

# ST. AGATHA'S PARISH

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## Sixteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time (Yr. B) - 22 July 2018

### Readings

**1st Reading:** Jeremiah 23:1-6; **2nd Reading:** Ephesians 2:13-18; **Gospel:** Mark 6:30-34

#### WEEKDAY MASSES

**Monday 23 July:** 6.30am

**Wednesday 25 July:** 9am

*Saint James*

**Thursday 26 July:** 9am

*Saints Joachim and Anne*

**Friday 27 July:** 9am

#### WEEKEND MASSES

**Saturday** 5.00pm

*(1st Rite of Reconciliation:*

*Saturday 4.30pm)*

**Sunday** 7.00am

9.00am

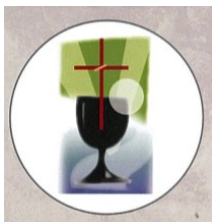
5.30pm

Rosary before Mass.

#### *Parish Calendar*

#### JULY

• **Monday 23<sup>rd</sup>**



#### THE RHYTHM OF REST AND READINESS IN THE SERVICE OF THE LORD

No one can work without rest, and it is true equally that no one can live the Christian life unless they give themselves times not only of physical rest, but of times with God - because God's work has to be done in God's strength. So there is a rhythm, the rhythm of rest and readiness in the service of the Lord.

The first thing I see about this need for rest was that it was a conscious decision. In Mark 6: 31 the Lord Jesus says: 'Come ye yourselves'. This was more than just an absence of work, this was a decision to suspend work. The word 'rest' here is in the middle voice, now that simply means that as it is used here it means 'to give oneself rest'. They themselves had to make a conscious decision to draw aside and rest physically and spiritually. So it was a conscious decision: they had to make time to rest and to be before the Lord.

The second thing I note: it was a conscious decision, but they went into a solitary place. Lord and His apostles - not only did they go into a solitary place, but they had an innovative strategy for getting there. Look at the verses: 'They departed into a deserted place by ship privately'. Drastic measures had to be employed for them to accomplish this desired end to get alone!

*There was a need for rest, but there was a need for help - and when the need for help arose, the need for rest was demoted...*

Here we see the rhythm of the Christian life, it's like the natural life. You cannot work well unless you have rested well. Equally, you cannot rest well unless you have worked well, till you're tired. The Christian rhythm is a continuous going into the presence of God, and moving from the presence of God into the presence of men, and then coming from the presence of those men into the presence of God again.

'We must never seek the fellowship of God to avoid the fellowship of men, but fit ourselves better for it'. We are with God that we might be with God and go to men.

Jesus expects us to live and act as he had been peaceful and just. He wants us to be resting with Him time to time and energize ourselves with His power of peace and justice and go back again to the work place and perform our regular duties of love, compassion, and justice.

*Fr Prem*

#### The Wisdom of Pope Francis

The Gospel invites us to peer into the depths of our heart, to see where we find our security in life. Usually the rich feel secure in their wealth, and think that, if that wealth is threatened, the whole meaning of their earthly life can collapse.

Jesus himself tells us this in the parable of the rich fool: he speaks of a man who was sure of himself, yet foolish, for it did not dawn on him that he might die that very day. Wealth ensures nothing.

## Clayfield Conversations

Over the last few weeks, we have shared an edited version of an interview conducted by international Catholic website, *Crux*, with Archbishop Mark Coleridge while he attended an international conference in Rome. This is the final in the series.

### Laity could have prevented 'catastrophic' crisis (Part III)

**Crux: We're on the verge of a sentencing with Archbishop Philip Wilson in Adelaide, and the Vatican has intervened appointing a new administrator. How do you, as president of the Australian bishops' conference, guide a pastoral response not just to this diocese but to an abuse scandal that has really plagued the nation?**

The symbolic impact of Archbishop Wilson's trial and now sentencing is colossal in Australia, but not just in Australia. It's some kind of threshold for the Universal Church, and I think the people in Rome understand that. It's possible that the sentencing will be tomorrow, and it's possible that he will receive a custodian sentencing, which would be the ultimate humiliation. This has been traumatic for him personally, and I say this of a man who's been a great friend through the years, so I speak very personally about this, not just institutionally, so the things that have been said about him struck me as unjust, untrue and cruel. It's affected him physically, and I think it has destroyed his capacity to govern in a permanent way, no matter the result of eventual appeals. I had come to a point of being strongly in support of an apostolic administrator, and I think it was fortunate to have Archbishop O'Kelly on hand. He was the ideal man in many ways. He was for many reasons just the man for what was a tumultuous situation not only in Archbishop Wilson's life, but in the diocese of Adelaide. And you have to keep in mind too that Cardinal [George] Pell, who's an even higher profile than Archbishop Wilson is himself facing two trials. It's hard to know what's going on with Cardinal Pell ... There's a lot of gossip, but it's hard to know the facts.

It's not Archbishop Wilson in a vacuum or in isolation. It's part of a larger configuration. And in some way, whatever the integrity of the legal process, which has to be respected obviously, but it's hard to resist the sense that there's some element of determination to make heads roll. I wouldn't want to push that too far, but it's hard to resist that in the case of Archbishop Wilson and Cardinal Pell. It's had a major impact on the Church in Australia. What it will mean long term, it's hard to know. But it's certainly meant that I, who've been recently appointed as head of the bishops' conference in Australia, had a baptism of fire with the aftermath of the Royal Commission, plus these trials against two of our most high profile bishops. It's been very torrid indeed. One of the things about being in Rome this time is that I have the safe guarding meeting at the Gregorian, but I also have a series of meetings with people in the Curia. And one of the things that has impressed me already in these days that I've been here, is that there seems to be a real determination to help me in the Vatican.

**Crux: Which as you will remember on this particular issue, hasn't always been the case...**

No, I think there was a perplexity on how to respond. One of the things that I find here is that people are full of good intentions, and they're highly competent people, but they haven't sat across a table and listened to the voice of victim survivors. They haven't co-opted the anger and heard the stories, and until you've done that, you don't know what you're dealing with. It's not their fault, that they're just out of the cold face from the way a diocesan bishop is. There has been a very significant change in more recent times. And what I see here, strongly, certainly in the Secretariat of State and other bodies, such as the Commission for the Protection of Minors, here's a real determination to help. And also a capacity to think creatively about how that might happen.



### **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 :*

Kristyn Thomas, Wilson Whitehouse, Terence Casey, Peggy Lynch

### *Those whose anniversaries occur about now:*

Peita Dodson, Mona Moynihan, Edna Taylor, Maureen Ballinger

### *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](mailto: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](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



# Welcome

This weekend we welcome Fr Orm Rush for the 7.00am & 9.00am Masses.



With great joy we welcome ***Aurelia Hanson, Henri Honoré and Francine Farry*** who will be baptised this weekend.

### **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](http://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 Thursdays, July 26 and 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](http://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:

21/22 July	Ann Goves Katrina Murphy	Jeanine Bygott Mark Burton	Heidi Cooper Ryan Smethurst Jane Arkinstall	Life Teen Mass
28/29 July	Eric van der List Phil Zammit	Jenny Close Andrew Douglas	Eileen Duncan Tim Hancock Don Macpherson	Life Teen Mass

### COMMUNION MINISTERS:

21/22 July	Edward Foley	Paulette Archer	Julianne Ryan	Life Teen Mass
28/29 July	Jan Zammit	Helen Roberts	Christine Iannerella	Life Teen Mass

### "HOME" COMMUNION MINISTERS:

22 July	Karen Birtles
29 July	Georgia Allan

### ORGANISTS:

21/22 July	<i>Volunteer</i>	<i>Volunteer</i>	Jenny McKeon	Life Teen Mass
28/29 July	<i>Volunteer</i>	<i>Volunteer</i>	Jenny McKeon	Life Teen Mass

### ALTAR SERVERS:

21/22 July	Eve Ryan Claire Ryan		Charlotte Shepherd Felicity Shepherd	Bart Marino Ella Shepherd
28/29 July	Daniel Benjamin Xavier Coorey Dominic Coorey	Joseph Douglas	Bridget Birchley Chelsy Waller	Tia Manuel Sharon Mathew

### CHILDREN'S LITURGY:

22 July	Jane Cameron and Lisa Sos
29 July	Julie Kordic and Ewa Marino-Cebulski

### SANCTUARY CARERS:

4 Aug	Victor Podesta
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## 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...**

The last time the Catholic Church in Australia held a Plenary Council was in 1937. It has been more than 80 years since we gathered all of the Church together and much has changed. In 2020, we will have a Plenary Council about the future of the Catholic Church in Australia. What are we called to do? Who are we called to be? How do we need to change? The journey toward the Plenary Council will help us to prepare to listen to God by listening to one another. We invite all people to engage, to be a part of the listening and dialogue encounter in the next two years. <http://plenarycouncil.catholic.org.au>



## MULTICULTURAL MASS 2018

The annual Multicultural Mass will be held on Sunday 26 August at 2.30pm at the Cathedral of St Stephen, 249 Elizabeth Street. Afterwards there is fellowship and a sharing of different foods and cultural performances on the lawns of the Cathedral precinct.

## 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 **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](mailto:clayfield@bne.catholic.net.au)



**Readings - Seventeenth Sunday in Ordinary Time - 29 July 2018**

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