

# ST. AGATHA'S PARISH

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

### Readings

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

### WEEKDAY MASSES

#### **PLEASE NOTE:**

**NO 6.30am Mass on Monday**

**Wednesday 7 August:** 9am

**Thursday 8 August:** 9am

*Saint Mary of the Cross*

**Thursday 8 August:** 10.30am

Benediction

**Friday 9 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

#### AUGUST

**Monday 5th**

SVDP Meeting 5pm

Parish Office

**Sunday 11th**

Children's Mass 9am



MASS TIMES for the  
Assumption of the  
Blessed Virgin Mary

Vigil 5pm:

Wednesday 14 August

9am

Thursday 15 August

This week is Vocations Awareness Week. This is a time to be conscious of the call that God gives to each of us to serve God and the community of faith in a particular way. We are called to live the grace of our baptism in the single life, as a married person, as a religious woman or man or as an ordained priest. These are all vocations in which God calls us to be a sign of the Kingdom as well as being the way in which we serve the Kingdom. This week is also a time though when we are more aware of the need to pray for Vocations to the priesthood and the religious life. Vocations are nurtured in family and in the community of faith. More and more young men become aware of God's call to them in the midst of powerful faith experiences such as World Youth Day, Ignite conferences or the apostolic work of the new lay movements present in the Church. Our common effort is to pray that in whatever circumstances a person may hear this call they will have the courage to answer and the encouragement and support of those closest to them.

Next Thursday there will be a time of prayer dedicated to vocations. Commencing after 9.00am Mass there will be adoration of the Blessed Sacrament which will conclude with Benediction at 10.30am. Please come along for all or part of that time and join together in prayer for Vocations.

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Recently I attended the meetings of two important groups in the Parish, namely the Community and Mission Council and the Parish Finance Council. Their agendas are often very different but sometimes they overlap. The CMC sees as a priority the opportunities to build and nourish the bonds of connection and welcome within the Mass going communities. There has been much discussion about providing facilities in the grounds of St Agatha's Church which enable community building to occur. The Finance Council of course is entrusted with paying for them. The Finance Council oversees all the financial dealings of the parish such as maintenance, including the maintenance and power bills for air conditioning and the upkeep of important historical buildings. Other issues that I have mentioned are the repair of the 93 year old baptismal font and the purchase of a new organ for St Agatha's. Of course these and other projects require the support of the Finance Council who acts on your behalf. For several very valid reasons including the rather dire financial situation of the parish these projects are on hold until a more secure future can be assured. The proposed organ has now been purchased by the Inala parish.

In September there will be a Planned Giving renewal to enable parishioners to renew their financial support of St Agatha's. I am very grateful to the members of both Councils and I ask that you offer them every support. I am especially grateful to the Finance Council and assure them of our prayers as we prepare for the Planned Giving renewal in September.

God bless,  
Fr Kevin.

## Clayfield Conversations

Eighteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time

### WEALTH AND RICHES

In the entire three-year Sunday Lectionary cycle, we read from the book of Ecclesiastes only on this Sunday. The main point of this passage is this: after a long life of hard and skilled labour, people must leave their property 'to another who has not laboured over it' (Eccl 2:21). In the gospel Jesus illustrates this point with a parable. The rich man stores his harvest (his 'nest egg') to provide for his future. But sudden death robs him of his future and God tauntingly asks, '... the things you have prepared, to whom will they belong?' (Luke 12:20).

While both readings consider the storing up of wealth for the future to be pointless, they do so for different reasons. The Book of Ecclesiastes presents itself as the learned reflections of wise King Solomon (see Eccl 1:1). As a youth 'Solomon' sets out to discover what brings happiness to people in their brief life under the sun (see 1:12-14). He systematically examines many different pursuits thought to bring happiness but dismisses each of them: equally useless are fame (1:11), wisdom (1:17-18), pleasure (2:1-3), great accomplishments (2:4-6), wealth (2:7-10), and hard work (2:11). He concludes the best one can hope for is to enjoy the life that is given now: 'Go, eat your bread with joy and drink your wine with a merry heart, because it is now that God favours your works' (9:7; also 2:24; 3:13; 5:17; 8:15). For 'Solomon', the accumulation of wealth, like all human pursuits, is ultimately pointless for everything ends in death (there was as yet no belief in an afterlife; see 3:19-21).

Jesus also discounts the accumulation of wealth but for a different reason. The rich man thinks that riches will guarantee his future. But Jesus teaches that one's life is not made secure by possessions (Luke 12:15). It's not that possessions are not valuable. Rather, there is something more valuable: life. As the parable makes clear, life is God's to give and to take away. It is best, then, to value what is most precious: life with God who alone secures our future... *Liturgia*

### 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.

### A SNAPSHOT OF RESPONSES TO THE QUESTION

**What do you think God is asking of us in Australia at this time?**

\* *"More formation and teaching needed for the Mass/Eucharist for young people".*

\* *"I feel God is calling us to listen to each other and work together".*

\* *"We are asked to be Missionary Disciples to do God's mission as we walk in the footsteps of Jesus. To encourage and lead young families, by example, to the church. To model a Catholic life in our families, school and communities. To pray often".*

National Vocations Awareness Week - Today is the feast of St John Vianney, the patron of parish clergy. Pray for your priests today in thanksgiving for their ministry and presence in your community. Next Thursday is the feast of St Mary of the Cross McKillop, our first Australia saint. Pray for the religious who do so much in pastoral care, education, health care and many other ministries. Pray also that these saints may inspire many vocations to consecrated life and priesthood, especially from your community.

The annual Vocation and Youth Ministry Expo invites young people to explore their vocation and engage with other catholic ministries to empower them to make a difference in their communities.

**vocation & youth ministry expo**

SUNDAY 4 AUGUST

As Part of the Vocations Awareness Week 2019

**12pm** Youth Mass with the Archbishop  
(St Stephen's Cathedral)

**1pm** Vocations and Youth Ministry Expo  
(Between St Stephen's Cathedral and the Francis Rush Centre)

Engage with youth ministries and religious congregations

Find out more about your vocation

Live Music

**1300 133 544**  **vocationBRISBANE.com**

## In our prayers we remember



### Those who have died recently:

Richard Anthony, Margaret Long

### Those who are sick:

Lauren Carney, 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.**

“Take care to guard against all greed, for though one may be rich, one’s life does not consist of possessions.” (Luke 12:15)

### **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:

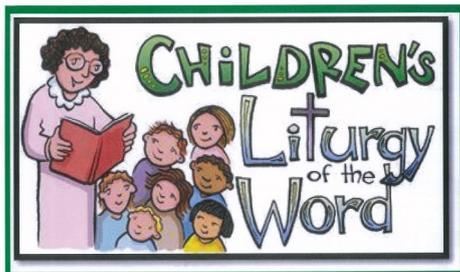
- \* make a positive difference in the lives of our residents and their families
- \* be supervised and supported by expert staff
- \* have access to a training program and practice pastoral care under the supervision of a specialist
- \* be part of a caring, supportive volunteer community

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](mailto: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 this Sunday 4 August.

**WHS Incident Reporting** Parishioners and visitors are reminded of the requirement to immediately report any health or safety incident, injury or damage that occurs within our Parish. Reporting assists our Parish to provide the necessary assistance, take remedial action and provide mandatory notifications to the Archdiocese and the Division of Work Health and Safety QLD.

## **THANK YOU**

**The Clayfield Saint Vincent De Paul Conference** would like to thank the Parishioners, for their generous donations to the SVDP Winter Appeal. This will help us to continue assisting people, who call upon us for help.

So far this year, the Conference has completed 360 visits, giving assistance of \$35,500 in total, to 583 adults and 138 children. New members are always welcome. Any enquiries phone John 0408 985 709.

This National Theme for Discernment is inspired by the voices of the People of God who shared a passion for participating in the missionary nature of the Church and desire stronger support, involvement and formation among all the baptised who make up the Church. The data also identified the need to reach out and communicate more effectively and to find new ways of living and proclaiming the Gospel in Australia today. There was a call for the strengthening of leadership and ministries in parishes and schools, training to equip leaders for ministry, pastoral support for various groups within parish and faith communities, and a desire for a unified voice in engaging social issues such as life and religious freedom.

Read more about this time at:

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

### **How God is calling us to be a Christ-centred Church that is**



### **A VOCATION VIEW:**

Another sign of Vocation is that your heart is more intent on things of heaven rather than on things of earth. God is everything: the only thing.

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

**5.00pm**

**7.00am**

**9.00am**

**5.30pm**

**READERS:**

3/4 Aug	Cate Barrett Phil Zammit	Annaliese Beckmann Jeanine Bygott	<i>Volunteer</i> Wilma O'Connell	Life Teen Mass
10/11 Aug	Jenny Close Edward Foley	Annette Riba Anne O'Connor	Chanelle Simpson Lauren Mitchell	Life Teen Mass

**COMMUNION MINISTERS:**

3/4 Aug	Jan Zammit	<i>Volunteer</i>	<i>Volunteer</i>	Life Teen Mass
10/11 Aug	Ann Goves	Paulette Archer	Amrita Moss	Life Teen Mass

**“HOME” COMMUNION MINISTERS:**

4 Aug	Lisa Carter
11 Aug	Anna Coventry

**ORGANISTS:**

3/4 Aug	<i>Volunteer</i>	<i>Volunteer</i>	Robyn Cuming	Life Teen Mass
10/11 Aug	<i>Volunteer</i>	<i>Volunteer</i>	Robyn Cuming & Paul Fiumara	Life Teen Mass

**ALTAR SERVERS:**

3/4 Aug	Billy Crutcher Dash Crutcher	Lachlan Hinneberg	Chelsy Waller	Caitlin Marshall
10/11 Aug	Ella Shepherd	<i>Volunteer/s</i>	<i>Volunteer/s</i>	Bart Marino Amelia Marino

**CHILDREN'S LITURGY:**

4 Aug	Katrina Murphy and Jason Francis <i>No Children's Liturgy - Children's Mass</i>
11 Aug	

**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

The Gospel message today is contrary to our modern culture where advertising continually tries to convince us that our value lies in the things we possess. Jesus showed us that our true value lies in the way we live our lives. He challenges us to not hoard material possessions, but rather to live a grateful and generous lifestyle and become more "other-centered" and less "self-centered."

**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*

**TWO-MINUTE HOMILIES** Priests from around the Archdiocese are preparing "Two Minute Homilies" and uploading them on social media platforms on a weekly basis now. To view or listen (at your leisure) to a podcast please visit [http:// brisbanecatholic.org.au/multimedia/two-minutehomilies/](http://brisbanecatholic.org.au/multimedia/two-minutehomilies/)

**Readings - Nineteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time (Year C) - 11 August 2019**  
1st Reading: Wisdom 18:6-9; 2nd Reading: Hebrews 11:1-2, 8-19; Gospel: Luke 12:32-48