



ST. AGATHA'S PARISH

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Fourth Sunday in Ordinary Time (Year C) - 3rd February 2019

Readings

1st Reading: Jeremiah 1:4-5, 17-19; 2nd Reading: 1 Corinthians 12:31-13:13; Gospel: Luke 4:21-30

WEEKDAY MASSES

Monday 4 February: 9.00am
Tuesday 5 February: 9.00am
St Agatha's Feast day Mass
Wednesday 6 February: 9am
Thursday 7 February: 9am
Friday 8 February: 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

FEBRUARY

Monday 4th

SVDP Meeting
5pm Parish Office
Sacramental team meeting
7pm Parish Office

Tuesday 5th

Feast of St Agatha Mass
9.00am

Wednesday 6th

RCIA 7pm Parish office

Friday 8th

Library committee meeting

HAPPY PATRON SAINT'S DAY TO ALL PARISHIONERS, YOUR FAMILIES AND FRIENDS.

I hope you are able to attend the Parish gathering at St Agatha's Primary School after the 9.00am Mass today. Much preparation has gone into the activities and refreshments that will be available.

No doubt after the wonderful Parish centenary celebrations last year many people are now more familiar with the story of St Agatha. Born in Sicily around 231 she was a young woman of devout Christian faith. According to legend she was the daughter of a prominent family and was very beautiful. The Roman prefect Quintianus, who was of low birth, wished to marry her but Agatha refused him. As Christians were being persecuted under the Roman Emperor Decius Quintianus had Agatha arrested and taken before the judge. He was the judge! Despite being sent to a brothel, undergoing terrible torture and having her breasts removed Agatha remained faithful to her love of Jesus Christ and her belief in Christ's constant companionship. Agatha is believed to have died in prison in 253. The word Agatha comes from the Greek word for *good* and the life-story of this good and courageous woman soon spread and become a source of inspiration to many people who face all sorts of challenges. Because of the torture Agatha experienced she is the patron saint of those who are living with breast cancer. In Sicily this week, especially in Catania where Agatha is buried there will be at least three days of celebrations! A lovely coincidence is that relatives of parishioners of St Agatha's Clayfield are residents of Catania in Sicily. What is the significance of a Patron Saint? I suppose that is best answered by asking what's in a name. I have never known a parent to explain the choice of their child's name by saying it was the first thing that came to mind. Much time and love goes into that profound choice for the child and the bible tells us that God knows each of us by name. Well we carry the name Agatha as does our primary school and many parish ministry groups. May her love of Jesus and her bond to all who carry her name and story inspire goodness and courage in everything we say and do. Fr Kevin

HISTORICAL CONTEXT - *Theophilus*

The gospel of Luke and the Acts of the Apostles are written by the same person, or at least the same community. They are often regarded as a single work - Luke-Acts - as one flows directly into the other. Both books begin with an inscription to Theophilus. The Greek name, Theophilus, translates as 'lover of God'. Some scholars suggest that the name is a pseudonym for any lover of God or someone in particular whose identity must be shielded. Other argue that Theophilus was an influential Roman who had taken a great interest in the early Christian movement.

Fourth Sunday in Ordinary Time

Nazara was a village of 300-400 people and it had a small town mentality. The inhabitants were enraged when Jesus found good precedent for extending his saving mission to foreigners outside the community of the Chosen People. Jesus embodied the boundary-breaking nature of God's grace.

Many Christians recite the old formula: 'No salvation outside the Church.' But we Catholics believe that, by responding to God's (often anonymous) grace, a person can lead a good life which prepares them for heavenly glory.

This means that the billions around the world who will never hear the Gospel, or who hear it distorted through the megaphone of an alien culture, can be saved. There is no limit/boundary to the Merciful God's finding a way into the hearts of all human beings.

We could take a moment to pray in gratitude for our graced privilege of being members of the Church, nourished within it by the Sacraments and the Gospel, but whose boundaries can never circumscribe the mercy of God.

© Fr Michael Tate



Feast Of St Agatha

Tuesday 5 February

There will be a whole school mass on at 9am
in honour of St Agatha.

Amongst other things **Saint Agatha** is the patron saint of breast cancer; Born in the third century to a noble family in Sicily, **Agatha** was a very beautiful woman, She refused marriage proposals from many suitors having dedicated her life to God at a very early age.. She was tortured and imprisoned for her beliefs but showed great courage, strength and commitment to her faith. Pictured below is the [Festival of Saint Agatha](#) in [Catania](#) (1915)

This weekend we will come together as a community to honour & celebrate the life of St Agatha.



Reflection

I may have good looks and many talents,
I may have the friendliest smile and the warmest laughter.

I may be top of my class
But if I don't have love, I am nothing.
Love is more than words,
more than sentiment;
Love shows itself in action and attitude.

If I visit my sick neighbours;
Run messages for those who are housebound.
If I look after my little brother without complaint
Or even take out the garbage for Mum
I am showing real love.
Love is more than words,
more than sentiment;
Love shows itself in action and attitude.

If I refuse to bully others;
If I avoid violence and aggression;
If I treat others gently, speaking with kindness and concern;
If I accept those who are different from me
My actions and attitudes show real love.

Love is more than words,
more than sentiment;
Love is kind words, generous deeds,
caring compassion.
Love is thoughtfulness and forgiveness,
Friendship and acceptance.
Love is all there is and all there can be.



DONATION OF FABRIC SAMPLES FOR SCHOOLS

DONATION OF FABRIC SAMPLES FOR FUNDRAISING or ART/CRAFT ACTIVITIES

ANDERSONS WINDOW FURNISHINGS
40 Corunna St, Albion
(Off Mill St which runs down beside Bunnings Albion).

DATE CLAIMER

World Day of Prayer
Friday 1 March 2019, 10am
St Augustine's Anglican Church,
Hamilton
'SLOVENIA'
Come - Everything is Ready

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. Phone Anne O'Connor:

3256 6013 or 0419796988. Visit Aggies Youth: <https://www.facebook.com/aggiesyouth>

Join us for our first supper of the year on Sunday 3 February after the 5.30pm Mass.

In our prayers we remember



Those who have died recently:

Winifred Eustace-Earle, Patricia Norman, Helen Arkadieff

Those whose anniversaries occur about now:

Sarina Caruso, Avril Niemeyer, Murray Perry, Sally Perry, Carmel Perry & Geoffrey Perry

Those who are sick:

Joseph Tam, Harrison (Harry) Wiseman, Bryan Weaver, Val Barrett, Lorraine Douglas, Alexander Clark, Rosemary Douglas, Danielle Johnson, 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, Mel Purwo, Hellen Passente

Reminder to let us know when names are no longer required to be shown on the sick list.

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.

CENTENARY MERCHANDISE FOR SALE

White wine, Sparkling or Port \$15 a bottle; Hessian bags \$10
Tea towels \$10; Shopping lists \$2; Pens \$1.50; Keyrings \$2.50
Fridge magnets \$1.50
Pen, keyring and fridge magnet \$5
Order forms are available at the back of the Church. Please complete and email or drop off to the Parish Office.

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. 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

VOLUNTEERS NEEDED - Vacancies to be filled in the following Ministries:

Hospitality, Welcomers at Mass, Altar Servers, Counters and Communion Ministers. Please contact the Parish Office 3262 2859 for more information or email: clayfield@bne.catholic.net.au

Our parish has implemented the Archdiocesan Safeguarding Children and Vulnerable Adults policy.

We are committed to high standards of recruitment, screening and selection of all of our employees and volunteers and undertake intentional strategies to maintain a safe and healthy ministry environment for all.

St Agatha's Parish Sacramental Program - 2019

RECONCILIATION

For children in Grade 5

ENROLMENT WEEKEND: 16/17 February at any of the Masses

Saturday 5.00pm; Sunday 7.00am, 9.00am & 5.30pm

1st Rite of Reconciliation: 16 March 4pm & 17 March 4.30pm

For further information call Jane Cameron at the parish office: 3262 2859

PLENARY COUNCIL 2020 Listen to what the Spirit is saying...

The last time the Catholic Church in Australia held a Plenary Council was in 1937. It has been more than 80 years since we gathered all of the Church together and much has changed. In 2020, we will have a Plenary Council about the future of the Catholic Church in Australia.

What are we called to do? Who are we called to be? How do we need to change?

The journey toward the Plenary Council will help us to prepare to listen to God by listening to one another. We invite all people to engage, to be a part of the listening and dialogue encounter in the next two years. <http://plenarycouncil.catholic.org.au>



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

PARISH ROSTERS

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

5.00pm

7.00am

9.00am

5.30pm

READERS:

2/3 Feb

Cate Barrett
Jenny Close

Mark Burton
Andrew Douglas

Dominic Ryan
Clare Smethurst
Chanelle White
P26 Mass

Life Teen Mass

9/10 Feb

Edward Foley
Ann Goves

Nick Eden
Dianne Eden

P26 Mass

Life Teen Mass

COMMUNION MINISTERS:

2/3 Feb

Ann Goves

Volunteer

Volunteer

Life Teen Mass

9/10 Feb

Jan Zammit

Paulette Archer

P26 Mass

Lifeteen Mass

Julianne Ryan

"HOME" COMMUNION MINISTERS:

3 Feb

Lisa Carter

10 Feb

Anna Coventry

ORGANISTS:

2/3 Feb

Volunteer

Volunteer

Jenny McKeon

Life Teen Mass

9/10 Feb

Volunteer

Volunteer

Robyn & Paul

Lifeteen Mass

ALTAR SERVERS:

2/3 Feb

Xavier Coorey
Dominic Coorey

Volunteers

Bart Marino
Amelia Marino

Caitlin Marshall

9/10 Feb

Eve Ryan
Claire Ryan

Volunteers

P26 Mass

Alex Oliveri
Volunteers

CHILDREN'S LITURGY: Recommences 24 February (9am Mass)

HOSPITALITY

10 Feb

Adrian Taylor

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.

A VOCATION VIEW: The word of God
becomes the flesh of God when YOU live
it in your life. Believe what you read; live
what you believe. Be Christ to another.

POSITION VACANT – PARISH SECRETARY

Applications are open for a position at the Goodna Parish. A person
with excellent administration and financial skills is required for a part
time fixed term contract for 12 months for the position of Parish
Secretary working 24 hours a week working 4 or 5 days per week.
Applications close 31 January 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 main-
tain a safe and healthy environment. Our commitment to these standards requires that we con-
duct background referencing for all persons who will engage in direct and regular involvement
with children, young people and/or vulnerable adults.

ST AGATHA'S SCHOOL PREP ENROLMENTS FOR 2020

APPLICATIONS FOR SIBLINGS & NON SIBLINGS

If you have a **Prep** child born between 1/7/14 – 30/6/15, they are eligible to commence Prep in 2020.

The enrolment process for Prep 2020 commences at the beginning of 2019.

PREP SIBLING APPLICATIONS CLOSE – FRIDAY 15th FEBRUARY, 2019.

PREP NON SIBLING APPLICATIONS CLOSE – MONDAY 18th MARCH, 2019.

Please note all applications are submitted online via our website www.stagathasclayfield.qld.edu.au.

If you would like your child included in the enrolments for Prep 2020 please register online.



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Dinner | Festival | Rally

Connect with teenagers
across the Archdiocese
for massive worship and
extraordinary encounters.

6.30-9.30pm | 22 Feb

Somerville House

17 Graham St, South Brisbane

Children's Liturgy of the Word
recommences 24 February at the 9am Mass.
Suitable for children aged 4 – 8



More details available at:
www.igniteyouth.com/fridaynightlive
facebook.com/igyouth | 07 3217 5199



Readings - Fifth Sunday in Ordinary Time (Year C) - 10 February 2019

1st Reading: Isiah 6:1-8 2nd Reading: 1 Corinthians 15:1-11; Gospel: Luke 5:1-11