



ST. AGATHA'S PARISH

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Second Sunday in Ordinary Time (Year C) - 20th January 2019

Readings

1st Reading: Isaiah 40:1-5, 9-11; 2nd Reading: Titus 2:11-14; 3:4-7; Gospel: Luke 3:15-16, 21-22

WEEKDAY MASSES

Monday 21 January: 6.30am

Saint Agnes

Wednesday 23 January: 9am

Thursday 24 January: 9am
Saint Francis De Sales

Friday 25 January: 9am
The Conversion of Saint Paul

WEEKEND MASSES

Saturday 5.00pm

(1st Rite of Reconciliation:
Saturday 4.30pm)

Sunday 7.00am

9.00am

5.30pm

Rosary before Mass.

Parish Calendar

JANUARY

• **Monday 21st**

SVDP Meeting 5pm Parish Office

• **Saturday 26th**

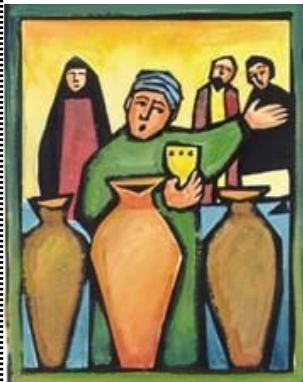
Australia Day celebrations following the 5pm Mass

• **Monday 28th**

Australia Day Public Holiday Mass 9.00am

• **Wednesday 30th**

School resumes



Dear friends,

Thank you once again for the kind and sincere welcome I have received from everyone here at St Agatha's Parish. I am settling in and some of the big issues are being dealt with successfully such as getting up during the night and remembering where the light switch is so that I don't break my neck on the way to the bathroom!

Arriving in the parish at this time of year does have its advantages. It is quieter in many ways and the pace of life is not too stressful. However I am well aware that this will soon change. The school year will soon be underway with teaching staff commencing professional development days this week. Their preparations will make way for the arrival of children who commence their academic year the following week. We keep them all in our prayers.

With Lent being a little later this year, since Ash Wednesday is March 6th, we have more time to prepare for the wonderful seasons of Lent and Easter. In the meantime the Sundays and weekdays in the church calendar are given the name Ordinary Time. This is not because they are mundane and predictable but rather they are numbered in an ordinal fashion; first, second, third, etc.

The seasons in the church calendar usually concentrate on a particular aspect of Christ's life and mission, for example His birth over the Christmas season and or His resurrection during the six weeks of Easter. The Sundays of Ordinary Time enable the sisters and brothers of Christ to honour the mystery of Christ in its fullness. Plenty of extraordinary things can happen during Ordinary Time.

God bless,
Fr Kevin

GOSPEL FOCUS - *The best wine*

The steward comments that the best wine had been kept until the end of the wedding celebration - a clever use of an image for Jesus. Remembering the use of wedding imagery to describe the relationship between the people of Israel and God, the wedding feast is celebration of that relationship, and at the very heart of the celebration and the relationship is Jesus. He is best wine that is kept until the end - the 'finishing touch' to a magnificent celebration, just as he is the 'finishing touch' to the relationship between God and God's people to that point.

Clayfield Conversations

Second Sunday in Ordinary Time

Today's gospel ends: 'He let his glory *be seen*.' Where? In a nondescript Galilean village at a wedding feast about to become a disaster for the couple. The wine is running out. A fiasco is impending. A hero was needed to step in and save the situation. Jesus and Mary are good candidates for hero status.

But, it is the servants who are the unsung heroes. They take a huge risk. They are going to look utterly stupid if they give the steward water to ladle out. Nevertheless, they follow the stranger's directions exactly and end up serving the best of wines, saving the couple from terrible embarrassment.

The Divine Glory is not going to enter people's lives with great pyrotechnics. Rather, when we do as Jesus requires, even if it looks ridiculous to the crowd, His healing and enhancing Presence can enter and save a situation of apparent disaster.

We could pause for a moment to pray for a certain naïve trust in the Lord as we follow his directions, so that Cana may enter someone's life, so that His glory may be seen... © Fr Michael Tate



AUSTRALIA DAY CELEBRATIONS

Join us for a wine and cheese supper on Saturday 26 January after the 5pm Mass.



Fr Kevin Smith

and

The Community and Mission Council

invite you to the

St Agatha's Feast Day Mass and Celebrations

SUNDAY 3rd February 2019

*Mass at 9am followed by a Family Fun Day
at the Presentation Centre, St. Agatha's School*

There will be:

*Sausage sizzle, french pastries,
fruit platters and cold drinks.*

"Old School, Back to School" children's games

Budding artist corner.

Entry Cost: \$5 per person

Coffee & Tea can be purchased via coffee van.

Book your tickets now via the following link:

<https://www.stickytickets.com.au/81043>

For catering purposes, please RSVP by 30 January

For any enquiries contact the parish office

on 3262 2859 or email: clayfield@bne.catholic.net.au

THANK YOU

The St Agatha's Clayfield SVDP Conference would like to thank Parishioners and St Agatha's and St Rita's schools, for their generous donations of both money and food items to the 2018 Christmas Appeal. The people that we assist greatly appreciate the help given to them. The Conference is now in a good position to assist those who call during 2019.

The Conference always welcomes new members. The next Conference meeting will be on Monday 21 January at 5pm, at the Parish Office. Any enquiries, please phone John 0408 985 709.

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.

DATE CLAIMER World Day of Prayer
Friday 1 March 2019, 10am
St Augustine's Anglican Church, Hamilton
'SLOVENIA'

Come - Everything is Ready

In our prayers we remember



Those who have died recently:

Patricia Norman, Geoffrey Pie

Those whose anniversaries occur about now:

Tom McCormack, Philip Collins, Sue McSweeney, Peter Stephensen, Dominican Tran Huu Duc, Eric O'Hagan, Margaret Bowden, Jack Bowden, Craig Andrews, Blue Doyle

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

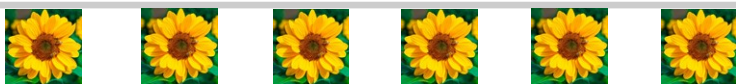
Reminder to let us know when names are no longer required to be shown on the sick list.

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.

CHRISTMAS RAFFLE Thank you to everyone who purchased tickets in our Christmas Raffle.

A total of \$932 was raised. Our lucky winners were:
Donald Cameron and Jim Fabish.

 With great joy we welcome **Henry Lockwood, Benjamin McCarthy and Primrose Morahan**  who will be baptised this weekend.



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:

stagathacentenarybook@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.

TRAINING FOR RELIGIOUS INSTRUCTORS IN STATE SCHOOLS

Saturday 2 February 9am-1pm | Nolan Hall, Leslie St, Nundah

Children in State schools are entitled to receive Religious Instruction each week. There are currently not enough volunteers prepared to provide this much needed service. It is very rewarding and the children look forward to seeing their Catechists bring them the Word of God. If you think you may be able to help, for as little as half an hour a week (or be an assistant or relief teacher), please join us to find out how you can share the Knowledge and Joy of Christ. Please bring some food to share for morning tea and lunch.

Quiet, supervised activities for any children you need to bring with you.

Call Genevieve 3256 7493; 0434 284 251 for further information

Other free training days and locations can be found at <https://www.qcrin.org/training>

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:

19/20 Jan	<i>Volunteer</i> Katrina Murphy	Anne O'Connor <i>Volunteer</i>	Don Macpherson Ryan Smethurst Tim Hancock	Life Teen Mass
26/27 Jan	Jack Williamson Phil Zammit	Kirsty Stevens Annette Riba	Joseph O'Brien Amrita Moss Wilma O'Connell	Life Teen Mass

COMMUNION MINISTERS:

19/20 Jan	Deborah Hall	<i>Volunteer</i>	<i>Volunteer</i>	Life Teen Mass
26/27 Jan	Jan Zammit	<i>Volunteer</i>	Amrita Moss	Life Teen Mass

"HOME" COMMUNION MINISTERS:

20 Jan	Tom & Jeannine Treston
27 Jan	Karen Birtles

ORGANISTS:

19/20 Jan	<i>Volunteer</i>	<i>Volunteer</i>	Robyn Cuming	Life Teen Mass
26/27 Jan	<i>Volunteer</i>	<i>Volunteer</i>	Jenny McKeon	Life Teen Mass

ALTAR SERVERS:

19/20 & 26/27 Jan	<i>Volunteer/s</i>	<i>Volunteer/s</i>	<i>Volunteer/s</i>	<i>Volunteer/s</i>
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CHILDREN'S LITURGY:

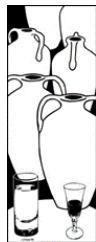
Recommences 24 February (9am Mass)

SANCTUARY CARERS:

2 Feb	Victor Podesta
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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 PREP SIBLINGS ENROLMENTS FOR 2020

If you have a *sibling* 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. Please note all applications are submitted online via our website www.stagathasclayfield.qld.edu.au If you would like your sibling child included in the enrolments for Prep 2020 please register online.

POLICY STATEMENT

The Archdiocese of Brisbane holds that children, young people and vulnerable adults are a gift from God with an intrinsic right to dignity of life, respect and security from physical and emotional harm. They are to be treasured, nurtured and safeguarded by all.

On a lighter note...

I was out with my young daughter and ran into a friend I'd not seen in years. "This is Beth." I said, introducing my kid. "And what's Beth short for?" he asked. "Because she's only three." I answered.

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Readings - Third Sunday in Ordinary Time (Year C) - 27 January 2019
1st Reading: Nehemiah 8:2-6, 8-10; 2nd Reading: 1 Corinthians 12:12-30; Gospel: Luke 1:1-4; 4:14-21