

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

Twenty-Second Sunday in Ordinary Time (Yr. B) - 2nd September 2018

Readings

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

WEEKDAY MASSES

Monday 3 September: 6.30am

Saint Gregory the Great

Wednesday 5 September: 9am

Thursday 6 September: 9am

Year 6 & Prep Mass

Friday 7 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 3rd

SVDP Meeting 5pm Parish Office

• Saturday 8th & Sunday 9th

Annual Catholic Campaign

• Monday 17th

Youth Ministry Meeting 6.45pm

Parish Office

**NATIONAL
CHILD
PROTECTION
WEEK 2018**



Welcome with meekness the implanted word that has the power to save your souls. But be doers of the word, and not merely hearers who deceive themselves.

Dear friends,

We continue to keep in our prayers our 83 children who are preparing to celebrate the sacrament of Confirmation this weekend. They have been working hard over the last few weeks, along with their parents, and are now ready to be open more fully to the gifts of the Holy Spirit which they first received in baptism. Archbishop Mark Coleridge will confirm their baptism on Friday night through the laying on of hands and anointing with the Chrism oil and we ask that God's blessing may be poured upon them in this celebration. Please continue to pray for these children and their families throughout this coming week.

Don't forget that our Centenary Ball is fast approaching. If you haven't book your seats yet, you have only until this Friday to do so! It is sure to be a great night and a fitting way to complete our centenary celebrations. Please come and join us for this celebratory evening.

Last week, I mentioned the proposed Plenary Council for the Church in Australia. It is an opportunity to take stock of where we are and work to understand the context and society around us. It provides an opportunity for us to consider how we can be the presence and witness of Jesus amidst contemporary Australian society and discern the future God is calling us to as a Church. The Plenary Council will be held in two sessions: the first in October 2020 in Adelaide, the second in May 2021 in Sydney. Approximately 250 people will be delegates attending the Plenary Council sessions. The agenda for the Plenary Council will be developed from the "sense of faith" amongst the people of God in Australia. The Plenary Council is held in three stages: preparation, celebration and implementation. Preparation is from now until the first session of the Council. Celebration of the Council will be the two sessions being held in October 2020 in Adelaide and in May 2021 in Sydney. Implementation is the ongoing life of the Church and her people after the Plenary Council sessions. Preparation for the Plenary Council begins with open Listening and Dialogue. It is the first step to preparing the agenda for the Plenary Council. All people connected with the Catholic Church are invited to reflect on the question: "What do you think God is asking of us in Australia at this time?" For more information, visit <http://evangelisationbrisbane.org.au/parishes/plenary/>.

Fr. Anthony

The Wisdom of Pope Francis

Within the framework of holiness offered by the Beatitudes, I would like to mention a few signs or spiritual attitudes that, in my opinion, are necessary if we are to understand the way of life to which the Lord calls us. The first of these great signs is solid grounding in the God who loves and sustains us. This source of inner strength enables us to persevere amid life's ups and downs, but also to endure hostility, betrayal and failings on the part of others. "If God is for us, who is against us?" this is the source of the peace found in the saints.

Clayfield Conversations

Recently, Pope Francis issued a letter addressed to the people of God regarding the continued issues of the sexual abuse crisis. Over the coming weeks, the letter will be published in full in the newsletter. Here is Part I.

Letter of His Holiness Pope Francis to the People of God



“If one member suffers, all suffer together with it” (1 Cor 12:26). These words of Saint Paul forcefully echo in my heart as I acknowledge once more the suffering endured by many minors due to sexual abuse, the abuse of power and the abuse of conscience perpetrated by a significant number of clerics and consecrated persons. Crimes that inflict deep wounds of pain and powerlessness, primarily among the victims, but also in their family members and in the larger community of believers and nonbelievers alike. Looking back to the past, no effort to beg pardon and to seek to repair the harm done will ever be sufficient. Looking ahead to the future, no effort must be spared to create a culture able to prevent such situations from happening, but also to prevent the possibility of their being covered up and perpetuated. The pain of the victims and their families is also our pain, and so it is urgent that we once more reaffirm our commitment to ensure the protection of minors and of vulnerable adults.

1. If one member suffers...

In recent days, a report was made public which detailed the experiences of at least a thousand survivors, victims of sexual abuse, the abuse of power and of conscience at the hands of priests over a period of approximately seventy years. Even though it can be said that most of these cases belong to the past, nonetheless as time goes on we have come to know the pain of many of the victims. We have realized that these wounds never disappear and that they require us forcefully to condemn these atrocities and join forces in uprooting this culture of death; these wounds never go away. The heart-wrenching pain of these victims, which cries out to heaven, was long ignored, kept quiet or silenced. But their outcry was more powerful than all the measures meant to silence it, or sought even to resolve it by decisions that increased its gravity by falling into complicity. The Lord heard that cry and once again showed us on which side he stands. Mary’s song is not mistaken and continues quietly to echo throughout history. For the Lord remembers the promise he made to our fathers: “he has scattered the proud in their conceit; he has cast down the mighty from their thrones and lifted up the lowly; he has filled the hungry with good things, and the rich he has sent away empty” (Lk 1:51-53). We feel shame when we realize that our style of life has denied, and continues to deny, the words we recite.

With shame and repentance, we acknowledge as an ecclesial community that we were not where we should have been, that we did not act in a timely manner, realizing the magnitude and the gravity of the damage done to so many lives. We showed no care for the little ones; we abandoned them. I make my own the words of the then Cardinal Ratzinger when, during the Way of the Cross composed for Good Friday 2005, he identified with the cry of pain of so many victims and exclaimed: “How much filth there is in the Church, and even among those who, in the priesthood, ought to belong entirely to [Christ]! How much pride, how much self-complacency! Christ’s betrayal by his disciples, their unworthy reception of his body and blood, is certainly the greatest suffering endured by the Redeemer; it pierces his heart. We can only call to him from the depths of our hearts: *Kyrie eleison – Lord, save us!* (cf. Mt 8:25)” (Ninth Station).

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.

IGNITE CONFERENCE 2018: “EMPTY”

27 - 30 September 2018 - Contact Ignite Youth on 07 3217 5199 or email info@igniteconference.com.au.

Full information, videos and registration online at www.igniteconference.com.au.

Registrations close 7 September.

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.

In our prayers we remember



Those who have died recently :

Irene Daniels, Rita Bentil, Barbara Moynihan, Neville Rashford, Clare Douglas, Fr Harry Bliss, Bill Tunny, Paul Gaynor, Marie Clarita Roe

Those whose anniversaries occur about now:

Bernadette Comerford, Robert Maguire, Frank Maguire, 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

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.

Our Church, our community. Doing good.

Next weekend our parish will do a special collection for the **Annual Catholic Campaign**, to support the vital ministries in our Church.

It is the one time a year that all of the parishes in the Archdiocese come together to help vital works of our church and local community.



HOLY SPIRIT SEMINARY



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"Be doers of the word and not hearers only..." JAMES 1:22

CHILD PROTECTION WEEK 2018

Queensland Child Protection Week is held during the first full week of September each year. Schools, businesses, community groups and government organisations come together, to consider how best to promote the value of children and focus attention on issues of child abuse and neglect. Children are a gift from God and must be protected from harm of every kind. Many Archdiocesan personnel through their ministries and services are in a unique position to identify child abuse and neglect and to do something about it. The Archdiocese expects all personnel, including clergy, employees and volunteers to act upon concerns or complaints of abuse, and comply with reporting obligations.

Safeguarding is everyone's responsibility.

For the second time in two years, the Queensland Parliament will debate whether to make abortion legal. The draft bill will allow abortion until the day that a baby is born – late-term abortions will be legal in Queensland as long as two doctors agree that it "in all the circumstances, the termination should be performed". This will mean that social reasons will be enough for a legal abortion of a full-term baby. The Archdiocese wants to ensure that Queenslanders understand this new bill and have time to consider it.

We believe both lives matter and the bill should not go ahead.

Please visit our website to learn more: <https://community.actonit.com.au/aob/>.

Watch the video that the Archbishop has made on the abortion laws:

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=H6E7wAwtXv8>



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

5.00pm

7.00am

9.00am

5.30pm

READERS:

1/2 Sept	Jack Williamson Eric van der List	Rafael Chase Ruby Chase	Lauren McMullan Don Macpherson Amrita Moss	Life Teen Mass
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8/9 Sept	Cate Barrett Edward Foley	Aleira Egan Sr Cecily Foster	Dominic Ryan Lauren McMullan Joseph O'Brien	Life Teen Mass
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COMMUNION MINISTERS:

1/2 Sept	Edward Foley	Paulette Archer	<i>Volunteer</i>	Life Teen Mass
8/9 Sept	Ann Goves	Helen Roberts	Julianne Ryan	Life Teen Mass

"HOME" COMMUNION MINISTERS:

2 Sept	Karen Birtles
9 Sept	Marjorie Wessels

ORGANISTS:

1/2 Sept	<i>Volunteer</i>	<i>Volunteer</i>	Robyn Cuming	Life Teen Mass
8/9 Sept	<i>Volunteer</i>	<i>Volunteer</i>	Robyn Cuming	Life Teen Mass

ALTAR SERVERS:

1/2 Sept	Ella Shepherd	Lachlan Hinneberg	Joy Kordic Chelsy Waller	Caitlin Marshall Alex Oliveri
8/9 Sept	Billy Crutcher Dash Crutcher	<i>Volunteer/s</i>	<i>Volunteer/s</i>	Sophia Lazzarini Max Lazzarini

CHILDREN'S LITURGY:

2 Sept	Ewan McPherson & Lisa Sos
9 Sept	<i>No Children's Liturgy</i>

SANCTUARY CARERS:

15 Sept	Beverley O'Brien
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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 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.



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.

THE HOSPITALLER ORDER OF ST LAZARUS OF JERUSALEM

an ecumenical order - is holding a function BRUNCH on the GREEN Sunday 7 October 11am-2pm in the grounds of St Augustine's Anglican Church Racecourse Road Ascot. We raise money for charities who are not traditionally government funded. Anyone interested in receiving an invitation could contact Diane Andrews dachart@bigpond.com.au or phone 0412 529 854

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

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

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-Third Sunday in Ordinary Time - 9 September 2018
1st Reading: Isaiah 35:4-7; 2nd Reading: James 2:1-5; Gospel: Mark 7:31-37