

ST. AGATHA'S PARISH

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Twenty-Ninth Sunday in Ordinary Time (Yr. B) - 21st October 2018

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

WEEKDAY MASSES

Monday 22 October: 6.30am
Wednesday 24 October: 9am
Thursday 25 October: 9am
Friday 26 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

• Monday 22nd
SVDP Meeting 5pm Parish Office



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

October

Month of the
Holy Rosary



Jesus called them to him and said to them, "You know that among the pagans their so-called rulers lord it over them, and their great men make their authority felt. This is not to happen among you. No; anyone who wants to become great among you must be your servant, and anyone who wants to be first among you must be slave to all. For the Son of Man himself did not come to be served but to serve, and to give his life as a ransom for many."

Dear friends,

As our centenary year draws to a close, we begin to look ahead to the continued growth of our community in the service of the gospel. There are a number of projects that are on the drawing board which, all going well, will come to fruition in the next couple of years. One of those projects is the hope of completing our circular stained-glass windows. We already have a very generous donation of \$8000 to initiate the project, but all-up, it will cost around \$50 000 to design, make and install them. My hope is that we will have images of St. Mary MacKillop and Venerable Nano Nagle (the Irish founder of the Presentation Sisters) to sit alongside our other Celtic saints who adorn our sanctuary area. If you are able to help with the funding of this project, please see me or contact our parish office. Hopefully, I will have more information for you soon.

We have a number of other projects which will need to unfold over the years to come. In order to help see these projects through, we need a committed Community and Mission Council to work alongside the pastor to help lead the parish community. I have been gifted with a wonderful Community and Mission Council during this Centenary year. This council has been ably led by Erin Bledsoe but, unfortunately, Erin's time as Chair and member of the council is drawing to a close. Erin will complete her term at the end of the year, and we will take time to thank her and acknowledge her commitment before then. But for now, we are seeking people who will accept nomination to the Community and Mission Council for the next two years.

Being a member of the Community and Mission Council is an important commitment and our members assist the priests of the parish in the work of building the community life and reaching out to the community in service and mission. Those who are continuing their term are a joy to work with and they will warmly welcome new members. So, if you are tapped on the shoulder, or if you think that you will like to offer your services to the parish through the CMC, please give some serious thought to nomination. Likewise, if you know someone whom you think would be excellent for the CMC, please nominate them. Our nominations close on Wednesday, 31st October with an information evening on Monday, 12th November.

Fr. Anthony

The Wisdom of Pope Francis

One of the great challenges facing the Church in this generation is to foster in all the faithful a sense of personal responsibility for the Church's mission, and to enable them to fulfil that responsibility as missionary disciples, as a leaven of the Gospel in our world. This will require creativity in adapting to changed situations, carrying forward the legacy of the past not primarily by maintaining our structures and institutions, which have served us well, but above all by being open to the possibilities which the Spirit opens up to us and communicating the joy of the Gospel, daily and in every season of our life.

Clayfield Conversations

Last Sunday, Pope Francis canonised seven new saints, including Pope St. Paul VI and St. Oscar Romero. Below is part of his homily.

Our Heart is Like a Magnet

Dear brothers and sisters, our heart is like a magnet: it lets itself be attracted by love, but it can cling to one master only and it must choose: either it will love God or it will love the world's treasure; either it will live for love or it will live for itself. Let us ask ourselves where we are in our story of love with God. Do we content ourselves with a few commandments or do we follow Jesus as lovers, really prepared to leave behind something for him? Jesus asks each of us and all of us as the Church journeying forward: are we a Church that only preaches good commandments or a Church that is a spouse, that launches herself forward in love for her Lord? Do we truly follow him or do we revert to the ways of the world, like that man in the Gospel? In a word, is Jesus enough for us or do we look for many worldly securities? Let us ask for the grace always to leave things behind for love of the Lord: to leave behind wealth and yearning for status and power, structures that are no longer adequate for proclaiming the Gospel, those weights that slow down our mission, the strings that tie us to the world. Without a leap forward in love, our life and our Church become sick from "complacency and self-indulgence": we find joy in some fleeting pleasure, we close ourselves off in useless gossip, we settle into the monotony of a Christian life without momentum, where a little narcissism covers over the sadness of remaining unfulfilled.

This is how it was for the man, who – the Gospel tells us – "went away sorrowful". He was tied down to regulations of the law and to his many possessions; he had not given over his heart. Even though he had encountered Jesus and received his loving gaze, the man went away sad. Sadness is the proof of unfulfilled love, the sign of a lukewarm heart. On the other hand, a heart unburdened by possessions, that freely loves the Lord, always spreads joy, that joy for which there is so much need today. Pope Saint Paul VI wrote: "It is indeed in the midst of their distress that our fellow men need to know joy, to hear its song".

Today Jesus invites us to return to the source of joy, which is the encounter with him, the courageous choice to risk everything to follow him, the satisfaction of leaving something behind in order to embrace his way. The saints have travelled this path.

Paul VI did too, after the example of the Apostle whose name he took. Like him, Paul VI spent his life for Christ's Gospel, crossing new boundaries and becoming its witness in proclamation and in dialogue, a prophet of a Church turned outwards, looking to those far away and taking care of the poor. Even in the midst of tiredness and misunderstanding, Paul VI bore witness in a passionate way to the beauty and the joy of following Christ totally. Today he still urges us, together with the Council whose wise helmsman he was, to live our common vocation: the universal call to holiness. Not to half measures, but to holiness. It is wonderful that together with him and the other new saints today, there is Archbishop Romero, who left the security of the world, even his own safety, in order to give his life according to the Gospel, close to the poor and to his people, with a heart drawn to Jesus and his brothers and sisters.

We can say the same about Francesco Spinelli, Vincenzo Romano, Maria Caterina Kasper, Nazaria Ignazia of Saint Teresa of Jesus, and our young boy from Naples, Nunzio Sulprizio. All these saints, in different contexts, put today's word into practice in their lives, without lukewarmness, without calculation, with the passion to risk everything and to leave it all.

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CATHOLIC MISSION APPEAL

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

Thank you for supporting this year's Catholic Mission Church Appeal through your kind gifts and prayers, and for being a part of an "education revolution" in Myanmar. Your generosity makes it possible for programs such as the Pyinya Sanyae Institute of Education, as well as schools like St John's in Hakha, to provide quality, child-centred education to children. Thank you also to parishioners who have become an integral part of this inspiring work by joining as monthly giving partners.

For more information about the work of Catholic Mission around the world, please contact our friendly team at the freecall number below, or at catholicmission.org.au/about-us/contact

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

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 :

Quentin Kenihan, Estella Guter

Those whose anniversaries occur about now:

Norrie Brennan, Mary Collins, Alice Siddle, Tate Siddle, Hazel O'Hagan, Paul Luxton, Paula Whitman, Ivy Devlin, Merv Devlin

Those who are sick:

Sr Marlette Black, 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.



With great joy we welcome *Ava Griffith* who will be baptised this weekend.

NOMINATIONS FOR COMMUNITY AND MISSION COUNCIL

We are calling for nominations for our Community and Mission Council. We ask you to consider either nominating yourself or others for service to our parish through becoming a member of the Community and Mission Council. Nomination forms are available on the church pews and also on our website. Please place your completed form in the box provided at the back of the church or hand in to the Parish Office. Thank you.

"For the Son of Man did not come to be served, but to serve and to give his life as a ransom for many." MARK 10:45

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



Plenary Council 2020

Listen to what the Spirit is saying...

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:

20/21 Oct Jack Williamson Ann Goves Annaliese Beckmann Jeanine Bygott *St Agatha's P26 Mass* Life Teen Mass

27/28 Oct Katrina Murphy Ann Goves Nick Eden Dianne Eden Trish Ryan Clare Smethurst Amrita Moss Life Teen Mass

COMMUNION MINISTERS:

20/21 Oct Ann Goves Helen Roberts *Volunteer* Life Teen Mass
 27/28 Oct Edward Foley *Volunteer* Christine Iannarella Life Teen Mass

"HOME" COMMUNION MINISTERS:

21 Oct Marjorie Wessels
 28 Oct Anna Coventry

ORGANISTS:

20/21 Oct *Volunteer* *Volunteer* Robyn Cuming / Paul Fiumara Life Teen Mass

27/28 Oct *Volunteer* *Volunteer* Jenny McKeon Life Teen Mass

ALTAR SERVERS:

20/21 Oct Billy Crutcher Lachlan Hinneberg Sophia Perkins Ella Shepherd
 Amelia Marino-Cebulski Alex Oliveri
 Daniel Benjamin

27/28 Oct Daniel Benjamin Joseph Douglas Bridget Birchley Tia Manuel
 Chelsy Waller Sharon Mathew

CHILDREN'S LITURGY:

21 Oct
 28 Oct *No Children's Liturgy - P26 Mass*
 Julie Kordic and Ewa Marino-Cebulski

SANCTUARY CARERS:

3 Nov Victor Podesta

"Every saint is a message which the Holy Spirit takes from the riches of Jesus Christ and gives to his people."(GE 21) - Pope Francis Apostolic Exhortation Gaudete Et Exsultate - *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

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.*



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

POSITION VACANT – SACRAMENTAL COORDINATOR

Applications are open for a position at the Hendra Catholic Parish. A person with sacramental and liturgical knowledge is required for a casual position of Sacramental Coordinator working across a variety of days during the week and weekends including nights during term time to begin in February 2019.

For additional information, please visit the Archdiocese of Brisbane website <https://brisbanecatholic.org.au/> and to careers

The Archdiocese of Brisbane has standards of conduct for employees and volunteers to maintain a safe and healthy environment. Our commitment to these standards requires that we conduct background referencing for all persons who will engage in direct and regular involvement with children, young people and/or vulnerable adults.



Readings - Thirtieth Sunday in Ordinary Time - 28 October 2018

1st Reading: Jeremiah 31:7-9; 2nd Reading: Hebrews 5:1-6; Gospel: Mark 10:46-52