

# ST. AGATHA'S PARISH

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PAST PRESENT FUTURE

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## Twenty-First Sunday in Ordinary Time (Yr. B) - 26<sup>th</sup> August 2018

### Readings

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

### WEEKDAY MASSES

Monday 27 August: 6.30am

Saint Monica

Wednesday 29 August: 9am

The Passion of Saint John the Baptist

Thursday 30 August: 9am

School Mass - Father's Day

Friday 31 August: 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 3<sup>rd</sup>

SVDP Meeting 5pm Parish Office

• Saturday 8<sup>th</sup> & Sunday 9<sup>th</sup>

Annual Catholic Campaign

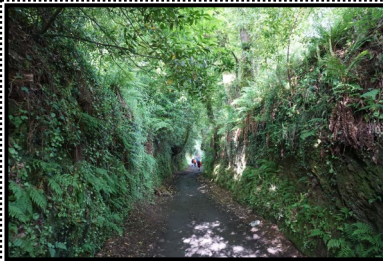
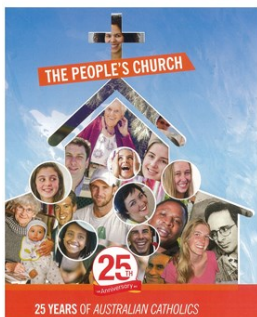
• Monday 17<sup>th</sup>

Youth Ministry Meeting 6.45pm

Parish Office

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*Simon Peter answered Jesus,*

*"Lord, to whom can we go?*

*You have the words of eternal life. We have come to believe and know that you are the Holy One of God."*

Dear friends,

You may have noticed some talk of something called a Plenary Council scheduled for 2020. So what is a plenary council? A plenary council is the highest form of gathering that a church in a particular country can have. It is a process by which lay people and clergy can be heard. The last major assembly for the Catholic Church of Australia took place more than eighty years ago in 1937. A plenary council is different from an assembly, in that it has legislative power, i.e., the final decisions of a plenary council become law and have binding power. The responsibility of making these decisions falls on the conference of bishops who do so only after discerning the will of the Holy Spirit with the people. Pope Francis expresses his hope "that all communities will devote the necessary effort to advancing along the path of a pastoral and missionary conversion which cannot leave things as they presently are."

So why are we having a plenary council? Our plenary council stems from three main issues:

- Firstly, the contemporary society of Australia has changed significantly, and the Royal Commission into Institutional Response to Child Sexual Abuse has been a significant and influential event that requires deep consideration and response.
- Secondly, as Archbishop Mark Coleridge has said, "The Church is not the presence in our society it once was. We need to take a measure of that and make decisions accordingly. The culture in which we have to proclaim the Gospel is very different to what it was even 20 or 30 years ago." Our contemporary context is very different.
- Thirdly, Pope Francis sees the need for the church to become a "listening church", and so, the bishops are asking everyone to participate. We are encouraged to speak boldly and with passion, and to listen openly with a humble heart. The question that this consultation phase asks you to consider is this: *What do you think God is asking of us in Australia at this time?*

You can become involved by visiting: [plenarycouncil.catholic.org.au](http://plenarycouncil.catholic.org.au). You can offer your thoughts as an individual or as part of a group discussion. I encourage everyone to become involved in the consultation.

*Fr. Anthony*

### The Wisdom of Pope Francis

How can we know if something comes from the Holy Spirit or if it stems from the spirit of the world or the spirit of the devil? The only way is through discernment, which calls for something more than intelligence or common sense. It is a gift which we must implore. If we ask with confidence that the Holy Spirit grant us this gift, and then seek to develop it through prayer, reflection, reading and good counsel, then surely we will grow in this spiritual endowment.

The Catholic Leader covered our Centenary Mass. Here is the article written by our parishioner, Emily Ng.

### 100-year-old Clayfield Parish St Agatha's established as 'a sign of hope' at war's end



Catholics in Clayfield received a history lesson on the “ordinary” turn of events that led to the establishment of their parish 100 years ago. Brisbane Archbishop Mark Coleridge explained in his homily for the parish’s centenary Mass on August 12 that St Agatha’s Church, Clayfield, was built at the end of the First World War, a war he said “no one saw coming”.

“The war had finished in a kind of exhaustion that proved nothing and really sowed the seeds of the second part of the apocalypse that we know as World War II,” Archbishop Coleridge said.

Amid the tragedy, Brisbane’s newly installed archbishop, Archbishop James Duhig, was on a building streak, laying the foundations for numerous schools and churches, including St Agatha’s.

“The surge of building and opening that went on was, I think, a way of stating hope in the future at a time when that had to be done,” Archbishop Coleridge said.

“And hence our schools were built and our churches as well, all a way of saying there is a genuine hope and the ground of that hope and the seed of these buildings is Jesus Christ risen from the horrors as a life that no death can destroy.”

The hope established in Clayfield, which in the early 1900s was known as “the clay fields” for its abundance of fine clay for local brickwork, was named St Agatha’s after a church connected to the Irish College in Rome.

Archbishop Duhig and his predecessors Archbishop Robert Dunne and Archbishop James Quinn had all attended the Irish College.

In 1925 the present brick church was built and blessed, retaining the name of St Agatha’s.

Archbishop Coleridge said it was the ordinary people, not the clergy, bishops and priests or even the religious sisters, which told the full centenary story.

“God knows the clergy and religious are ordinary, but it’s the mob that really tells the story of these one-hundred years,” he said.

### THANK YOU

The Clayfield Saint Vincent De Paul Conference would like to thank the Parishioners, for their generous donations to the SVDP Winter Appeal. This will help us to continue assisting people, who call upon us for help. So far this year, the Conference has completed 360 visits, giving assistance of \$35,500 in total, to 583 adults and 138 children. New members are always welcome. Any enquiries phone John 0408 985 709.

## St Agatha's Parish

### Calendar Art Competition

#### Submit your artwork to feature in our 2019 calendar

**Theme:** “God is Love” Draw how you see God’s love in action.  
(Some ideas: caring for someone, special moments with family, kindness towards others)

**Categories:** Pre-School-Prep, Year 1-3 & Year 4-6.

4 entries from each category will be chosen & allocated a month each to feature in our 2019 calendar.

**Specifics:** Drawings to be done on A4 Landscape.

Please write your Name and Grade on the back of your entry.

Submit all entries to the Parish office by Friday the 14th of September 2018.

### FATHER'S DAY AND FARMER SUPPORT MORNING TEA

Following the 9am Mass on Sunday 2 September we will be holding a special Father’s Day and Farmer Support morning tea and would love for the parish children to bring \$5 each to be donated to the St Vincent De Paul drought appeal. We will also have a “Hope Jar” and would love the children to write a short message or draw a picture, something to give the farmers and their families a reason to smile.

If you are unable to attend the 9am Mass that weekend and you would like to donate or have your child’s note/drawing put in the jar, please place your contribution in an envelope labelled “farmer relief” and hand to Jane, Fr Anthony or Fr Prem after one of the other Masses or drop into the parish office.

We thought we would make it a real old fashioned CWA type morning tea, so feel free to bring a small plate to share.

## In our prayers we remember



### Those who have died recently :

Fr Harry Bliss, Bill Tunny, Paul Gaynor, Marie Clarita Roe, Moira Cremin, Tom Mills, Bill Patteson,

### Those whose anniversaries occur about now:

Mick Treston, Kathleen McVeigh, Betty & Chris Smith, Kathleen, Tom & Jo Brennan

### Those who are sick:

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

### **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.

### **AN URGENT REQUEST FROM ST AGATHA'S PARISH LIBRARY**

Both of the Library's copies of "THE FIRST 80 YEARS: ST AGATHA'S PARISH CLAYFIELD" have been taken out of the Library and not returned. The Parish Office has no more copies, so this valuable history of our parish could be lost to us. If you have a copy that you have forgotten to return to the Library will you please leave it on the Library desk. If you own a copy which you are prepared to donate to the Library please bring it to the Church and give it to the Librarian or to Peter Bowden. St Agatha's will be truly grateful.



**NATIONAL CHILD PROTECTION WEEK 2018**  
2nd – 8th September  
PROTECTING CHILDREN IS EVERYONE'S BUSINESS



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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 **April Sau** who will be baptised this weekend.



### **IGNITE CONFERENCE 2018: "EMPTY"**

27 - 30 September 2018

Mueller Performing Arts Centre, Rothwell (Brisbane)

A national Catholic youth conference for young people - adults, teenagers and children – plus teachers, parents and ministry leaders. Featuring live music, dynamic speakers, a wide range of workshops and over 1500 participants from across Australia. Contact Ignite Youth on 07 3217 5199 or email [info@igniteconference.com.au](mailto:info@igniteconference.com.au).

Full information, videos and registration online at [www.igniteconference.com.au](http://www.igniteconference.com.au).

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

**5.00pm**

**7.00am**

**9.00am**

**5.30pm**

**READERS:**

25/26 Aug	Marian Nolan Katrina Murphy	Nick Eden Dianne Eden	Heidi Cooper Eileen Duncan Tim Hancock	Life Teen Mass
1/2 Sept	Jack Williamson Eric van der List	Rafael Chase Ruby Chase	Lauren McMullan Don Macpherson Amrita Moss	Life Teen Mass

**COMMUNION MINISTERS:**

25/26 Aug	<i>Volunteer</i>	<i>Volunteer</i>	Christine Iannarella	Life Teen Mass
1/2 Sept	Edward Foley	Paulette Archer	<i>Volunteer</i>	Life Teen Mass

**“HOME” COMMUNION MINISTERS:**

26 Aug 2 Sept	Tom & Jeannine Treston Karen Birtles
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**ORGANISTS:**

25/26 Aug	<i>Volunteer</i>	<i>Volunteer</i>	Jenny McKeon	Life Teen Mass
1/2 Sept	<i>Volunteer</i>	<i>Volunteer</i>	Robyn Cuming	Life Teen Mass

**ALTAR SERVERS:**

25/26 Aug	Daniel Benjamin Xavier Coorey Dominic Coorey	<i>Volunteer/s</i>	Sofia Iannarella Max Elliott	Tia Manuel Sharon Mathew
1/2 Sept	Ella Shepherd	Lachlan Hinneberg	Joy Kordic Chelsy Waller	Caitlin Marshall Alex Oliveri

**CHILDREN’S LITURGY:**

26 Aug 2 Sept	Mel Ryan & Erin Bledsoe Ewan McPherson & Lisa Sos
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**SANCTUARY CARERS:**

1 Sept	Victor Podesta
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**Australian CATHOLICS**

Copies of the Australian CATHOLICS (*Spring 2018 issue*) are now available. Please take a copy home.

**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 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](http://plenarycouncil.catholic.org.au) for more information.



**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](mailto:wkwhite@bne.catholic.edu.au) or phone: 3326 9222

**GOOD LUCK TO ALL OUR STUDENTS**

It’s that time of year again. QCS for year 12’s and before you know it the Jacarandas will be blooming and the end of year exams will arrive. Aggies Youth have placed prayer cards at the Church entrance. Please take one with you.

**QUIET AFTERNOON** Sunday 26 August

St Mark’s Church corner Bonney Avenue and Bellevue Terrace, Clayfield 2pm – 3.30pm. Afternoon tea is included. This is conducted by the NE Brisbane Inter Church Council. All are welcome. Enquiries: 3268 3092 or 3268 1571.

Check out our FACEBOOK page [facebook.com/St Agatha’s Catholic Parish Clayfield](https://facebook.com/StAgathasCatholicParishClayfield)

**\* \* \* SACRAMENT OF CONFIRMATION \* \* \***

Blessing of the Medals at any of the Masses 1 & 2 September (Saturday 5pm, Sunday 7am, 9am & 5.30pm) Farmers and Father’s Day morning tea will follow the 9am Mass on Sunday 2 September Practice for Confirmation - Monday 3 September or Tuesday 4 September 3.30pm - 4.30pm and 5.00pm - 6.00pm (both days)  
**CONFIRMATION CEREMONY: Friday 7 September 5pm and 7pm**



**Readings - Twenty-Second Sunday in Ordinary Time - 2 September 2018**

1st Reading: Deuteronomy 4:1-2, 6-8; 2nd Reading: James 1:17-18, 21-22, 27; Gospel: Mark 7:1-8, 14-15, 21-23