



# ST. AGATHA'S PARISH

52 ORIEL RD CLAYFIELD Q 4011

Phone: 3262 2859 After Hours Emergency Pager: 3835 9885  
E-mail: clayfield@bne.catholic.net.au Website: www.clayfieldparish.org.au  
Facebook: facebook.com/St. Agatha's Catholic Parish Clayfield  
Aggies Youth: facebook.com/aggiesyouth

Parish Administrator: Fr. Kevin Smith  
Parish Secretary: Mrs Rosemary Greer  
Family and Sacramental Ministry: Mrs Jane Cameron  
Office Hours: Monday - Thursday: 8.30am-12.30pm and 1.30pm-3.30pm  
Friday: 8.30am-12.00pm



Local Safeguarding Children and Vulnerable Adults Representative: Georgia Allan (0456 441 717)  
**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: Roxy Grogan

## Seventh Sunday in Ordinary Time (Year C) - 24th February 2019

### Readings

1st Reading: 1 Samuel 26:2, 7-9, 12-13, 22-23; 2nd Reading: 1 Corinthians 15:45-49; Gospel: Luke 6:27-38

### WEEKDAY MASSES

Monday 25 February: 6.30am

Wednesday 27 February: 9am

Thursday 28 February: 9am

Year 5 Mass

Friday 1 March: 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

MARCH

Sunday 3rd

Project Compassion Sunday

Monday 4th

SVDP Meeting

5pm Parish Office

Youth Ministry Meeting

6.45pm Parish Office

Parish Office



It has been a privilege to gather with the members of three significant Parish groups in my first month here; the Community and Mission Council, the Parish Finance Council and the Coordinators of Parish Youth Activities. The mission of the Church in this Parish is guided by people of faith, dedication and generosity and it is a pleasure to be inspired by their hopeful trust in the future and a genuine appreciation for the characters and gifts of the past. Common to the concerns of these groups is an awareness of the importance of the structure of St Agatha's Church and the welcome that is provided to young and old, regular Mass goer or stranger. The building is also significant to the wider community because, as you all know better than me; its heritage value is appreciated by the State of Queensland. So maintaining and caring for St Agatha's will be among the many and varied mission responsibilities of our Parish, even though it may not be the most exciting.

The Finance Council will give a detailed report on Parish Finances in the future but their discussions at the most recent meeting included maintenance projects such as the church roof, electrical wiring and lighting. A small bequest has been received which will provide seed funding for the installation of two stained glass windows to replace the redundant exhaust fans in the church sanctuary. The bequest will start the project but further donations will be required to see the project completed. Caring and restoring historic chalice ware and sacred objects is also necessary.

Given the talented music ministry at the 5.30 Mass on Sunday I have approached staff members at St Rita's College to encourage students, especially those who live locally, to participate at this Mass. There are a number of initiatives that the Youth Coordinators already provide to reach out to any young people who attend the 5.30 Mass.

The CMC are very conscious of the need for a suitable gathering space near the church that will enable hospitality, adult faith opportunities and post church functions to take place. This is a very worthwhile project with a number of challenges to address before it becomes a reality. Bringing people together from the Parish, families from the school and visitors who attend funerals or other church events is now an important way of evangelizing and sharing the Christian faith today.

I am very grateful to the members of these Councils and Committees, who give so generously of their time, faith and professional knowledge and skills, in service of this Parish. If anyone wishes to know more about their activities or would like to become a member of any of these groups please contact me via the Parish Office.

God bless,  
Fr Kevin.

Love your enemies.

Do good to those who hate you.

Do not judge and you shall not be judged.

'The Most High' is kind to the ungrateful and the wicked.

The Lord is kind and merciful.



The measure of love and goodness that Jesus requires of his hearers is extraordinary. Jesus sets this standard without ambiguity or compromise. This extraordinary requirement is possible and demanded of us because 'the Most High' has already extended kindness and mercy to us beyond measure.

## Clayfield Conversations

### Sixth Sunday in Ordinary Time

#### UNDERSTANDING THE WORD - Moral life flows from the Beatitudes

There is a connection between last Sunday's Beatitudes and this Sunday's moral teachings. The last of the Beatitudes had pronounced this blessing: 'Blessed are you when people hate you, and when they exclude and insult you, and denounce your name as evil on account of the Son of Man' (6:22). This Sunday's passage begins by prescribing a disciple's response to such abuse: 'love your enemies, do good to those who hate you, bless those who curse you, pray for those who mistreat you' (6:27). The two passages are similarly structured and the verbs are perfectly paired: hate/love, exclude/do good, insult/bless, denounce/pray. Clearly such an extraordinary response to abuse is possible only because disciples are blessed: their strength for good comes from God.

The passage continues with four specific examples of a disciple's response to maltreatment from enemies. Then Luke summarises the teaching to this point by the 'Golden Rule': 'Do to others as you would have them do to you' (6:31). Matthew, too, has this saying in his Sermon on the Mount (7:12) but later and in a different collection of sayings. Luke's insertion of the saying here strengthens the impact and sharpens the demand: in context, 'the others' whom disciples are to treat kindly are enemies and persecutors!

After three questions about conduct toward one's enemies, the benefits of discipleship are declared. First, disciples will receive a great reward; moreover, they will be children of God. As Luke explains, God loves the ungrateful and the wicked (this is why Jesus came!); similarly, God's children should do as their 'Father'. The implication is clear: in this sermon instructing disciples, the comparison between Father and children parallels the relationship between Master and disciples. In both cases the values of the greater (Father, Master) are the moral norms of the lesser (children, disciples).

Ultimately, the Golden Rule is surpassed: more than doing as you would have done, disciples are to do as God would do -

'Be merciful as God is merciful'. Disciples have been blessed with mercy so they are to act with mercy. Moral life flows from blessing... *Liturgia*

#### ST AGATHA'S CHURCH, CLAYFIELD

(AMENDED 5 February)

#### RECONCILIATION PREPARATION PROGRAM FOR 2019

Enrolment Weekend	Sat/Sun 23/24 February at any of the Masses <b>Children to bring their completed Enrolment form to hand in.</b>
1st Group Session – 9am Mass	Sunday 3 March 9am Mass APAC <b>Chapters 1 &amp; 2 have to have been completed by this date.</b>
2nd Group session – 9am Mass	Sunday 10 March 9am Mass APAC <b>Chapter 3 has to have been completed by this date.</b>
Practice	Monday 18 March 6pm in the Church <b>1 Parent/Guardian to attend with child. Chapter 4 has to have been completed by this date and books handed in at this session.</b>
First Rite of Reconciliation	Saturday, 23 March 3.45pm Monday 25 March 3.30pm Thursday, 28 March 6.00pm Saturday 30 March 3.45pm <b>(N.B. These dates are all TBC depending on numbers enrolled.)</b>



Meet

**MURPHY**

Our newest resident!!

#### CATHOLIC CHARISMATIC RENEWAL BRISBANE

invites you to "UNITED AS ONE", our Opening Event for 2019 on Saturday 2 March from 9.30am – 5pm at the CCR Brisbane Centre, 688 Nudgee Road, Northgate. Praise and Worship, talks, Prophetic Intercession, prayer ministry and Mass celebrated by Fr Leonard Uzuegbu. All welcome. Bring a shared lunch.

Enquiries: Miriam (3103 2400) or email: [secretary@ccrbrisbane.org.au](mailto:secretary@ccrbrisbane.org.au) for more details.

Palms Australia

**ENCOUNTER  
TIMOR LESTE  
APRIL 7-19.2019**

Book your immersive cultural experience with Palms Australia today.  
Call 02 9560 5333 or visit [palms.org.au/encounters](http://palms.org.au/encounters)



Are you between 18-35 years old and want to make a difference? Join us for the Canossian Australian Volunteer Immersion to Papua New Guinea from 23 June – 3 July 2019. This will be a formation based opportunity to help out in our Canossian mission in Port Moresby and to immerse yourself in another experience of life. Places are limited so get in quick. For more information contact Sr Mel on 0484 007 508.

#### THE LITTLE KINGS'S MOVEMENT APPEAL - Envelopes available at back of the Church

The Little King's Movement once a year conducts a Parish Appeal and a Door Knock supported by some Catholic Schools. The Movement caters for people with disabilities in social and spiritual activities. There is no Government funding and the Movement is staffed by volunteers. Each year the calls for their services are increasing. The Movement, though based on Catholic beliefs is truly ecumenical, and all members are welcomed and respected for their own beliefs. There is no charge for any of the services provided by the Movement. If at this time you are unable to help financially you may be able to give of your time or talents, if so please contact the Movement 3391 1432 or email: [lkm67@bigpond.net.au](mailto:lkm67@bigpond.net.au).



## *In our prayers we remember*



### *Those who have died recently:*

Margaret Jones, Ron Taylor, Mary Reilly, Una Reilly

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

Richard Howard, Elizabeth Howard, Patrick Rebgetz

### *Those who are sick:*

James McKeon, 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, Carmel See, Regina Hwan, 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](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 0417792212.

### **PLEASE SUPPORT FLOOD-AFFECTED FAMILIES IN NORTH QUEENSLAND.**

The flood that is devastating North Queensland is affecting the lives of many families in the Diocese of Townsville. You can make a tax-deductible gift online or by calling the Catholic Foundation on 3324 3200. Your donation will be designated to individuals and families in hardship situations whose homes and businesses have been affected by the floods.

### **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](mailto:stagathascentenarybook@gmail.com)



**St Agatha's**  
Parish School, Clayfield

# OPEN DAY

**Friday 15th March, 2019 • 9am-10.30am**

6 Hunter Lane, Clayfield Q 4011 | P 3326 9222 | [www.stagathasclayfield.qld.edu.au](http://www.stagathasclayfield.qld.edu.au)



**School tours**  
are available

**Assembly**  
will be held at 9am  
in the Presentation  
Centre

**Friday 15 March**  
9am-10.30am

**Light refreshments**  
will be served  
during the Open  
Day



**Visit classrooms**  
from Prep to Year 6

**School choir**  
will perform



**Meet the Principal**  
Mrs Carol Sayers

### **LENTEN REFLECTION GROUPS (6 March - 17 April)**

"*Compassion*" is the title of this year's Lenten program. The Lenten reflection group will commence on Wednesday 6 March 7pm Parish Office, and will continue each Wednesday until 17 April.

Please call or email Parish Office if you are interested in attending. Each meeting runs for approx. 80 minutes.

With great joy we welcome  
**Rabia Kidd** who will be  
baptised this weekend.



*Growth Friendship Faith*

### **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:

23/24 Feb

Jack Williamson  
Ann Goves

Anne O'Connor  
Annette Riba

Dan Butler  
*Volunteer*  
Eileen Duncan

Life Teen Mass

2/3 Mar

Ann Goves  
Marian Nolan

Annaliese Beckmann  
Jeanine Bygott

Tim Hancock  
Ryan Smethurst  
Don Macpherson

Life Teen Mass

### COMMUNION MINISTERS:

23/24 Feb

Christine Iannarella

*Volunteer*

*Volunteer*

Life Teen Mass

2/3 Feb

*Volunteer*

Paulette Archer

*Volunteer*

Life Teen Mass

### "HOME" COMMUNION MINISTERS:

24 Feb

Georgia Allan

3 Mar

Anna Coventry

### ORGANISTS:

23/24 Feb

*Volunteer*

*Volunteer*

Robyn Cuming

Life Teen Mass

2/3 Mar

*Volunteer*

*Volunteer*

Jenny McKeon

Life Teen Mass

### ALTAR SERVERS:

23/24 Feb

Daniel Benjamin  
Sofia Iannarella

Joseph Douglas

Tia Manuel

2/3 Mar

Xavier Coorey  
Dominic Coorey

Daniel Benjamin  
Thomas Benjamin

Caitlin Marshall  
Alex Oliveri

### CHILDREN'S LITURGY:

24 Feb

Ewan McPherson and Jane Cameron

3 Mar

Eleanora Kowitz and Lucy Crowe

### SANCTUARY CARERS:

2 Mar

Victor Podesta

### BAPTISMS

We celebrate baptisms 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 PREP ENROLMENTS FOR 2020

#### APPLICATIONS FOR 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 NON SIBLING APPLICATIONS CLOSE – MONDAY 18<sup>th</sup> MARCH, 2019.**

Please note all applications are submitted online via  
our website [www.stagathasclayfield.qld.edu.au](http://www.stagathasclayfield.qld.edu.au).

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

**Little Black Books \$4.00 each**  
for sale at the Piety Stall.

*Six-minute meditations on the  
Sunday Gospels of Lent (Cycle C).*

## WORLD DAY OF PRAYER

**Friday 1 March 2019, 10am**

St Augustine's Anglican Church,  
Hamilton

### 'SLOVENIA'

*Come - Everything is Ready*

The Clayfield/Hamilton Committee invite you to  
join in 2019 World Day of Prayer. Your church has  
been a member of the Clayfield/Hamilton  
Committee for many years and would love as many  
parishioners as possible to join in this ecumenical  
service to pray for our overseas Christian Family  
and the people of Slovenia in particular. World Day  
of Prayer Queensland Offerings will go to the  
"Trauma Counselling for Women" project run by  
the Bible Societies of Australia and  
Slovenia. Morning tea and warm Christian  
fellowship will be provided in the St Augustine's  
Church Hall after the Service.

[www.worlddayofprayeraustralia.org](http://www.worlddayofprayeraustralia.org)

Please contact Mary Nicholls phone: 0408080723 Mother of Mercy  
Parish (St Cecelia's Hamilton & Our Lady Help of Christian's Hendra)

A VOCATION VIEW: If you love your enemies, do well to those who hate you,  
bless those who curse you and pray for those who mistreat you,  
realise that God has already called YOU.



**Readings - Eighth Sunday in Ordinary Time (Year C) - 3 March 2019**

**1st Reading: Sirach 27:4-7; 2nd Reading: 1 Corinthians 15:54-58; Gospel: Luke 6:39-45**