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Twenty-Eighth Sunday in Ordinary Time (Yr. B) - 14th October 2018

Readings

1st Reading: Genesis 2:18-24; 2nd Reading: Hebrews 2:9-11; Gospel: Mark 10:2-16

WEEKDAY MASSES

Monday 15 October: 6.30am
Wednesday 17 October: 9am
Thursday 18 October: 9am
Friday 19 October: 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

OCTOBER

- **Wednesday 17th**
Parish Office closed
- **Sunday 21st**
P26 Mass 9am
- **Monday 22nd**
SVDP Meeting 5pm Parish Office



CHURCH APPEAL 2018 - MYANMAR

2019 COLUMBAN ART CALENDARS
For sale at the Piety Stall
\$9.00 each

October

Month of the
Holy Rosary



catholic mission

Reach out. Give life.

Jesus looked steadily at him and loved him, and he said, 'There is one thing you lack. Go and sell everything you own and give the money to the poor, and you will have treasure in heaven; then come, follow me.' But his face fell at these words and he went away sad, for he was a man of great wealth.

Dear friends,

This weekend at St. Agatha's we are partnering with Catholic Mission through their annual church Appeal, and we welcome John Thomas as our Mission appeal speaker. The appeal this year focuses on the power of education to heal the people and build the nation of Myanmar. The funds raised through the Church Appeal contribute to vital faith and community building projects in mission lands around the world. Your support is crucial in ensuring all of God's people can have life to the full.

Catholic Mission is the Australian agency of the international Pontifical Mission Societies. Catholic Mission raises funds and forms people for mission. This enables us to reach out through heroic missionaries and community leaders to help children and communities in need, and provide vital training for seminarians and other young leaders. Today we are invited to reach out and help to heal and build a nation through education. Please consider how you will join in the mission of Jesus and help missionaries, such as Sister Grace in Yangon and Father Lucas and the teachers at St John's school in Hakha, run programs that will give children in Myanmar a quality education.

We are also encouraged today to become a monthly partner and join the "education revolution" in Myanmar. From \$20 per month, your gift will be directed to the Church's work in building this fragile nation, through the gift of education. To join as a monthly partner or to make a one-off donation today simply use the appeal envelope on the pew. Please include your name, email and address details so that Catholic Missions can thank you personally, send you your receipt, and keep you informed of the difference your gift makes. Feel free to take the envelope home and either send directly to Catholic Mission, or return it next week, or drop it into the parish office. Thank you for whatever generous support you can give to this appeal and for helping the work of Catholic Missions.

Cardinal Charles Maung Bo S.D.B of Myanmar dreams of the possibilities that the work of Catholic Missions provides for his people, "We are grateful to Catholic Mission ... we would like still to request continued support, especially in the field of education, before we can stand on our own. Later, we may be able to assist the countries who are poorer than us." Your support of the work of Catholic Missions and the Church in Myanmar enables this revolution of education to also become a revolution of love, peace, and good news.

Fr. Anthony

The Wisdom of Pope Francis

The prayers and aid generously given and distributed through the Pontifical Mission Societies enable those who are helped in their need in turn to bear witness to the Gospel in the circumstances of their daily lives. No one is so poor as to be unable to give what they have, but first and foremost what they are. Never think that you have nothing to offer, or that nobody needs you. Many people need you. Think about it! Each of you, think in your heart: many people need me!

Clayfield Conversations



This weekend we are conducting the Catholic Missions' Appeal. This year's Catholic Mission Church Appeal highlights the important work of Catholic Mission in Myanmar; through programs aimed to improve education for children, specifically through teacher training and the implementation of alternative, child-centred education around the country.

How beautiful upon the mountains are the feet of the messenger who announces peace, who brings good news... (Isaiah 52:7)

The theme of the appeal is 'Healing a nation through education'. The theme reflects our mission as Christians to provide the tools and support to help those in need, and in doing so, announcing peace and bringing good news. Seeing a need in his country for stronger education, Cardinal Charles Maung Bo S.D.B., Myanmar's first Cardinal, initiated the teacher training programs and, with the support of Sister Grace Chia IJs and lay missionary Jacinta Cardoza, established a key training institute, Pyinya Sanyae Institute of Education (PSIE), in Yangon ten years ago.

Today, the Cardinal remains a strong advocate for the education reforms currently underway in Myanmar through programs such as those run by PSIE and the Episcopal Commission for Education (ECE), and others that help heal and build a prosperous Myanmar through education.

The PSIE program trains aspiring teachers, equipping them with the skills and knowledge so they can bring modern, child-centred education methodologies to areas in need. Despite a high attendance rate for primary-aged children (90%), the secondary school attendance rate drops sharply to 58%. This equates to fewer opportunities for young adolescents later in life. With your support in training skilled teachers, schools across Myanmar can be better equipped to provide quality education, affecting the lives of thousands of students.

Prospective PSIE trainee teachers are either scouted by the Institute or nominated by their parish priest to attend the centre. The mix of students includes trained catechists, lay people and even religious sisters and novices.

The PSIE program consists of four years of training, including a two-year placement in a school environment in a different state. Upon graduation, teachers are posted to schools around the country where they can then positively shape the education of the local children.

St John's School in Hakha, in the mountainous north of Myanmar, is one school now staffed by three teachers who have graduated from the PSIE program. These teachers, and two others from ECE, care for over 50 students ranging from Preschool to Year 1. Feedback from parents of the children attending St John's is extremely positive; they are confident that their children are receiving quality education and care, and can see how their children are enjoying the interactive learning environment.

"We trust they will get quality education ... they want to show us what they learned in the school," said Augustine Billiam, a parent.

The school's leadership, including Principal Theresa Htua Swe and Chancellor of the Hakha Diocese Father Lucas Tha Ling Sum, are hoping to expand each year to provide holistic, child-centred education to more local students through both their primary and secondary education.

In the words of Father Lucas, this is truly an "education revolution" in Myanmar, and you have the opportunity today to heal a nation through education by supporting this work through Catholic Mission's Church Appeal.



CATHOLIC MISSION APPEAL

'How beautiful upon the mountains are the feet of the messenger who announces peace, who brings good news...' Isaiah 52:7

In Hakha, a remote town in the mountainous north of Myanmar, St John's School is educating local children with a child-centred methodology. Three of the teachers at St John's have been trained through the Pyinya Sanyae Institute of Education (PSIE) in Yangon, and have been posted to this school to help local children learn in a modern way that maximises their potential. Your support through Catholic Mission can enable PSIE to continue training teachers and help improve education across the country. You can also help St John's School add grades to ensure continuity of education, and become economically sustainable. You will have an opportunity to become an integral part of this inspiring work by joining as a monthly giving partner. This regular contribution will directly support education in Myanmar.

Freecall: 1800 257 296 catholicmission.org.au/Myanmar

ENVELOPES ARE AVAILABLE ON CHURCH PEWS.

A SPECIAL COLLECTION WILL BE TAKEN UP AFTER JOHN'S TALK.

Please feel free to take envelopes home and return next week and place in the normal parish collections or drop into the Parish Office.

Jesus uses tough language that we may not want to hear. But, we are all called to be generous with all our gifts. Not just the ones we pick and choose, but all our gifts: our time in prayer to God, our talent in participating in parish ministries and our treasure supporting our local parish and other charities.

In our prayers we remember



Those who have died recently :

Estella Guter, Terry Maguire, Cecil Bendall, Ugo Sirianni

Those whose anniversaries occur about now:

Ivy Devlin, Merv Devlin, Honorable Bruce McPherson, May Schuh

Those who are sick:

Val Barrett, Lorraine Douglas, Alexander Clark, Rosemary Douglas, Danielle Johnson, Warwick Jones, Gordon Hodge, Maureen Long, Anne Seymour, James Elliott, 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

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 041 7792212.

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



If you would like a copy of the Daily Mass Book 2019 (\$25) please call the parish office 3262 2859 to place an order. Orders close Friday 26 October.

PALMS AUSTRALIA

Could your skills assist communities overseas?
How does the Palms approach work? Just want to know more?

Palms Info Session

Friday 9 November 5:30 pm / Brisbane Square Library
266 George Street, Brisbane

Find out more at www.palms.org.au/events
or contact Palms on 02 9560 5333

YEAR OF YOUTH

INVITATION TO YOUNG ADULTS 18-30 YEARS

The Archdiocese is offering a free retreat day at the Santa Teresa Spirituality Centre, Ormiston on Saturday 27 October. This is an opportunity to take time out in this Year of Youth and share with others who are exploring their faith.

If you would like to be part of a group attending from Aggies Youth contact Anne O'Connor phone: 04 1979 6988,
email: longreachoconnor@gmail.com.

For more information visit catholiccollective.org.au.
Bookings are essential so please let us know by 16 October.

YOU ARE INVITED

Please join us at one of the Parish Plenary Council discussion groups:

After 9am Mass Sunday 21 October - Parish Office
Evening 7.00pm Monday 22 October - Parish Office

After 9am Mass Sunday 4 November - Parish Office
Evening 7.00pm Monday 5 November - Parish Office



Please contact the Parish Office if you are interested in attending one of the discussion groups.

At the meeting we will reflect on the future of the Catholic Church in Australia –
using the three questions below as a guide:

- * *What do you think God is asking of us in Australia at this time?*
- * *What questions do you have about the future of the Church in Australia that you would like the Plenary Council to consider?*
- * *What stories would you like to share of your experiences of faith or of the Church?*

You are also invited to submit your own responses to these questions online – go to the official website:
<http://plenarycouncil.catholic.org.au/>

You are welcome to form your own discussion group with family or friends.
Please contact the parish office for more information and resources.

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

5.00pm

7.00am

9.00am

5.30pm

READERS:

13/14 Oct	Marian Nolan Phil Zammit	Andrew Douglas Anne O'Connor	Ryan Smethurst <i>Volunteer</i>	Life Teen Mass
20/21 Oct	Graham Gibson Julie-Anne Gibson	Annaliese Beckmann Jeanine Bygott	<i>St Agatha's P26 Mass</i>	Life Teen Mass

COMMUNION MINISTERS:

13/14 Oct	Jan Zammit	Paulette Archer	<i>Volunteer</i>	Life Teen Mass
20/21 Oct	Ann Goves	Helen Roberts	<i>Volunteer</i>	Life Teen Mass

"HOME" COMMUNION MINISTERS:

14 Oct	Georgia Allan
21 Oct	Marjorie Wessels

ORGANISTS:

13/14 Oct	<i>Volunteer</i>	<i>Volunteer</i>	Robyn Cuming	Life Teen Mass
20/21 Oct	<i>Volunteer</i>	<i>Volunteer</i>	Robyn Cuming / Paul Fiumara	Life Teen Mass

ALTAR SERVERS:

13/14 Oct	Eve Ryan Claire Ryan	<i>Volunteer/s</i>	Bart Marino Cebulski	Max Lazzarini Sophia Lazzarini
20/21 Oct	Billy Crutcher	Lachlan Hinneberg	Sophia Perkins Amelia Marino Cebulski	Ella Shepherd Alex Oliveri

CHILDREN'S LITURGY:

14 Oct		Katrina Murphy & Giulia Coorey
21 Oct		<i>No Children's Liturgy - P26 Mass</i>

SANCTUARY CARERS:

20 Oct	Beverley O'Brien
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"My modest goal is to repropose the call to holiness in a practical way for our own time, with all its risks, challenges and opportunities." (GE 2) – Pope Francis Apostolic Exhortation *Gaudete Et Exultate On a Call to Holiness in Today's World*

BAPTISMS

We celebrate baptisms on the 3rd and 4th Sundays of the month. For bookings and further information, please phone the parish office on 3262 2859.

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

"It is easier for a camel to pass through the eye of a needle than for one who is rich to enter the kingdom of God." MARK 10:25

You're invited to **Careers Week Mass**

This Mass will recognise the significant contribution carers make in our community

DATE	Wednesday 17 October 2018
TIME	11am Mass followed by a light lunch
ADDRESS	St Patrick's Church, 58 Morgan Street, Fortitude Valley QLD 4006
INFORMATION	Celebrated by Fr John Chalmers

1300 236 822
centacarebrisbane.net.au



Parish office will be closed Wednesday 17 October



October is **Breast Cancer Awareness Month**

ALL HALLOWS PAST PUPILS MASS

The All Hallows' Past Pupils are invited to attend the Annual Mass in All Hallows' Chapel on Saturday 27 October at 10.30am. Morning Tea in Loretto Hall at 11.45am. To assist catering it is essential to book. Cost towards morning tea is \$25.00 per person and bookings can be made online at www.ahs.qld.edu.au under Quicklinks. RSVP no later than Monday 22 October. For further enquiries please contact Lenore Thompson Foundation Manager and Past Pupil School Liaison on 3831 5632 or email Lenore.Thompson@ahs.qld.edu.au. *Limited parking is available at the school.*

ST AGATHA'S PARISH P26 MASS SUNDAY 21 OCTOBER 9.00am

All children in Grade Prep to Year 6 are invited to participate in our next P26 Mass which will be at 9am Sunday 21 October. At the Mass, children are asked to do the readings, bring the gifts to the Altar, collecting, altar serve and welcome people as they arrive. If your child/children would like to participate please phone the Parish office on 3262 2859 or email: clayfield@bne.catholic.net.au by no later than Tuesday 16 October.

A pink themed morning tea will be held after Mass.



Readings - Twenty-Ninth Sunday in Ordinary Time - 21 October 2018

1st Reading: Isaiah 53:10-11; 2nd Reading: Hebrews 4:14-16; Gospel: Mark 10:35-45