



# ST. AGATHA'S PARISH

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## Thirteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time (Year C) - 30 June 2019

### Readings

1st Reading: 1 Kings 19:16, 19-21; 2nd Reading: Galatians 5:1, 13-18; Gospel: Luke 9:51-62

### WEEKDAY MASSES

NO 6.30am Monday Mass  
NO 9.00am Wednesday Mass  
Thursday 4 July: 9am  
Friday 5 July: 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

Saturday 6th & Sunday 7th  
Peter's Pence Collection  
Monday 8th  
SVDP Meeting  
5pm Parish Office



For a desert people, roads were of supreme importance. If you stray from the road, quite simply you die. The best way to keep a road in good condition is for people to use it. "Use it or lose it" is particularly relevant to a desert road, where the people tramp the road down into good condition, where travellers help each other and ensure that there is food and water on the way. The first Psalm warns us, though, of the danger of taking the wrong road "the way of the wicked is doomed". That is the road in the desert that peters out, and then what? If we are too proud to retrace our steps, then we will be lost for ever.

Jesus began a journey, which is our journey. We walk on his way. He is the road we walk on, our companion on that road, and he is also the destination to which the road leads us. Prayer, companionship, study and a willingness to go beyond our self-imposed boundaries will always be the stuff of Christian life, for the simple reason that Christ leads us on the road. The Gospel of St Luke is the great Gospel of this journey, and in Luke's other work, the Acts of the Apostles, St Paul, the tireless traveller for God, is his great hero. Because Luke had travelled with Paul, he saw how much the expansion of the Church was really the world being filled with the presence of Jesus the Christ.

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Not every journey involves actual physical movement. The great monasteries and convents where people take vows of stability might seem to suggest that the Church advocates staying in one place. This is a misunderstanding. It is no coincidence that many monastic buildings look like boats. In fact the word for the main part of a church building, the nave, comes from *navis*, the Latin word for a ship. The Church is always on the move but it is a spiritual movement. We believe and hope in the future, and anyone who prays is on a journey.

If we could see this journey of the Christian from above it would seem strangely chaotic. We walk off the road, get lost, yet somehow by God's grace and mercy find our way back. Sometimes we refuse to move at all, we discourage other travellers on the way. We forget the basic rule of any journey, which is to put one foot in front of the other. We look back at the places we have been, we fear the places that God may call us to pass through. Yet as the psalmist says, "If I should walk in the valley of the shadow of death, I will fear no evil."

..The LIVING WORD

## Clayfield Conversations

### Thirteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time

#### Scriptural context – Hard sayings

Today's gospel can be seen as falling into a category of gospel passages that are often referred to as the 'hard sayings' of Jesus. These hard sayings are often confronting and even offensive to the audience – particularly a modern one. The harshness of the language and sentiment seems to jar with our image of the compassionate Jesus. Yet, these challenging teachings remind us of the hard edge that is contained within Christian beliefs and teachings. They call for strength in the face of overwhelming odds and commitment even in the face of custom and family loyalties.

#### Historical Context – Q

The three short sayings that make up the second half of today's gospel also appear in the gospel of Matthew and in the non-canonical gospel of Thomas. All three of these texts used a collection of sayings of Jesus as a source for their writing. This source is known simply by the German word for source, *Quelle*, or more commonly by the letter Q. The existence of the sayings gospel of Q has been deduced by use of source criticism, which seeks to better understand a text by understanding the sources used in its construction.

#### Have you thought? – No looking back

'Once the hand is laid on the plough, no one who looks back is fit for the kingdom of God.' This seemingly uncompromising position by Jesus is a call to set our eyes clearly on the establishment of the Kingdom. If we look back – if we have doubts and want to return to the world of comfort and injustice – then we are not yet ready for the difficulties of bringing about the Kingdom of God. It reminds us that although God invites us all to enter into the Kingdom, we have to make ourselves ready in our own hearts and minds to want to be part of the Kingdom...*Liturgy Help*.

### CHANGE TO WEEKDAY MASSES

For the month of June,  
weekday Masses will only be celebrated on  
Thursday and Friday mornings at 9.00am.  
There will be **NO** 6.30am Mass on Mondays or  
9.00am Mass on Wednesdays.



This weekend we welcome  
Fr John Sullivan 5pm and 9am Masses  
Bishop Brian Finnigan  
7am and 5.30pm Masses



**St Vincent de Paul Society**  
QUEENSLAND  
*good works*

### SVDP WINTER APPEAL 2019

The St Agatha's SVDP Conference are conducting its **Winter Appeal**. Please find envelopes on the church seats. The Conference visits people in a large area from Pinkenba to Bowen Hills, assisting families and single people, with food vouchers, clothing and furniture. Any donations will be gratefully appreciated. Please use the envelopes provided. If paying by cheque, please make it payable to "St Agatha's Clayfield SVDP Conference".

### PLENARY COUNCIL 2020

**National Theme for Discernment #2**  
**How is God calling us to be a**  
**Christ-centred Church that is Inclusive,**  
**Participatory and Synodal?**

This National Theme for Discernment is inspired by the voices of the People of God who expressed a desire for individuals and groups within and also beyond the Church to find a better welcome and be incorporated more into her life and mission.

Find out more at  
[www.plenarycouncil.catholic.org.au](http://www.plenarycouncil.catholic.org.au)

### PLENARY COUNCIL 2020

**National Theme for Discernment #3**  
**How is God calling us to be a**  
**Christ-centred Church that is**  
**Prayerful and Eucharistic?**

This National Theme for Discernment is inspired by the voices of the People of God who shared how deeply they treasured the Eucharist and the sacramental and liturgical life of the Church.

Find out more at  
[www.plenarycouncil.catholic.org.au](http://www.plenarycouncil.catholic.org.au)

*Ciao from Rome*



## *In our prayers we remember*



### *Those who have died recently:*

Anne Seymour, Ariane Ryan, Alan Clark, Jo Tomasoni

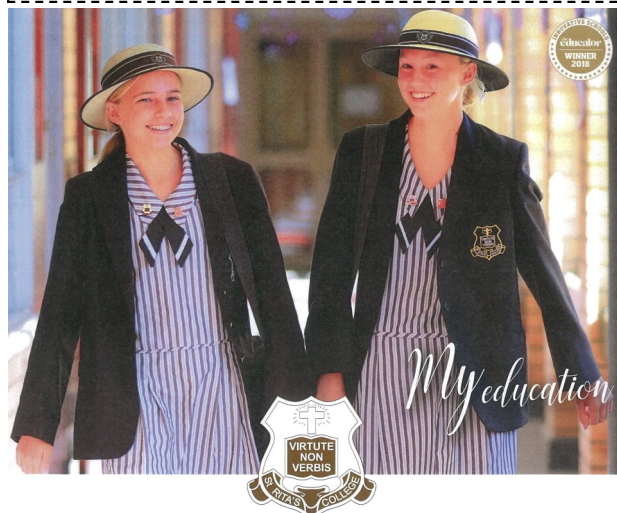
### *Those whose anniversaries occur about now:*

Paul McGuire, Joan Hinson, Lysle Killoran, Brendon Cross

### *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, James McKeon, 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.**



**ST RITA'S COLLEGE**

A Catholic girls' school for Years 7 to 12

**OPEN DAY**

SUNDAY 28 JULY 2019, 10:00AM-12:30PM

Register at: [www.stritas.qld.edu.au/openday](http://www.stritas.qld.edu.au/openday)



### **Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Sunday**

falls this year on next Sunday 7 July and is a significant celebration in our Church's calendar. Whilst providing us with an opportunity to acknowledge our Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander brothers and sisters, the celebration also signifies that we are united as one in God's love and care. Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Catholics number over 130,000 and are a growing demographic in our Church today. We must continue to reach out and provide opportunities where we may be enriched and nourished by their deep spirituality, culture and love for Jesus Christ, by opening the doors to our hearts and our homes. In the Gospel of the day Jesus says "The harvest is plentiful, but the workers are few. Ask the Lord of the harvest, therefore, to send out workers into his harvest field." Just as Jesus did, we must meet people where they are and walk alongside our First Nation's peoples on their journey to reconciliation and justice.

As Catholics we can set an example for the rest of Australia to follow by coming together as equals and friends in our Schools, Parishes and Organisations in the name of Jesus Christ and in the spirit of mutual respect and unity as one people.

### **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 next  
Sunday 7 July.

### **THE PARACLETE**

Edition 13 of The Paraclete  
(HOLY SPIRIT SEMINARY  
QUEENSLAND)

is now available at the  
back of the Church.  
Please take a copy home.

### **ANNUAL PETER'S PENCE COLLECTION Next weekend Saturday 6 July / Sunday 7 July**

At all Masses that weekend the annual Peter's Pence Collection will be taken up in support of the global ministry of Pope Francis. Please give generously to this worthy cause as a sign of our communion with the universal Church and an understanding of the many almsgiving needs requests made of the Pope.

***This very special collection will be taken up as a retiring collection after all the Masses on 6/7 July.***

### **WORLDWIDE MARRIAGE ENCOUNTER WEEKEND 2nd - 4th AUGUST**

A weekend away for married couples in peaceful, picturesque surroundings – away from the distractions of everyday living. Take time out of your busy schedule, to invest in your most precious asset . . . your Marriage! This is a unique opportunity to reconnect, rekindle and refresh your relationship.

Weekend will be held **2nd - 4th August 2019.**

**Venue:** Santa Teresa Spirituality Centre, Ormiston Qld (on Brisbane's bayside)

**For bookings/details contact:** Maria and David Murphy, phone 3342 1456,  
[dandmmurphy@optusnet.com.au](mailto:dandmmurphy@optusnet.com.au). Information website: [www.wwme.org.au](http://www.wwme.org.au)

**Encounter Timor Leste in September** Join us for an intimate immersive Encounter with Timorese culture and communities. Experienced Palms participants will guide your journey from 1 September and deepen understanding of how sustainable development makes a real difference for our neighbours.

Special Group Encounters also available. Visit [palms.org.au/encounters](http://palms.org.au/encounters) or call Palms now on 02 9560 5333

## **PARISH ROSTERS**

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

**5.00pm**

**7.00am**

**9.00am**

**5.30pm**

### **READERS:**

**29/30 June**

Phil Zammit  
Ann Goves

Andrew Douglas  
Annette Riba

Jane Arkinstall  
Clare Smethurst

Life Teen Mass

**6/7 July**

Graham Gibson  
Julie-Anne Gibson

Kirsty Stevens  
Sr Cecily Foster

*Volunteer*  
Ryan Smethurst

Life Teen Mass

### **COMMUNION MINISTERS:**

**29/30 June**

Jan Zammit

Paulette Archer

Julianne Ryan

Life Teen Mass

**6/7 July**

Edward Foley

*Volunteer*

*Volunteer*

Life Teen Mass

### **“HOME” COMMUNION MINISTERS:**

**30 June**

Geraldine Swindells

**7 July**

Lisa Carter

### **ORGANISTS:**

**29/30 June**

Robyn Cuming

*Volunteer*

Jenny McKeon

Life Teen Mass

**6/7 July**

*Volunteer*

*Volunteer*

Robyn Cuming

Life Teen Mass

### **ALTAR SERVERS:**

**29/30 June**

*Volunteer/s*

*Volunteer/s*

*Volunteer/s*

*Volunteer/s*

**6/7 July**

*Volunteer/s*

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### **CHILDREN’S LITURGY:**

**30 June**

Katrina Murphy and Jane Cameron

**7 July**

*No Children’s Liturgy - School holidays*

We like to celebrate the fact that we are free to “live the good life.” But Jesus calls us to a different kind of free-dom. St Paul reminds us that Jesus sets us free so that we can serve one another, share our gifts and promote God’s work here on earth to glorify His name and not honour ourselves.

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.

### **CHILDRENS LITURGY OF THE WORD**

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.

### **BURNIE BRAE**

Burnie Brae will no longer be holding their monthly Saturday Market Day. Due to this, the Parish Office will no longer be collecting clothing items. A huge **thank you** to everyone that has donated pre-loved clothing items to this organisation over the last couple of years.

### **Ignite Conference**

Brisbane: 26-29 September  
National Catholic  
Youth Conference  
For more information and to register: [igniteyouth.com](http://igniteyouth.com)

### **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.

### **PLENARY COUNCIL**

Copies of the Media Release on the “Announcement of National Themes for Discernment opens next phase for Plenary Council” are available at the back of the Church. For more information visit the Plenary Council website: [www.plenarycouncil.catholic.org.au](http://www.plenarycouncil.catholic.org.au)

### **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).



**Readings - Fourteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time (Year C) - 7 July 2019**

**1st Reading: Isaiah 66:10-14; 2nd Reading: Galatians 6:14-18; Gospel: Luke 10:1-12, 17-20**