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Twenty-Third Sunday in Ordinary Time (Yr. B) - 9th September 2018

Readings

1st Reading: Isaiah 35:4-7; 2nd Reading: James 2:1-5; Gospel: Mark 7:31-37

WEEKDAY MASSES

Monday 10 September: 6.30am

Wednesday 12 September: 9am

Thursday 13 September: 9am

Saint John Chrysostom

Year 2 Mass

Friday 14 September: 9am

The Exaltation of the Holy Cross

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 17th

SVDP Meeting 5pm Parish Office

• Monday 17th

Youth Ministry Meeting 6.45pm

Parish Office

• Sunday 30th

Social Justice Sunday

This weekend
 we welcome
 Fr Damien Everitt
 for the
 5.30pm Mass.



2018 ANNUAL

CATHOLIC CAMPAIGN

Our Church ■ Our Mission ■ Our Community

My brothers and sisters, do you with your acts of favouritism really believe in our glorious Lord Jesus Christ? For if a person with gold rings and in fine clothes comes into your assembly, and if a poor person in dirty clothes also comes in, and if you take notice of the one wearing the fine clothes and say, "Have a seat here, please," while to the one who is poor you say, "Stand there," or; "Sit at my feet," have you not made distinctions among yourselves, and become judges with evil thoughts?

Dear friends,

During today's Mass, we will hear a specially prepared homily from Archbishop Mark Coleridge and will be holding a collection for the Annual Catholic Campaign. This Campaign happens just once a year and involves every parish across our Archdiocese coming together to expand the Church's capacity to care.

Funds raised will support ministries that directly impact this parish. The Campaign supports training future priests, caring for elderly priests when they are no longer able to serve our parish, helping families access a Catholic education and caring for those suffering physically and emotionally in our local community. Archbishop Coleridge reinforces this in his homily: "I ask you today to support the Campaign and, in particular, to consider a regular monthly gift of an amount meaningful to you, by which I mean something more than loose change. Any funds raised by the Campaign will be carefully spent – and will be spent only on those services proper to the Annual Catholic Campaign."

We need your support. When making a gift please put your donation inside the envelope so it remains separate from the parish collection. If you add your details to the envelope you will receive a tax receipt in the mail. Over the past years, our parish has given generously and together we have made a lasting impact on the lives of so many people in our community. Thank you for your generosity and for making sure our Church is here to help in times of need.

Fr. Anthony

The Wisdom of Pope Francis

We need to recognize and combat our aggressive and selfish inclinations, and not let them take root. Christians too can be caught up in networks of verbal violence through the internet and the various forums of digital communication. Even in Catholic media, limits can be overstepped, defamation and slander can become commonplace, and all ethical standards and respect for the good name of others can be abandoned. The result is a dangerous dichotomy, since things can be said there that would be unacceptable in public discourse, and people look to compensate for their own discontent by lashing out at others.

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 2.

Letter of His Holiness Pope Francis to the People of God

2. ... all suffer together with it



The extent and the gravity of all that has happened requires coming to grips with this reality in a comprehensive and communal way. While it is important and necessary on every journey of conversion to acknowledge the truth of what has happened, in itself this is not enough. Today we are challenged as the People of God to take on the pain of our brothers and sisters wounded in their flesh and in their spirit. If, in the past, the response was one of omission, today we want solidarity, in the deepest and most challenging sense, to become our way of forging present and future history. And this in an environment where conflicts, tensions and above all the victims of every type of abuse can encounter an outstretched hand to protect them and rescue them from their pain. Such solidarity demands that we in turn condemn whatever endangers the integrity of any person. A solidarity that summons us to fight all forms of corruption, especially spiritual corruption. The latter is “a comfortable and self-satisfied form of blindness. Everything then appears acceptable: deception, slander, egotism and other subtle forms of self-centeredness, for ‘even Satan disguises himself as an angel of light’. Saint Paul’s exhortation to suffer with those who suffer is the best antidote against all our attempts to repeat the words of Cain: “Am I my brother’s keeper?”.

I am conscious of the effort and work being carried out in various parts of the world to come up with the necessary means to ensure the safety and protection of the integrity of children and of vulnerable adults, as well as implementing zero tolerance and ways of making all those who perpetrate or cover up these crimes accountable. We have delayed in applying these actions and sanctions that are so necessary, yet I am confident that they will help to guarantee a greater culture of care in the present and future.

Together with those efforts, every one of the baptized should feel involved in the ecclesial and social change that we so greatly need. This change calls for a personal and communal conversion that makes us see things as the Lord does. For as Saint John Paul II liked to say: “If we have truly started out anew from the contemplation of Christ, we must learn to see him especially in the faces of those with whom he wished to be identified”. To see things as the Lord does, to be where the Lord wants us to be, to experience a conversion of heart in his presence. To do so, prayer and penance will help. I invite the entire holy faithful People of God to a penitential exercise of prayer and fasting, following the Lord’s command. This can awaken our conscience and arouse our solidarity and commitment to a culture of care that says “never again” to every form of abuse.

It is impossible to think of a conversion of our activity as a Church that does not include the active participation of all the members of God’s People. Indeed, whenever we have tried to replace, or silence, or ignore, or reduce the People of God to small elites, we end up creating communities, projects, theological approaches, spiritualities and structures without roots, without memory, without faces, without bodies and ultimately, without lives. This is clearly seen in a peculiar way of understanding the Church’s authority, one common in many communities where sexual abuse and the abuse of power and conscience have occurred. Such is the case with clericalism, an approach that “not only nullifies the character of Christians, but also tends to diminish and undervalue the baptismal grace that the Holy Spirit has placed in the heart of our people”.

Clericalism, whether fostered by priests themselves or by lay persons, leads to an excision in the ecclesial body that supports and helps to perpetuate many of the evils that we are condemning today. To say “no” to abuse is to say an emphatic “no” to all forms of clericalism.

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>

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 :

Elaine Thomas, Vince McCahon, Sr Joan Wynne, Mary Rose Fraser, Irene Daniels, Rita Bentil, Barbara Moynihan, Neville Rashford, Clare Douglas

Those whose anniversaries occur about now:

Jim Cumming, Bernadette Comerford, Robert Maguire, Frank Maguire

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

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 0417792212.

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

Our Church, our community. Doing good.

This weekend our parish is holding a special collection for the **Annual Catholic Campaign**, in support of the vital ministries in our Church.



HOLY SPIRIT
SEMINARY



CENTACARE



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PRIESTS
FOUNDATION

It's the one time a year that all of the parishes in the Archdiocese pull together to help build these good works of our Church and local community.

Please consider a thoughtful gift.

It will be the answer to someone's prayer.



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Support the good works of the Church.

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catholiccampaign.com.au

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ST JOHN FISHER COLLEGE

ALUMNI

Afternoon Tea

SATURDAY 13 OCTOBER

2 : 0 0 P M – 4 : 0 0 P M

ST JOHN FISHER COLLEGE
JOHN FISHER DRIVE
BRACKEN RIDGE QLD 4017

Our former students, near and far, are making a huge mark on the world. We would like to invite them all to this afternoon tea to meet and share stories with other former Fisher Girls whilst taking a tour of the College.

Champagne and light refreshments will be served.

RSVP

Please email sjfc@bne.catholic.edu.au for more information and to RSVP by 21/9/18 or visit us on [facebook](https://www.facebook.com/sjfc)

PARISH ROSTERS

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



	5.00pm	7.00am	9.00am	5.30pm
READERS:				
8/9 Sept	Ann Goves Edward Foley	Aleira Egan Sr Cecily Foster	Dominic Ryan Lauren McMullan Joseph O'Brien	Life Teen Mass
15/16 Sept	Graham Gibson Julie-Anne Gibson	Anne O'Connor Annette Riba	Joseph O'Brien Wilma O'Connell Volunteer	Life Teen Mass
COMMUNION MINISTERS:				
8/9 Sept	Ann Goves	Helen Roberts	Julianne Ryan	Life Teen Mass
15/16 Sept	Volunteer	Volunteer	Christine Iannarella	
"HOME" COMMUNION MINISTERS:				
9 Sept		Marjorie Wessels		
16 Sept		Georgia Allan		
ORGANISTS:				
8/9 Sept	Volunteer	Volunteer	Robyn Cuming	Life Teen Mass
15/16 Sept	Volunteer	Volunteer	Jenny McKeon	Life Teen Mass
ALTAR SERVERS:				
8/9 Sept	Billy Crutcher Dash Crutcher	Volunteer/s	Volunteer/s	Sophia Lazzarini Max Lazzarini
15/16 Sept	Eve Ryan Claire Ryan	Joseph Douglas	Charlotte Shepherd Felicity Shepherd Sophia Perkins	Bart Marino Ella Shepherd
CHILDREN'S LITURGY:				
9 Sept			No Children's Liturgy	
16 Sept			No Children's Liturgy	
SANCTUARY CARERS:				
15 Sept	Beverley O'Brien			

"Do not be afraid of holiness. It will take away none of your energy, vitality or joy." (GE32)

- 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.



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

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 HOSPITALER 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

THANK YOU!!!

Thank you to everyone who donated to our Farmer's Drought Appeal. A fantastic total of \$740.00 was raised. Thank you also to all the children who wrote beautiful messages of hope!! Be assured that these messages will be sent on next week to the farmers. Will keep you posted



Readings - Twenty-Fourth Sunday in Ordinary Time - 16 September 2018

1st Reading: Isaiah 50:5-9; 2nd Reading: James 2:14-18; Gospel: Mark 8:27-35