

ST. AGATHA'S PARISH

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PAST PRESENT FUTURE

St. Agatha's Catholic Primary School 6 Hunter Lane Clayfield Qld 4011. Phone: 3326 9222

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

Twentieth Sunday in Ordinary Time (Yr. B) - 19th August 2018

Readings

1st Reading: Proverbs 9:1-6; 2nd Reading: Ephesians 5:15-20; Gospel: John 6:51-58

WEEKDAY MASSES

Monday 20 August: 6.30am

Saint Bernard

Wednesday 22 August: 9am

The Queenship of the Blessed Virgin Mary

Thursday 23 August: 9am

Friday 24 August: 9am

Saint Bartholomew

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 20th

SVDP Meeting 5pm Parish Office

• Monday 20th

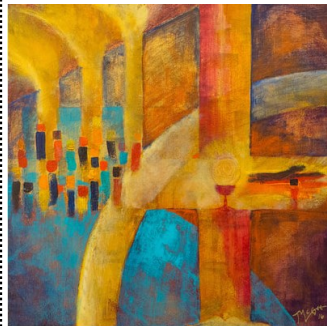
Community and Mission Council

Meeting 7pm Parish Office

• Tuesday 21st

Finance Meeting 6pm

Parish Office



Jesus said, "I am the living bread which has come down from heaven. Anyone who eats this bread will live for ever; and the bread that I shall give is my flesh, for the life of the world."

Dear friends,

What a wonderful celebration last Sunday morning was! As pastor, I could not have hoped for a better gathering. There are many people to acknowledge because it was a great team effort.

Firstly, I would like to acknowledge the hard work and dedication of the Centenary Committee of: Erin Bledsoe, Mary-Caroline van Passen, Julieanne Ryan, Geraldine Swindels, Amrita Moss, Liz O'Connor, Cate Barrett and Eileen Duncan. This also includes our parish staff of Rosemary Greer and Jane Cameron. Without this group of people, our Centenary Mass would not have been the great celebration that it was. Each member of this committee contributed in many different and diverse ways and they have also been a great group to work with. My thanks too to Cr. David McLaughlin and the Brisbane City Council for their support in organising our street party. Not everyday does Oriel Rd become our playground. A special mention of gratitude to our army of volunteers who helped with preparation, set-up, barbequing, serving and clean-up whose invaluable assistance made the day run so smoothly.

Thanks also to Susie McDonald and Super Butcher for providing the sausages for our sausage sizzle. Our parish musicians and choir were magnificent, as was our school community who assisted us in many ways, but most obviously through the participation of the school choir. I was delighted at how the day unfolded and I am deeply grateful to all who assisted in any way, especially our near neighbours who were co-operative with the road closure.

Now onto the fourth and final centenary event: The Parish Centenary Ball on Saturday, September 15th. All the details are on the flyer on the pews. I hope that you can join us for our final centenary gathering for the year.

While we are celebrating our centenary, the church in Australia is preparing for a Plenary Council in 2020. There will be more information about the Plenary Council in the newsletter in coming weeks detailing how you can be involved. The great hope of the Plenary Council is that it will be able to address some of the issues that we currently face. To quote our own Archbishop Coleridge: "Throughout history, the great surges of Gospel energy have come when things looked grim. That's where we are now. The great opportunity we have is to open ourselves to the power of God in our weakness and allow God to build a new and unexpected future for us. That will mean a humbler, simpler and more joyful Church. It will also mean a more missionary Church." Please take hold of your opportunity to offer your thoughts on the future of the church in Australia.

Fr. Anthony

The Wisdom of Pope Francis

Distractions that are omnipresent in today's world also make us tend to absolutize our free time, so that we can give ourselves over completely to the devices that provide us with entertainment or ephemeral pleasures. As a result, we come to resent our mission, our commitment grows slack, and our generous and ready spirit of service begins to flag. This denatures our spiritual experience. Can any spiritual fervour be sound when it dwells alongside sloth in evangelization or in service to others?

Clayfield Conversations

Last week's Catholic Leader included a story about our faithful sacristan, Peter Bowden. Here is the article if you missed it.

St Agatha's Faithful Servant reflects on 100 years of History in Clayfield



Rumour has it sacristan Peter Bowden lives in a cupboard somewhere inside St Agatha's Church, Clayfield. At least, that's the parish priest's only explanation for the 74-year-old's permanent presence in the church. An ever-present figure in the parish community, which turns 100 this year, Mr Bowden opens and closes the church every day, and attends all the week day and weekend Masses to the point where new parishioners mistake him as the boss. "I often get called, 'Father'," Mr Bowden said. "I know sometimes I'm here seven days a week but I don't mind. I've

seen the mothers with babies in their womb, being born, baptised, made their sacramental program, gone and gotten engaged and married in this church or elsewhere, and then they had their own children and their children came along."

Originally from the neighbouring Nundah parish, Mr Bowden eventually moved to the Clayfield parish 30 years ago. "I sat in the back seat, minding my own business," he said. "I didn't know anybody. Then I moved down to the middle, then I got all the keys, and then I moved on to the altar and it's continued ever since." When he's not serving the priests on the altar, Mr Bowden is doing his second-most important job – rallying volunteers to do the readings at Mass, distribute Communion, process down the aisle with the gifts, pass the tithing baskets, or work the church slides. "They never say no to me," he said. "It's got to a point for the last several years, they come to me for a job, and I find them one." All that dedication to one parish community isn't for any saintly glory.

"I'm not up there for the halo, a big seat up there or anything like that, not the Order of Australia, or Knighthood of St Gregory," Mr Bowden said. "It's mainly to help the priests."

Clayfield has welcomed six parish priests in the past 100 years, and they have typically served the community for a decade or more. They include Fr Francis O'Connell, Monsignor John English, Fr Vincent Rowan, Fr Bernard Wilson, Fr Adrian Farrelly and parish priest Fr Anthony Mellor. Mr Bowden has served at the altar and beyond for four of the parish's pastors, plus a further eight associate pastors and scores of supply priests. He will take his place at the altar again when Archbishop Mark Coleridge visits the parish to celebrate its centenary Mass on August 12.

Mr Bowden said his mum, who died in 2001, and his father, who died in 2008, were the reason why he was still serving the Church today. "My mother believed in the faith, and she always said to me – and my father said the same thing – they said, 'Peter, do not lose your faith when we go, you'll see us again'," he said. "My mother and father said, 'Please keep up your dedication to St Agatha's Church'. I want to thank the community, and thank the priests that I've worked for." Fr Mellor, who is Clayfield's sixth parish priest, said as a busy pastor, his trusty sacristan kept the community "on track". "I think most of the time I feel I'm Peter's assistant rather than the other way around," he said. "I'm sure he lives in the church there somewhere." Fr Mellor has been busy leading the community in a year of gratefulness to commemorate 100 years of faith in Clayfield.

Originally part of the Wooloowin parish, Archbishop James Duhig paid £1315 in 1917 to buy the steep, sloping land on Oriel Rd, Clayfield. Archbishop Duhig placed and blessed the foundation stone for the new church on August 11, 1918, and, by September 20, the community received a small timber church. Within seven years, the wooden church was converted into a school and a new church built in front of it – a large brick beauty that cost £10,000 to build. It was blessed and opened on April 10, 1925.

Fr Mellor said 100 years on, 2018 had been a year of gratitude and looking forward to the future. "In the Church, having gone through difficult times, it's good to have things to celebrate and turn hearts to gratefulness," he said. As for what Fr Mellor is grateful about, it's that he's never had to dress up as a donkey on Christmas Eve in his three years as pastor. "The thing that has intrigued me here is the Christmas donkey, Dizzy, seems to have a life of her own," he said. "Without the donkey at Christmas we'd only get half the people. If we never have Dizzy here I'll have to dress up as a donkey."

THANK YOU to all who have contributed to the success of our Centenary celebrations last Sunday.

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 the morning's gathering. Their excellent support is greatly appreciated by our community. Thank you to David, his office and BCC.

LIFE TEEN MASS - EVERY SUNDAY 5.30PM

Join our talented musicians at this celebration of the Eucharist, where youth and young adults are invited to minister to each other. If you would like to help with music or singing just talk to the musicians. Enjoy food and friendship after Mass on the 1st Sunday of each month (supper) and the 3rd Sunday of each month (drinks and nibbles). Helpers eagerly accepted.

Phone Anne O'Connor: 3256 6013 or 0419796988. Visit Aggies Youth: <https://www.facebook.com/aggiesyouth>

In our prayers we remember



Those who have died recently :

Moira Cremin, Tom Mills, Bill Patteson, Patricia Woolhouse, Sr Loyola McGrath, Daphne Beattie, Mary Nemeth, Fr John O'Doherty OMI, Kathleen McCarthy, Ron Duke, Marie Clarita Roe

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

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:

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.



"Our true worth does not consist in what human beings think of us. What we really are consists in what God knows us to be."

*Saint John Berchmans - 22 years old
Patron saint of Altar Servers*



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[facebook.com/St Agatha's Catholic Parish](https://www.facebook.com/StAgathasCatholicParish)

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.



With great joy we welcome
**Harry Anderson, Samson Borzillo,
Benjamin Campiutti and Olivia Fiumara**
who will be baptised this weekend.

GOLDEN WEDDING ANNIVERSARY

Couples celebrating their Golden Wedding Anniversary together with their family and friends are invited to Mass to be celebrated by Archbishop Mark Coleridge at the Cathedral of St Stephen, 249 Elizabeth Street, on Saturday 6 October 2018 at 10.00am.

Light refreshments in the Hanly Room will follow the Mass.

For catering purposes, please RSVP by Friday 28 September 2018.

E: cathedral@bne.catholic.net.au. Telephone: 3324 3030

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

5.00pm

7.00am

9.00am

5.30pm

READERS:

18/19 Aug	Graham Gibson Julie-Anne Gibson	Annaliese Beckmann Jeanine Bygott	Dan Butler Clare Smethurst Jane Arkininstall	Life Teen Mass
25/26 Aug	Marian Nolan Katrina Murphy	Nick Eden Dianne Eden	Heidi Cooper Eileen Duncan Tim Hancock	Life Teen Mass

COMMUNION MINISTERS:

18/19 Aug	Ann Goves	Helen Roberts	Julianne Ryan	Life Teen Mass
25/26 Aug	Volunteer	Volunteer	Christine Iannarella	Life Teen Mass

“HOME” COMMUNION MINISTERS:

19 Aug		Geraldine Swindells		
26 Aug		Tom & Jeannine Treston		

ORGANISTS:

18/19 Aug	Volunteer	Volunteer	Robyn Cuming	Life Teen Mass
25/26 Aug	Volunteer	Volunteer	Jenny McKeon	Life Teen Mass

ALTAR SERVERS:

18/19 Aug	Eve Ryan Claire Ryan	Joseph Douglas	Volunteer/s	Bart Marino Ella Shepherd
25/26 Aug	Daniel Benjamin Xavier Coorey Dominic Coorey	Volunteer/s	Sofia Iannarella Max Elliott	Tia Manuel Sharon Mathew

CHILDREN’S LITURGY:

19 Aug		Michelle Wille & Naoko Leotta
26 Aug		Mel Ryan & Erin Bledsoe

SANCTUARY CARERS:

1 Sept	Victor Podesta
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A wise person recognizes that all we have and all we are comes from God. A wise person thanks God continually throughout the day for all His many blessings. A wise person realizes that God has blessed us for a reason and that He wants us to help Him build His kingdom of earth.

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...

The Plenary Council agenda will be developed from the stories you share and the questions you raise. To join a small group for Plenary Council Listening and Dialogue, please contact the parish office. All people are welcome – come along, and bring a friend. Visit plenarycouncil.catholic.org.au for more information.



Congratulations to Stephen Crear and Kristin Greer who were married this weekend.

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 or phone: 3326 9222



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 IN YEARS 7-12**
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 OR TELEPHONE THE REGISTRAR
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 41 Enderley Road, Clayfield QLD 4011 Ph: 07 3862 1615

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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



Readings - Twenty-First Sunday in Ordinary Time - 26 August 2018
 1st Reading: Joshua 24:1-2, 15-18; 2nd Reading: Ephesians 5:21-32; Gospel: John 6:60-69