



# ST. AGATHA'S PARISH

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## Fourth Sunday of Easter (Year C) - 12 May 2019

Readings

1st Reading: Acts 13:14, 43-52; 2nd Reading: Revelation 7:9, 14-17; Gospel: John 10:27-30

### WEEKDAY MASSES

Monday 13 May: 6.30am

Public Holidays: 9am

Wednesday 15 May: 9am

Thursday 16 May: 9am

Friday 17 May: 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

#### MAY

##### Monday 13th

SVDP Meeting

5pm Parish Office

##### Wednesday 15th

First Communion

Preparation Program -

Liturgy of God's Mercy

6pm Church

**NATIONAL  
VOLUNTEER  
WEEK  
MAY 20 - 26**



## Blessing Prayer for Mother's Day

God of Love,

We ask you to listen to this prayer.

God of Holy People

of Sarah, Ruth and Rebekah;

God of holy Elizabeth, mother of John,

of Holy Mary, Mother of Jesus,

bend down Your ear to this request

and bless the mothers among us.

Bless them with the strength of Your Spirit,

they who have taught their children

how to stand and how to walk.

Bless them with the melody of Your love,

they who have shared how to speak, how to sing

and how to pray to You.

Bless them with a place at Your eternal dinner table,

they who have fed and nurtured

the life that was formed within them

while still helpless but embraced in their love.

Bless them today,

now, in this lifetime,

with good things, with health.

Bless them with joy, love, laughter

and pride in their children

and surround them with many good friends.

May they who carried life in their womb

be carried one day to Your divine embrace:

there, for all eternity,

to rejoice with their family and friends.

May those women who have never borne children,

share their maternal gifts and know the joy of nurturing love.

This blessing and all graces, we pray,

descend upon the mothers of our families.

Through Christ Our Lord.

## Clayfield Conversations

### Fourth Sunday of Easter

#### Jesus and the Father are one

Throughout his gospel John carefully coordinates certain events in the life of Jesus with particular Jewish feasts, e.g., both the multiplication of the loaves (John 6) and the death of Jesus, who is the Lamb of God (John 1:36), take place at Passover. John sets chapters 7-9 during the Feast of Tabernacles (Booths). Two major symbols of this festival were the lighting of four lampstands and the ceremonial drawing of water at Siloam. In chapter 9 Jesus declares 'I am the light of the world' (9:5) and he sends the blind man to the waters of Siloam (9:7).

This Sunday's passage unfolds during the Feast of Dedication (10:22) which today we know as Hanukkah. It commemorates the victory of the Jews, led by the Maccabees, over Antiochus Epiphanes in 164 B.C. That evil ruler had made the practice of Judaism illegal and punishable by death. In the Holy of Holies of the Temple he set up a pagan altar to offer sacrifice to the Greek god Zeus Olympios. The Jews rebelled, defeated their enemies, purified the Temple, and rededicated it.

For Jews the Temple is the visible sign of the presence of God in their midst. There is no holier place. The worship of God alone is the greatest commandment and idolatry is the worst sin. The desecration of the Temple was a grievous offence and its rededication a cause of great joy. God could dwell among the people again.

Against this background Jesus in this gospel claims, 'The Father and I are one' (10:30). According to John the Temple's function as a visible sign of God's presence is taken over by Jesus. To see God, one need not go to the Temple; as Jesus tells Philip, 'Whoever has seen me has seen the Father' (14:9). This identity between Jesus and the Father is suggested in another way in this gospel. The protection Jesus provides for his sheep is the same protection the Father provides.... *Liturgia.*

#### ALL HALLOWS' SCHOOL OPEN DAY

Sunday 26 May 2019

Time: 11:00am

To register your attendance and to view the program for Open Day, please visit [www.ahs.qld.edu.au](http://www.ahs.qld.edu.au)

Music at St Rita's College presents the

## St Agatha's Concert

Thursday 16 May 2019

6:30pm-7:30pm, St Agatha's Parish  
Gold Coin donation entry

Featuring Nano's Chorale, St Rita's Voices, Show Choir.  
With a special performance by the St Agatha's School Choir

## Happy Mother's Day



#### A MOTHER'S BLESSING:

Of all the special joys in life, the big ones and the small, a mother's love and tenderness is the greatest of them all.



**Palms Australia**  
Global Volunteering

Communities in Myanmar, PNG, Samoa, Timor Leste, Kiribati and Kenya seek volunteers to mentor locals and build capacity.

These assignments are not quick fixes. Overseas Catholic communities are inviting you to immerse yourself for 1 to 2 years.

If you have teaching, medical, business, admin or trade skills, you can give opportunity by sharing them with our global family!

#### Global Mission Info:

Sunday May 19, 3:30pm | Brisbane Square Library  
Community Meeting Room | 266 George Street, Brisbane

**Thank you to everyone who bought tickets in our Easter Raffle. A total of \$880.00 was raised. Congratulations to our winners James Ryan and Judith Mulholland.**

The disciples heard Our Lord's call and were able to spread the Gospel message with strength and vitality.

We, too, can experience that same joy if we make room for the Holy Spirit to fill our hearts. When we use our gifts in the way that God intends, He fills us with supernatural joy.

A joy that others notice and are attracted to.



## Mount Alvernia College Open Day

Sunday 19 May—10am-1pm

82 Cremorne Road, Kedron

Please register online—<https://www.mta.qld.edu.au>

**Watch Her Flourish**

## In our prayers we remember



### Those who have died recently:

Bill Williams, Geronimo Obe, Anthony Micalizzi, Bob Renew, James Kidd

### Those whose anniversaries occur about now:

Andrew Collier, Elizabeth Stewart, Kerry Sonter, Basil Taylor, Stuart Knowles, Ross McKenzie

### Those who are sick:

Flynn Crowley, Lyndell Sawyer, John McKnoulty, Thea Hoffmann, Ray Pavey, Michael Cashman, Donald Morrisson, James McKeon, Joseph Tam, 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, Mel Purwo, Patrick Gallagher, Hellen Passente

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

 **MARY MACKILLOP COLLEGE**  
OPEN DAY - Sunday 19 May, 10am - 1pm  
[www.mmc.qld.edu.au](http://www.mmc.qld.edu.au)


MACKILLOPWOMENSHINE



### **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.


**BURNIE BRAE** The Burnie Brae not-for-profit community organisation at Chermerside is in need of pre-loved clothing items suitable for ages 50+. You can leave your pre-loved clothing items at the Parish Office during office hours or at the Church on the weekend, by the last Sunday of each month. Pre-loved clothing items will then be delivered to those in need at the Burnie Brae "Project Pantry" event which is held on the 1<sup>st</sup> Saturday morning of each month.

 **IGNITE YOUTH**



**IGNITE CONFERENCE 19**

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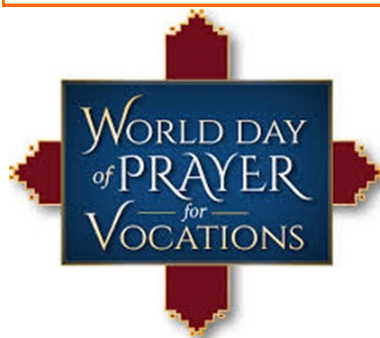
 **ACU**  **NET ministries AUSTRALIA**  **Vocation Centre** Hosted in and supported by:  **Archdiocese of Brisbane**  **Archdiocese of Sydney**



**NATIONAL CATHOLIC YOUTH CONFERENCE**

**NEW AGAIN**  **BRISBANE 26-29 SEP**  **SYDNEY 3-6 OCT**

Ignite Conference is a bold vision for the future of the Church. A Church passionate about discovering a real, present God and gathering a generation to be on fire for Jesus. Every year, Ignite Youth hosts one of Australia's most powerful Catholic youth conferences. Ignite Conference draws together a network of high schoolers, young adults, ministry leaders, families, teachers, priests and religious from around the country, sending them out with a passion for mission and authentic faith in Jesus.



Copies of the newest edition of **VOCATION MATTERS** are available at the back of the Church.

## Prayer to end domestic and family violence

We pray today for those members of our community whose lives are impacted by domestic and family violence.

Protect vulnerable families whose lives are impacted by violence.

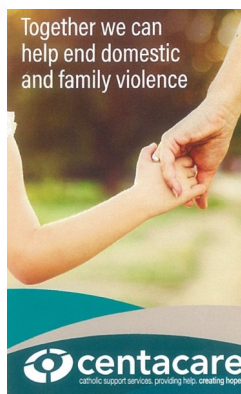
Help us to understand their experiences and support them in this time of need.

Care for those people working with victims of domestic and family violence, that their good work may continue and their wellbeing be supported.

May we shape our young people to value one another, so that they may have respectful and safe relationships into the future.

God of healing, hear our prayer.

Amen.



Together we can help end domestic and family violence

 **centacare**  
centacare support services providing help, creating hope.

If you or someone you know is in immediate danger call 000.

**Support from Centacare**  
Centacare's domestic and family violence services support people experiencing violence.

Contact your local service for support:

Gold Coast	5527 7211
Brisbane	3251 5000
Sunshine Coast	5430 9300
Kingaroy	4162 5439
Fraser Coast	4194 0172

**BRISBANE 26 - 29 SEPTEMBER**  
**BROCHURES AVAILABLE**  
**AT THE BACK OF THE CHURCH**

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

**5.00pm**

**7.00am**

**9.00am**

**5.30pm**

**READERS:**

11/12 May

Marian Nolan  
Katrina Murphy

Nick Eden  
Dianne Eden

Dan Butler  
*Volunteer*

Life Teen Mass

18/19 May

Jack Williamson  
Phil Zammit

Sr Cecily Foster  
Anne O'Connor

*Volunteer*  
Dominic Ryan

Life Teen Mass  
Life Teen Mass

**COMMUNION MINISTERS:**

11/12 May

Ann Goves

Paulette Archer

Amrita Moss

Life Teen Mass

18/19 May

Jan Zammit

*Volunteer*

Julianne Ryan

Life Teen Mass

**“HOME” COMMUNION MINISTERS:**

12 May

Georgia Allan

19 May

Geraldine Swindells

**ORGANISTS:**

11/12 May

*Volunteer*

*Volunteer*

Robyn Cuming

Life Teen Mass

18/19 May

*Volunteer*

*Volunteer*

Jenny McKeon

Life Teen Mass

**ALTAR SERVERS:**

11/12 May

*Volunteer/s*

*Volunteer/s*

*Volunteer/s*

*Volunteer/s*

18/19 May

To be advised

**CHILDREN'S LITURGY:**

12 May

*No Children's Liturgy*

19 May

Ewan McPherson and Giulia Coorey

**SANCTUARY CARERS:**

1 June

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.

**May is Domestic and Family Violence Prevention Month.**

Prayer and wallet cards are available at the back of the Church.

Prayer card - to pray for people experiencing domestic and family violence

Wallet card - contains information about domestic and family violence, signs of someone who may be experiencing it and what one can do to help.

**ST AGATHA'S PARISH SACRAMENTAL PROGRAM - 2019**  
(For all children in Year 4 that have been Confirmed)

**Liturgy of God's Mercy**

Wednesday 15 May, 6pm in the Church

**2nd Group Session** Saturday 18 May, 4.30pm followed by 5pm Mass  
or Sunday 19 May, 8.30am followed by 9am Mass

**FIRST HOLY COMMUNION DATES**

**Saturday 25th May at 5.00pm**

**Sunday 26th May at 9.00am**

**Saturday 1st June at 5.00pm**

**Sunday 2nd June at 9.00am**

For further information, call Jane Cameron at the Parish office: 3262 2859  
or email: clayfield@bne.catholic.net.au

**THE CATHOLIC MAN  
BREAKFAST SERIES**



Hosted by  
Archbishop Mark Coleridge  
Archbishop of Brisbane

7.00 - 9.00 am

Thursday 23 May

Tattersall's Club

215 Queen Street, Brisbane

Hear

**Matt Fradd**

tell his story



**Matt's Manhood Messages**

**Bookings**

des@menalive.org.au  
(credit card and eft available)

**Enquiries**

mail@menalive.org.au

**RSVP: 20 May**

**Cost: \$48 per person**  
(\$450 per table of 10)

We encourage fathers to bring  
their sons to this event.

**Dress Code:** Long-sleeved  
button-up shirt & trousers  
(no jeans, shorts or sneakers)

The Catholic Man Breakfast Series is an opportunity for men  
to gather and be encouraged and inspired in their faith.



www.menalive.org.au

God is glorified when men are fully alive  
St Irenaeus



**Readings - Fifth Sunday of Easter (Year C) - 19 May 2019**

**1st Reading: Acts 14:21-27; 2nd Reading: Revelation 21:1-5; Gospel: John 13:31-35**