



# ST. AGATHA'S PARISH

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## Twenty-Seventh Sunday in Ordinary Time (Yr. B) - 7<sup>th</sup> October 2018

### Readings

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

### WEEKDAY MASSES

Monday 8 October: 6.30am

Wednesday 10 October: 9am

Thursday 11 October: 9am

Friday 12 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 8<sup>th</sup>

School resumes

SVDP Meeting 5pm Parish Office

• Saturday 13<sup>th</sup> Sunday 14<sup>th</sup>

Catholic Mission Appeal

• Sunday 21<sup>st</sup>

P26 Mass 9am



### 2019 COLUMBAN ART CALENDARS

For sale at the Piety Stall  
\$9.00 each

October

Month of the  
Holy Rosary



*Jesus said, "Let the little children come to me; do not stop them; for it is to such as these that the kingdom of God belongs. I tell you solemnly, anyone who does not welcome the kingdom of God like a little child will never enter it." Then Jesus put his arms round them, laid his hands on them and gave them his blessing.*

Dear friends,

Jesus' words in this weekend's gospel seem harsh: "The man who divorces his wife and marries another is guilty of adultery against her. And if a woman divorces her husband and marries another she is guilty of adultery too." Jesus' words from two thousand years ago always need to be put into perspective. We all know people whose marriages have failed, and have remarried. They are among our family, our friends and our faith community. Given the nature of our society today, Jesus' vision can seem impossible.

In Jesus' time, people didn't necessarily get married for love and very few women had rights before the law. The ones that did were generally wealthy women from the priestly families. They could divorce their husbands, but the vast majority of women were seen as possessions of a male: their father, husband or son. A husband could draw up a divorce writ for any reason he wished and so force his wife out of their home into destitution or humiliate her by sending her back to her own family. No wonder Jesus lays down the law so strongly about fidelity and commitment in marriage. His new interpretation of the Law of Moses defended women's rights to dignity and security. Jesus' wasn't into disposal marriages because he rejected the idea that human beings themselves were disposable. Most marriages throughout human history have been less about love and more about social status. The idea of finding a "soulmate" is a relatively modern idea. Today, divorce and re-marriage is such a difficult issue because the circumstances of our world have changed greatly from Jesus' time. It is an immense pastoral dilemma for the church. On the one hand, we need to uphold the vision of marriage and say to young people that it is possible to live a faithful commitment in this ever-changing world. On the other hand, we all know how frail and fragile human relationships can be, and that some relationships simply don't receive the support they need from others at crucial moments and crumble under the pressures of modern life. People should never feel ashamed, or feel isolated from God, family or community because their marriage hasn't been sustainable in the way they hoped for and dreamed of.

At the end of today's gospel, Jesus welcomes and embraces the little children. When he notices that the disciples are attempting to turn them away, Jesus becomes annoyed, and tells them to stop, and says, "Let them come to me." I have no doubt that Jesus becomes indignant with us, the church, when we turn people away. One thing I do know about Jesus was his ability to reach-out to the lost and broken and lonely, and draw them back into community life. As a church, we need to do the same. May we, individually and communally, always follow his example and find ways of embracing and welcoming those who are hurting the most.

Fr. Anthony

### The Wisdom of Pope Francis

At times we have proposed a far too abstract and almost artificial theological ideal of marriage, far removed from the concrete situations and practical possibilities of real families. This excessive idealization, especially when we have failed to inspire trust in God's grace, has not helped to make marriage more desirable and attractive, but quite the opposite.

Currently under way in Rome is the Bishops' Synod on Young People. Below is an edited report about the synod written by Cindy Wooden of the Catholic News Service.

### **The Synod on Young People, Faith and Vocational Discernment**

ROME - To strengthen and support young people in the faith, members of the Synod of Bishops will need to listen to their real-life stories, interpret what they hear in the light of the Gospel and make decisions that will lead to an authentic renewal of the Catholic Church, said Brazilian Cardinal Sergio da Rocha.

"Often we hear voices that blame young people for moving away from the Church. But many of them have lived in situations that lead them to affirm that it was the Church that moved away from them," said da Rocha, archbishop of Brasilia and relator general of the Synod of Bishops 2018.

The Brazilian cardinal will introduce the work of the synod Oct. 3 and, midway through the gathering, will summarize the speeches individual bishops have made in the synod hall. The synod is meeting to discuss "young people, the faith and vocational discernment."

Introducing the synod at a news conference, Cardinal Lorenzo Baldisseri, synod general secretary, said it will have 267 voting members, including two bishops from mainland China. While Chinese bishops always have been invited to the synod, he said, the agreement signed by the Vatican and the Chinese government Sept. 22 made it possible for bishops to attend.

The synod's members include 15 heads of Eastern Catholic churches, 16 heads of Vatican offices, 15 members of the synod's permanent council, 181 members elected by national bishops' conferences and the men's Union of Superiors General and 40 members named by Pope Francis. Eighteen of the voting members are priests; two are religious brothers.

The synod released on Oct. 1 a new "Instruction of the Celebration of Synodal Assemblies and on the Activity of the Secretary General of the Synod of Bishops." The document specifies that religious brothers may be voting members of a synod, but women may not. Baldisseri said, however, that the synod observers, which include women and 34 young people between the ages of 18 and 29, can participate in the synod's working groups and are encouraged to help formulate the synod's final resolutions.

The instruction and Francis's new constitution on the synods, which was published Sept. 18, looks to the future, but "first of all looks to the past, to the deposit of faith and the tradition of the Church," the cardinal said. "It is the structure of the Church for a synod of bishops. Obviously, there is an increasing effort to involve the entire people of God."

Asked whether the ongoing clerical sexual abuse crisis should or will dominate the synod discussion, the cardinal said the synod is an opportunity to explain to young people and everyone that "this is not the Church."

"Certainly, the scandals in the Church that have come to light recently strike the mind and the heart," the cardinal said, but he is certain young people are "able to understand human fragility. I honestly do not think it (the scandal) is an impediment" to the synod's task, he said. "In fact, perhaps it is an occasion to awaken the Church." Having bishops from around the world gathered in Rome with the pope, Baldisseri said, "is a unique opportunity to explain and help young people and adults understand what the Church is. The Church is not represented by some who make mistakes."

### **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 come along to supper after the 5.30pm Mass this Sunday 7 October to register or contact Anne O'Connor phone: 04 1979 6988, email: [longreachoconnor@gmail.com](mailto:longreachoconnor@gmail.com).

For more information visit [catholiccollective.org.au](http://catholiccollective.org.au). Bookings are essential so please let us know by 16 October.

### **CATHOLIC MISSION APPEAL**

Next weekend (13/14 October) our parish will be holding the annual **Catholic Mission Church Appeal**. This year we are invited to help to heal a nation through education in Myanmar. Led by Cardinal Charles Maung Bo, the Church is developing an alternative system of quality education, with comprehensive teacher training programs and the establishment of new schools, especially in remote areas. It has been called an "education revolution", and the potential impact is far-reaching. Please come prepared next weekend and give generously to this important work. 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](http://catholicmission.org.au/Myanmar)

### **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.



## *In our prayers we remember*



### *Those who have died recently:*

Terry Maguire, Cecil Bendall, Ugo Sirianni, John Ruddy, Brenda Caitlin

### *Those whose anniversaries occur about now:*

Honorable Bruce McPherson, May Schuh, Bill Howard, Ken Russell

### *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](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 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](mailto: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](http://www.palms.org.au/events)  
or contact Palms on 02 9560 5333



**SATURDAY 13 OCTOBER at 2pm**  
Meeting at Speakers' Corner (outside  
Parliament House), 15 George St, Brisbane

We RALLY AGAINST the  
LATE-TERM ABORTION BILL.

"So out of the ground the Lord God formed every beast of the field and every bird of the air, and brought them to the man to see what he would call them; and whatever the man called every living creature, that was its name." GENESIS 2:19



**Plenary Council 2020**  
Listen to what the Spirit is saying...

### **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:

6/7 Oct	Jack Williamson Ann Goves	Kirsty Stevens Kirsty Stevens	Don Macpherson Lauren McMullan Joseph O'Brien	Life Teen Mass
13/14 Oct	Marian Nolan Phil Zammit	Andrew Douglas Anne O'Connor	To be confirmed	Life Teen Mass

### COMMUNION MINISTERS:

6/7 Oct	Volunteer	Volunteer	Christine Iannarella Amrita Moss	Life Teen Mass Life Teen Mass
13/14 Oct	Jan Zammit	Paulette Archer		

### "HOME" COMMUNION MINISTERS:

7 Oct	Lisa Carter
14 Oct	Georgia Allan

### ORGANISTS:

6/7 Oct	Volunteer	Volunteer	Jenny McKeon Robyn Cuming	Life Teen Mass Life Teen Mass
13/14 Oct	Volunteer	Volunteer		

### ALTAR SERVERS:

6/7 Oct	Volunteer/s	Volunteer/s	Volunteer/s	Volunteer/s
13/14 Oct	Eve Ryan Claire Ryan	Volunteer/s	Bart Marino Cebulski	Max Lazzarini Sophia Lazzarini

### CHILDREN'S LITURGY:

7 Oct	No Children's Liturgy - School Holidays
14 Oct	To be confirmed

### SANCTUARY CARERS:

20 Oct	Beverley O'Brien
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"The saints do not waste energy complaining about the failings of others; they can hold their tongue before the faults of their brothers and sisters and avoid the verbal violence that demeans and mistreats others." (GE 116)  
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 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.

### 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

## You're invited to Carers 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](http://centacarebrisbane.net.au)



**Parish office will be closed  
Wednesday 17 October**



October is  
Breast Cancer  
Awareness  
Month

Catholic Psychiatric Pastoral Care  
invites you to a  
Mass  
to celebrate



'VALUE MENTAL HEALTH'

FRIDAY 12 OCTOBER 2018 AT 1:00PM  
ST PATRICK'S CHURCH FORTITUDE VALLEY  
(Corner of McLachlan and Morgan Streets)  
Light refreshments will follow Mass.  
PARKING IS AVAILABLE IN CHURCH GROUNDS



### PETRIE CATHOLIC PARISH

The Parish has a building at Petrie to rent out. It has 6 rooms, which can be used for office space, larger rooms for meetings, reception area, plenty of storage as well as a secure 2 car garage and there are also allocated parking spaces that comes with the building. We are walking distance from Petrie Train / Bus Station.

For more information, please contact the Parish Office on 32856759 or email [petrie@bne.catholic.net.au](mailto:petrie@bne.catholic.net.au)



**Readings - Twenty-Eighth Sunday in Ordinary Time - 14 October 2018**  
**1st Reading: Wisdom 7:7-11; 2nd Reading: Hebrews 4:12-13; Gospel: Mark 10:17-30**