




# ST. AGATHA'S PARISH

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## Seventeenth Sunday in Ordinary Time (Year C) - 28 July 2019

Readings

1st Reading: Genesis 18:20-32; 2nd Reading: Colossians 2:12-14; Gospel: Luke 11:1-13

### WEEKDAY MASSES

#### PLEASE NOTE:

NO 6.30am Mass on Monday

Wednesday 31 July: 9am

*Saint Ignatius of Loyola*

Thursday 1 August: 9am

*Saint Alphonsus Liguori*

Friday 2 August: 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

#### JULY

Monday 29th

Community and Mission

Council Meeting 7pm

Parish Office

#### AUGUST

Monday 5th

SVDP Meeting 5pm

Parish Office

Sunday 11th

Children's Mass 9am

### PLenary COUNCIL NEWS.

Between May 2018 and March 2019 almost 17,500 submissions from individuals and groups of all sizes, addressed the Plenary Council's central question: "What do you think God is asking of us in Australia at this time?"

Archbishop Costelloe, who is President of the Plenary Council, said there was a clear desire expressed for the Church to renew herself and focus on the person of Jesus Christ. "Accordingly, the six National Themes for Discernment flow from that primary goal of being a Christ-centred community of people," he explained. The six National Themes for Discernment invite people to reflect, to pray and to consider how God is calling the People of God to be a Christ-centred Church in Australia that is:

- Missionary and Evangelising
- Inclusive, Participatory and Synodal
- Prayerful and Eucharistic
- Humble, Healing and Merciful
- A Joyful, Hope-Filled and Servant Community
- Open to conversion, Renewal and Reform.

Plenary Council facilitator Lana Turvey-Collins said many topics relate to one or more of the National Themes for Discernment and this next stage of preparation – "Listening and Discernment" – is a time of prayerful consideration of the "big" questions that have been raised by the faithful.

Archbishop Mark and the Brisbane Archdiocese have now decided upon a way forward and the next step in our plenary process.

With the recent release of the six themes for discernment and the impending commencement of the listening and discernment phase of the Plenary Council journey, the Archdiocese of Brisbane will be hosting an Archdiocesan Assembly taking place on 4 and 5 October 2019 at the Edmund Rice Performing Arts Centre, St Laurence's College, South Brisbane.

This Brisbane Assembly will offer an opportunity for all who attend to take part in a process of communal discernment led by experienced facilitators. This will aid in empowering participants to engage their own parishes and communities with the second phase of the Plenary journey in the lead up to Easter 2020. The Assembly will also provide parishes and communities with a deeper understanding of the themes for national discernment as well hearing from the Plenary Council national facilitation team. Participants will hear from an array of quality presenters on 'Discernment' and 'Effective Communication' to assist with the Listening and Discernment phase.

So the Brisbane Assembly which will have several representatives from every parish in the Archdiocese is an important next step in the plenary process. Please pray for everyone involved in the preparations for the Assembly and I am sure we will hear more about the event as it approaches.

God bless,  
Fr Kevin.



## Clayfield Conversations

Seventeenth Sunday in Ordinary Time

### Living the Gospel – Ask, Search, Knock

Jesus says in the gospel, 'Ask, and it will be given to you; search, and you will find; knock, and the door will be opened to you.' The actions of asking, searching and knocking are means by which we initiate the encounter with God. If we don't ask, search and knock, how is anyone (including God) to know our needs or know what it is that we are searching for. Particularly in our spiritual lives, it is only through the search and the knocking on the doors of different experiences that we ever come closer to finding answers.

### Historical Context – Stone for bread

The stone/bread, snake/fish and scorpion/egg comparisons seem a little farfetched to us, but would have made perfect sense to a 1st Century Palestinian audience. The flat, brown stones around Lake Galilee look very similar to the flat bread that was baked in the area. The 'snake' may refer to a sea-snake – an eel – which might be caught up in a fisherman's nets but was regarded as unclean by the Jews. The poisonous scorpions of the region are very pale in colour and when curled up at rest could be mistaken for an egg.

... Liturgy Help.

### CHILDREN'S MASS

Sunday 11 August at 9am

At the Mass, the children are asked to bring the gifts to the Altar, read, take up collections, and welcome people as they arrive.

If your child/children would like to participate in some way, please contact the Parish Office on 3262 2859 or email us at [clayfield@bne.catholic.net.au](mailto:clayfield@bne.catholic.net.au) by the 5<sup>th</sup> of August.

We will have a morning tea afterwards.

Please feel free to bring a plate to share.

All are welcome to come along and join in this Parish community gathering.

Thank you to everyone who donated to the Apostleship of the Sea retiring collection on weekend of 13/14 July. A total of \$164.00 was raised.

### PLENARY COUNCIL 2020:

**National Theme for Discernment #6  
How is God calling us to be a  
Christ-centred Church that is Open to  
conversion, Renewal and Reform?**

This National Theme for Discernment is inspired by the voices of the People of God who expressed a desire to do things differently in response to Christ and the experience of our people, accepting that faithfulness to tradition requires change that is both personal and communal.

Find out more at

[www.plenarycouncil.catholic.org.au](http://www.plenarycouncil.catholic.org.au)

A VOCATION VIEW: God knows what we want before we ask. God knows who we are before we discern. God invites us to pray: to ask and to discern.

### Padua College & Padua College Old Boys Association INAUGURAL MEMORIAL MASS

Wednesday 6 November | 6.30pm Mass in the College Chapel

**This Mass is to celebrate the lives of deceased Friars, Padua College Old Boys, Staff and members of our Paduan Community.**

For further enquiries or to let us know who you would like remembered, please also email [admin@padua.qld.edu.au](mailto:admin@padua.qld.edu.au) or phone 3857 9999



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of Brisbane

Safeguarding  
Pocket  
Guide

'Safeguarding is  
everyone's  
responsibility'

### Archdiocese of Brisbane SAFEGUARDING POCKET GUIDE

are now available at the back of the Church. Please feel free to take one. *Children and vulnerable adults are a Gift from God, with an intrinsic right to dignity of life, respect and security from harm. They are to be treasured, nurtured and safeguarded by all.*

### THE CATHOLIC LEADER

July 28, 2019 Issue \$2.00

See the free 32-page Catholic Education Week feature inside



"Ask and you will receive; seek and you will find; knock and the door will be opened to you." (Luke 11:9)

## In our prayers we remember



### Those who have died recently:

Margaret Long, Loreto McCafferty

### Those whose anniversaries occur about now:

Giuseppa Catalano, Peita Dodson, Cedric Hampson

### Those who are sick:

Ainsley Goves, Patricia Beveridge, Janice Lewis, Michael Blanchard, Colleen Smythe, Flynn Crowley, Lyndell Sawyer, Thea Hoffmann, Ray Pavey, Michael Cashman, Donald Morrisson, Joseph Tam, Bryan Weaver, Alexander Clark, Rosemary Douglas, Danielle Johnson, Gordon Hodge, Maureen Long, 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, Mel Purwo, Patrick Gallagher, Hellen Passente

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

### **PASTORAL CARE VOLUNTEER PROGRAM**

Become an important part of the Aged Care team at Mercy Community.

As a Pastoral Care volunteer, you'll be part of a dedicated volunteer team providing much-valued support to our 200 residents. You will:

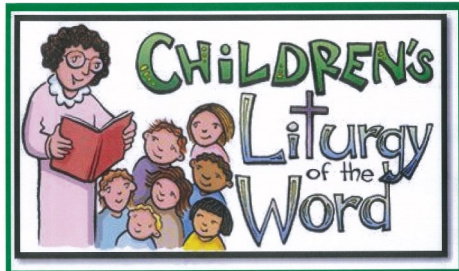
- \* make a positive difference in the lives of our residents and their families
- \* be supervised and supported by expert staff
- \* have access to a training program and practice pastoral care under the supervision of a specialist
- \* be part of a caring, supportive volunteer community

Pastoral Care volunteers offer companionship that responds to the spiritual and emotional needs of our Aged Care residents by:

- \* taking time to listen with empathy and respect
- \* helping residents make connection to family and friends, hobbies, and activities that bring them joy
- \* supporting residents to feel at home in a meaningful environment
- \* accompanying residents to discover and appreciate the profound meaning and value of his or her life story.

Training will be held at Mercy Community's Nudgee Facility (131 Queens Rd, Nudgee)

To learn more about the program, please contact the Volunteer Coordinator on 3866 4264 or email MCSStudent&Volunteer.mailbox@mercynet.net.



All Children from Prep to Year 4 are invited to attend

### **Children's Liturgy of the Word**

held during term only on the 1st, 3rd & 4th Sundays of every month at the 9.00am Mass. Any Children of pre-school age must be accompanied by an adult.

### **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 supper after the 5.30pm Mass Sunday 4 August.



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With great joy we welcome **Harrison Denne and Alice Dunleavy** who will be baptised this weekend.

### **HIGHLIGHTS OF HOLY LAND**

Trace the journey of Jesus from the land of his birth to the way he carried his cross and gave the eternal sacrifice in this 11-day

Holy Land pilgrimage to Jordan & Israel lead by Catholic Priests. This pilgrimage features places from the Old & New

Testament and includes Amman, Mt Nebo, Bethlehem, Nazareth, Sea of Galilee and Jerusalem for an all-inclusive

Land – Package price of \$3890 + \$100 Tips. The fare includes Local Transfers in Deluxe coaches + Stay in Premium Hotels +

All Breakfasts & Dinners + Priest + English speaking professional guides. For inquiries & bookings call 03 8839 6615 or 1300721561 or email us [info@magiholidays.com.au](mailto:info@magiholidays.com.au).

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*Departures available: 24 Feb, 22 Mar, 27 Apr, 10 May,*

*24 May, 30 May, 16 Aug, 11 Oct, 8 Nov*



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**AUGUST 11  
1:00 PM - 3:00 PM**

**BRISBANE SQUARE LIBRARY,  
COMMUNITY MEETING ROOM  
(GROUND LEVEL), 266 GEORGE ST**

**OR APPLY FOR A POSTING TODAY: PALMS.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:**

27/28 July

Jack Williamson  
Katrina Murphy

Annaliese Beckmann  
Jeanine Bygott

Don Macpherson  
Amrita Moss

Life Teen Mass

3/4 Aug

Cate Barrett  
Phil Zammit

Annaliese Beckmann  
Jeanine Bygott

Joseph O'Brien  
Wilma O'Connell

Life Teen Mass

**COMMUNION MINISTERS:**

27/28 July

*Volunteer*

*Volunteer*

*Volunteer*

Life Teen Mass

3/4 Aug

Jan Zammit

*Volunteer*

*Volunteer*

Life Teen Mass

**"HOME" COMMUNION MINISTERS:**

28 July

Tom and Jeannine Treston

4 Aug

Lisa Carter

**ORGANISTS:**

27/28 July

*Volunteer*

*Volunteer*

Jenny McKeon

Life Teen Mass

3/4 Aug

*Volunteer*

*Volunteer*

Robyn Cuming

Life Teen Mass

**ALTAR SERVERS:**

27/28 July

*Volunteer/s*

*Volunteer/s*

Bridget Birchley

Tia Manuel

3/4 Aug

Billy Crutcher  
Dash Crutcher

Lachlan Hinneberg

Chelsy Waller

Caitlin Marshall

**CHILDREN'S LITURGY:**

28 July

Jane Cameron and Chanelle Simpson

4 Aug

Katrina Murphy and Jason Francis

Jesus assures us that if we ask, God will take care of what we need. The problem is that our culture often con-fuses what we really need with what we simply want. Many people need very little. However, we usually want so much more. A good steward only asks God for what he needs.

**BAPTISMS** at St Agatha's are celebrated 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.

**SOVEREIGN ORDER OF MALTA**

Annual Lourdes Healing Mass  
St Paschal's Church  
30 Warraba Avenue | Wavell Heights  
Saturday 17 August | 10.00am  
Followed by morning tea  
Contributions of cakes, sandwiches  
etc. most appreciated.  
All Welcome

St Ignatius Parish's Annual  
**WOMEN'S NIGHT OF SPIRITUALITY**  
Tuesday 30 July 2019 | 7.30pm to 9.15pm  
Stuartholme School Chapel | Birdwood Terrace Toowong  
All Welcome

**St Agatha's Parish Sacramental Program 2019**  
**Sacrament of Confirmation**

(For all children in Year 3 and above)

Parent Information Evening:

Tuesday 13 August at 6.30pm

Venue: APAC, St Agatha's School

**Sacrament of Confirmation**

Tuesday 10 September at 5pm & 7pm

For further information, call Jane Cameron at the Parish  
office: 3262 2859 or go onto our website:  
[www.clayfieldparish.org.au](http://www.clayfieldparish.org.au) to view the timetable.

Archdiocesan  
**MULTICULTURAL MASS 2019**  
Sunday 25 August 2.30pm  
Cathedral of St Stephen  
*Celebrating the 105th World Day of  
Migrants and Refugees*

**MARRIAGE, DIVORCE AND REMARRIAGE IN THE CATHOLIC CHURCH:**

If you would like information about annulments and re-marriage in the Catholic Church, please phone the Brisbane Tribunal Office on 3324 3033 or email [tribbris@bne.catholic.net.au](mailto:tribbris@bne.catholic.net.au). Information can also be found on the Archdiocesan Website: <http://brisbanecatholic.org.au/life/marriage-annulments/>

**Readings - Eighteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time (Year C) - 4 August 2019**

**1st Reading: Ecclesiastes 1:2; 2:21-23; 2nd Reading: Colossians 3:1-5, 9-11; Gospel: Luke 12:13-21**