9 from 6.00pm - 7.00pm in the church. If you would like to be part of the choir for this important celebration you will be most welcome.

Robyn Cuming Music Co-ordinator



St Rita's College

OPEN DAY

Sunday 29 July 10:00am-12:30pm

Register at: www.stritas.qld.edu.au

Stay on and join us for fun, food, games, rides and music at CARNIVAL until 4:00pm

41 Enderley Road, Clayfield

Ph: 07 3862 1615

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

5.00pm

7.00am

9.00am

5.30pm

READERS:

28/29 July	Eric van der List Phil Zammit	Jenny Close Andrew Douglas	Eileen Duncan Tim Hancock Don Macpherson	Life Teen Mass
4/5 Aug	Jack Williamson Cate Barrett	Rafael Chase Ruby Chase	Wilma O'Connell Dominic Ryan Trish Ryan	Life Teen Mass

COMMUNION MINISTERS:

28/29 July	Jan Zammit	Helen Roberts	Christine Iannarella	Life Teen Mass
4/5 Aug	Edward Foley	Paulette Archer	Christine Iannarella	Life Teen Mass

“HOME” COMMUNION MINISTERS:

29 July	Georgia Allan
5 Aug	Lisa Carter

ORGANISTS:

28/29 July	<i>Volunteer</i>	<i>Volunteer</i>	Jenny McKeon	Life Teen Mass
4/5 Aug	<i>Volunteer</i>	<i>Volunteer</i>	Robyn Cuming	Life Teen Mass

ALTAR SERVERS:

28/29 July	Daniel Benjamin Xavier Coorey Dominic Coorey	Joseph Douglas	Bridget Birchley Chelsy Waller	Tia Manuel Sharon Mathew
4/5 Aug	Ella Shepherd	Lachlan Hinneberg	Sofia Iannarella Max Elliott	Caitlin Marshall Alex Oliveri

CHILDREN'S LITURGY:

29 July	Julie Kordic and Ewa Marino-Cebulski Katrina Murphy and Julia Cochrane
5 Aug	

SANCTUARY CARERS:

4 Aug	Victor Podesta
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VOCATIONS AWARENESS WEEK - August 5th - 11th

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.

PLenary COUNCIL 2020 Listen to what the Spirit is saying...

Preparation for the Plenary Council 2020 begins with open Listening and Dialogue. It is the first step to preparing the agenda for the Plenary Council. Your experience of faith and the Church is important. Read about how you can #shareyourstory at: plenarycouncil.catholic.org.au.



Do you have a heart for changing the world? Do you want to be part of something bigger and feel valued for the gifts you have? Catholic

Mission Brisbane is seeking parish-based volunteers. For further information please email: Brisbane.admin@catholicmission.org.au or call (07) 3324 3423.

RETREAT DAY

The Knights of the Southern Cross are sponsoring a retreat day on Saturday 4 August to be held in Nolan Hall adjacent to Corpus Christi Church Nundah. Fr John Chalmers is the presenter on the theme 'The Beatitudes'. The day begins at 10am with morning tea before the first session. Mass is at noon followed by lunch and the second session concludes by 3pm. Tea and coffee is provided and also morning tea. Please bring your own lunch. Contact John Carr for more information - 3266 1119

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 - Eighteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time - 5 August 2018

1st Reading: Exodus 16:2-4, 12-15; 2nd Reading: Ephesians 4:17, 20-24; Gospel: John 6:24-35