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Twenty-Fifth Sunday in Ordinary Time (Yr. B) - 23rd September 2018

Readings

1st Reading: Wisdom 2:12, 17-20; 2nd Reading: James 3:16-4:3; Gospel: Mark 9:30-37

WEEKDAY MASSES

Monday 24 September: 6.30am
Wednesday 26 September: 9am
Thursday 27 September: 9am
Saint Vincent De Paul
Friday 28 September: 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

SEPTEMBER

Monday 24th - Friday 5th OCT

- School Holidays
- Sunday 30th
Social Justice Sunday

OCTOBER

- Monday 8th
SVDP Meeting 5pm Parish Office

REMINDER

Monday 1 October
(Public Holiday)
Mass at 9.00am

PRAYER FOR

PEOPLE WHO

ARE HOMELESS



Jesus sat down, called the twelve, and said to them,
"Whoever wants to be first must be last of all and servant of all." Then he took a little child and put it among them; and taking it in his arms, he said to them,
"Whoever welcomes one such child in my name welcomes me, and whoever welcomes me welcomes not me but the one who sent me."

Dear friends,

Today's gospel begins with, "After leaving the mountain"...But which mountain are we talking about? It is the mountain of the Transfiguration that Mark is talking about. Jesus' disciples are no better. Jesus has been teaching them and teaching them, and time after time, they have been struggling to come to grips with what he is saying. The problem is that Jesus has been teaching in a kind of a code language and the disciples have been struggling to comprehend. And here, we find the disciples are at it again. This time they are arguing about which one of them is the most important. We have the same arguments, it is just that we argue in a more subtle way. When Jesus asks them what they were arguing about, they are smart enough to know to keep their mouths closed. Their silence is a little victory for Jesus. It is then we see the master teacher at work. Jesus knows that his words haven't worked. He knows that any display of exasperation won't work. He also knows that their silence makes them teachable, so he chooses another tact all together. Jesus must have been quite at home and free with children because, and not for the only time, he uses the world of a child to teach people something about the kingdom of God.

Apart from family affection, children weren't considered to have any great status or rights. They could be bought and sold into slavery. In a moment of genius, Jesus takes a child and says to his disciples, "You think that you are important, you think that you are special or privileged, well, have a look at this child. This child is gateway to God. No one is more special than these smallest ones." The disciples ambitious squabbles are put in their place, but will they listen? Will we?

On the one hand, we can all see how this message is directed towards anyone who has taken on a public role in church – people like me, for example. Ambition and the abuse of power strangles the proclamation of the gospel. But this gospel is not just directed towards people like me, it is directed towards each of us, to every generation of Christians. This gospel story asks us about what is the focus of our life. Are we focusing exclusively on our own agenda? Jesus says to us, "Life is not about accumulating possessions, or acquiring status and prestige. Life is about pouring ourselves out, and letting go of things and not always needing to get our own way." This is a difficult message to get and it is a harder message to live. The disciples took ages to get the message, and so, if we are slow, we are in good company. Worldly prestige matters little before God. It is the little ones, the least, who are the most prestigious in God's world. Ask any child – they know this by heart...they know that they are important...or at least should be. Adults can tend to forget, but Jesus, the master teacher, is good at reminding us. It is the small, the unnoticed, that are great in the eyes of God. It is from little things that big things grow.

Fr. Anthony

The Wisdom of Pope Francis

Saint Paul bade the Romans not to repay evil for evil, not to seek revenge and not to be overcome by evil, but instead to "overcome evil with good". This attitude is not a sign of weakness but of true strength, because God himself "is slow to anger but great in power".

Clayfield Conversations

Last Saturday night we celebrated our Centenary Ball. It was a great night. Here are some of images captured by our excellent parish photographer, Jenny Close who has been chronicling our Centenary year.

Spotted at The Centenary Ball



In our prayers we remember



Those whose anniversaries occur about now:

Henry Weld, Wil Hinson, Glad McBride

Those who are sick:

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

GOOD READS FROM

ST AGATHA'S PARISH LIBRARY.

This week we have some new books in our display.

We recommend **GOD IS GOOD FOR YOU** by Australian journalist Greg Sheridan.

Its subtitle is "a defence of Christianity in troubled times" and it sets out with honesty why Christianity is so vital for the personal and social well-being of the modern world.



With great joy we welcome *Ava Pinfold, Claudia Simmons and Aymeric Urzaa* who will be baptised this weekend.

This weekend we welcome Fr Paul Chandler for the 5.30pm Mass.



Our Church, our community. Doing good.

Thank you for your generous support of the Annual Catholic Campaign! Your donation will be carefully spent on the good works of the Church.

Your gift helps educate our future priests, care for elderly priests, ensures children from impoverished families can access Catholic education, and reaches out to our most vulnerable neighbours who live with the heartache of mental illness, domestic violence and social isolation.

Your generosity – great and small – is the answer to someone's prayer.



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"If anyone wishes to be first, he shall be the last of all and the servant of all."

MARK 9:35

ST RITA'S COLLEGE PANTRY CO-CONVENOR

St Rita's College is seeking applications for the position of Co-Convenor at its Tuckshop – known as The Pantry - responsible for the day to day running and operation until the end of the school year. Competent food preparation and cooking skills for large numbers, stock ordering and control knowledge, as well as a high standard of food hygiene and cleanliness is required. The position is Monday to Friday until 7 December. Interested applicants are asked to contact the College's Manager of Community and Development for the position description.

Email: employment@stritas.qld.edu.au or telephone

Mrs Anna Roberts on 3862 1615.

Jesus teaches us that we are called to serve one another. Sacrifice is not a word that many people like to hear.

We think it means that we must give up something that we want. However, the literal meaning of sacrifice is "to make holy," from the words "sacer" = sared and "facere" = to make. In other words, we make our lives holy by sharing our gifts in the service of God.



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

5.00pm

7.00am

9.00am

5.30pm

READERS:

22/23 Sept

Ann Goves
Katrina Murphy

Helen Roberts
Jenny Close

Ryan Smethurst
Jane Arkinstall
Trish Ryan

Life Teen Mass

29/30 Sept

Eric van der List
Edward Foley

Mark Burton
Kirsty Stevens

Eileen Duncan
Tim Hancock
Heidi Cooper

Life Teen Mass

COMMUNION MINISTERS:

22/23 Sept

Edward Foley

Paulette Archer
Helen Roberts

Volunteer
Julianne Ryan

Life Teen Mass

29/30 Sept

Ann Goves

Life Teen Mass

“HOME” COMMUNION MINISTERS:

23 Sept

Anna Coventry

30 Sept

Tom & Jeannine Treston

ORGANISTS:

22/23 Sept

Volunteer

Volunteer

Robyn Cuming

Life Teen Mass

29/30 Sept

Volunteer

Volunteer

Jenny McKeon

Life Teen Mass

ALTAR SERVERS:

22/23 Sept

Volunteer/s

Volunteer/s

Volunteer/s

Volunteer/s

29/30 Sept

Volunteer/s

Volunteer/s

Volunteer/s

Volunteer/s

CHILDREN’S LITURGY:

23 Sept

Jane Cameron & Giulia Coorey

30 Sept

No Children’s Liturgy - School Holidays

SANCTUARY CARERS:

6 Oct

Victor Podesta

"A community that cherishes the little details of love, whose members care for one another and create an open and evangelising environment, is a place where the risen Lord is present, sanctifying it in accordance with the Father's plan."

(GE 145) - Pope Francis

Apostolic Exhortation Gaudete Et Exsultate On a Call to Holiness in Today's World



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.



SOCIAL JUSTICE

We celebrate Social Justice Sunday on 30 September. This year, the Australian Bishops’ Social Justice Statement is titled:

A Place to Call Home: Making a home for everyone in our land.

The Statement challenges us all to confront Australia’s growing rate of homelessness and unaffordable housing. For further details about the Social Justice Statement, visit the Australian Catholic Social Justice Council website (www.socialjustice.catholic.org.au) or call (02) 8306 3499.

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

BOOKMARKS

We have had special bookmarks made up in commemoration of our Centenary Year. Feel free to take one. They are located on the tables at the back of the church.

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>



Readings - Twenty-Sixth Sunday in Ordinary Time - 30 September 2018

1st Reading: Numbers 11:25-29; 2nd Reading: James 5:1-6; Gospel: Mark 9:38-43, 45, 47-48