



# ST. AGATHA'S PARISH

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## Third Sunday in Ordinary Time (Year C) - 27<sup>th</sup> January 2019

Readings

1st Reading: Nehemiah 8:2-6, 8-10; 2nd Reading: 1 Corinthians 12:12-30; Gospel: Luke 1:1-4; 4:14-21

### WEEKDAY MASSES

**Monday 28 January:** 9.00am  
*Saint Thomas Aquinas*  
**Wednesday 30 January:** 9am  
**Thursday 31 January:** 9am  
*Saint John Bosco*  
**Friday 1 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

#### JANUARY

• **Monday 28<sup>th</sup>**  
Australia Day Public Holiday  
Mass 9.00am

• **Wednesday 30<sup>th</sup>**  
School resumes

#### FEBRUARY

• **Monday 4<sup>th</sup>**  
SVDP Meeting 5pm Parish  
Office



Dear friends,

It is back to school time for many young people in our Parish. For them and their parents and guardians we pray that this will be a wonderful time of learning, especially for those who commence their formal education as Preps this week. The significance of education requires no explanation from me but I wonder if we can speak with confidence about the role of a Catholic education within the very competitive education sector and with so many options available to parents.

The mission of Jesus and the Gospel which are the heart of our faith must surely be central to a Catholic education. Jesus, who lived, died and rose again to proclaim God's relationship with all God made is a good starting point. An education that is Catholic will be about right relationships. Firstly, to be in a right relationship with the gift of self by helping to discover each person's gifts and talents and to develop them to the full. Secondly, the same education will enrich my relationship with God who is a trinity of persons. Thirdly, surely we can expect a Catholic education to develop and enrich my relationship with the faith community usually through the example of educators and school leaders. Finally, Jesus' mission was for the world and His followers are sent out to proclaim good news to the world. So being in a right relationship with other people wherever they live as well as with the creation God made would also be among the aims of an education that is Catholic. Most importantly of all is the responsibility to educate young minds and hearts that when we get these relationships wrong, which we do time and time again, we are called by a loving God to be reconciled, to experience the grace of God's forgiveness and start again.

Happy Australia Day to all parishioners and to your families and friends. Hopefully this is a time to acknowledge with gratitude the many blessings we have received. Perhaps it is also an opportunity to learn more about this very old continent that is our home. This country, its history and people is, like the story of every nation, unique so continuing to learn with open minds is an important responsibility for us all.

Don't forget the Parish Feast Day celebrations next Sunday 3<sup>rd</sup> February after the 9.00am Mass. Food and drinks will be available and plenty of activities for the children. I look forward to seeing you there.

God bless, *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.

**Third Sunday in Ordinary Time**

The prophet Isaiah had drafted a manifesto for divine action in the world. Jesus of Nazareth *is* divine action in the world, and no doubt his fellow villagers in Nazara would have been thrilled that one of theirs would 'set the downtrodden free'.

But, in proclaiming 'the Lord's Year of *Acceptance*', Jesus inaugurated a revolutionary phase within the Jewish tradition. He invited people to *relax!!* Holiness is not a matter of our *striving*, but of *accepting* that we are *accepted* by the All Merciful God. Good works should follow in response, but good works don't gain our acceptance by God.

How does one best show acceptance of someone, forgiveness of someone, friendship with someone? One relaxes over a meal together. This was Jesus' characteristic way of embodying Divine Acceptance in our world. It still is. We might pause for a moment to relax into the saving fact that we exist in 'the Lord's Year of Acceptance', that this acceptance is signified and effected by our sharing in the Bread of Life and the Spiritual Drink of Holy Communion which gives us the energy to help make Divine Acceptance a reality for others... © *Fr Michael Tate*

*Fr Kevin Smith*

*and*

*The Community and Mission Council*

*invite you to the*

**St Agatha's Feast Day Mass and Celebrations**

**SUNDAY 3<sup>rd</sup> 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.*

*Jumping Castles,*

*Lolly & spoon races*

*Biscuit decorating,*

*Chalk Art and raffles*

*Entry Cost: \$5 per person*

*Coffee & Tea can be purchased via coffee van.*

*You have until 31 January to book your tickets*

*via the following link:*

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

*For any enquiries contact the parish office on  
3262 2859 or email: [clayfield@bne.catholic.net.au](mailto: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.

**VOLUNTEERS NEEDED**

Volunteers are needed to help with the St Agatha's Feast Day Celebrations on Sunday 3 February 2019. If you can help in any way, please write your name on the sheet at the back of the Church.

**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

### Those whose anniversaries occur about now:

Restituta Limas, Ismael Limas, Anne Nimmo

### 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](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.

**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.



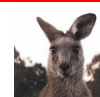
With great joy we welcome **Anna Cahill** who will be baptised this weekend.

### **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

### **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](mailto: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](mailto: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

**1<sup>st</sup> 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>



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

**5.00pm**

**7.00am**

**9.00am**

**5.30pm**

**READERS:**

26/27 Jan	Jack Williamson Phil Zammit	Kirsty Stevens Annette Riba	Joseph O'Brien Amrita Moss Wilma O'Connell	Life Teen Mass
2/3 Feb	Cate Barrett Jenny Close	Mark Burton Andrew Douglas	Dominic Ryan Clare Smethurst Chanelle White	Life Teen Mass

**COMMUNION MINISTERS:**

26/27 Jan	Jan Zammit	<i>Volunteer</i>	Amrita Moss	Life Teen Mass
2/3 Feb	Ann Goves	<i>Volunteer</i>	<i>Volunteer</i>	Life Teen Mass

**"HOME" COMMUNION MINISTERS:**

27 Jan	Karen Birtles
3 Feb	Lisa Carter

**ORGANISTS:**

26/27 Jan	<i>Volunteer</i>	<i>Volunteer</i>	Jenny McKeon	Life Teen Mass
2/3 Feb	<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 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.

**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 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.

**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 15<sup>th</sup> FEBRUARY, 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.

**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>



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

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