



# ST. AGATHA'S PARISH

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Parish Administrator: Fr. Kevin Smith  
 Parish Secretary: Mrs Rosemary Greer  
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 Office Hours: Monday - Thursday: 8.30am-12.30pm and 1.30pm-3.30pm  
 Friday: 8.30am-12.00pm

 Local Safeguarding Children and Vulnerable Adults Representative: Georgia Allan (0456 441 717)  
**St. Agatha's Catholic Primary School** 6 Hunter Lane Clayfield Qld 4011. Phone: 3326 9222  
 School Principal: Mrs Carol Sayers **ACTING APRE:** Mrs Thea Cowdroy-Ling  
 Outside School Hours Care Coordinator: Roxanne Grogan

## Twentieth Sunday in Ordinary Time (Year C) - 18 August 2019

### Readings

1st Reading: Jeremiah 38:4-6, 8-10; 2nd Reading: Hebrews 12:1-4; Gospel: Luke 12:49-53

### WEEKDAY MASSES

**NO 6.30am Mass on Monday**

**Wednesday 21 August: 9am**  
*Saint Pius X*

**Thursday 22 August: 5pm**  
*The Queenship of the Blessed Virgin Mary*

**Friday 23 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 19th

SVDP Meeting 5pm  
 Parish Office  
 Community and Mission  
 Council Meeting 7pm  
 Parish Office

#### Saturday 24th

4.00pm, APAC  
 First Group session for Confirmation candidates.

#### Sunday 25th

8.00am  
 First Group session for Confirmation candidates.



This weekend at all Masses the children preparing for the Sacrament of Confirmation will be enrolled in their formal preparation program.

They have been "preparing" for this sacrament of initiation of course since the day of their baptism.

In fact the baptism ceremony concludes with the

profound words "these children are now called children of God for so indeed they are". This is followed by a statement anticipating their sacramental journey. "In Confirmation they will receive the fullness of God's Spirit and in Holy Communion they will share in the banquet of Christ's sacrifice...." Sounds heavy going for those gathered on the day but it does not take long for the years to pass and now we are there.

What has happened in the meantime? How has the new life of Baptism been nurtured and fed so that it has grown in the lives of these young people who long to know God. Do they talk to God? Have they experienced living examples of God's love that is always ready to welcome and encourage us? Are they already aware of the story of Jesus and how he is alive and active in the family of the Church? When these young people are told they will receive the fullness of God's Spirit so that they will be like the people they see around them who praise God for God's many gifts to us will they understand or just look bemused.

This is a very special time for the children and their families who we remember especially in our prayers at this time. Also important is the in-between time when preparation for the Sacraments really happens. May God bless these young people and their families and Carers as they experience more deeply the powerful action of God's Holy Spirit in their lives.

God bless,  
 Fr Kevin.

## Clayfield Conversations

Twentieth Sunday in Ordinary Time

### Connecting discipleship to decision

The difficulty in making a connection between the first reading and the gospel is obviated in the ecumenical Common Lectionary which offers a different passage from Jeremiah, 23:23-29. This passage describes the effectiveness of the authentic prophetic word: 'Is not my word like fire, says the Lord?' (23:29). 'Fire' is the image Jesus uses in the gospel to describe his mission. In the bible, fire is sometimes an image for purification (e.g. Numbers 31:23; Ezekiel 22:19-22), but more often for judgment (Judith 16:17; Isaiah 66:16; Amos 7:4; 2 Pet 3:7). Intrinsic to the act of judgment is separating, that is, deciding for some and against others: the wicked are condemned and the righteous are saved. Or, in the words of Jesus, his ministry will cause division as some decide for him and some against him. But his very person and presence demand such a decision.

The close connection between judgment and division is spelled out in highly personal terms: households will be divided and familial relations will be disrupted. The peace of the status quo, or the peace that comes from avoiding a decision, is replaced by division. The judgment that Jesus brings is, ironically, one that people impose on themselves by deciding for or against Jesus.


From fire, Jesus moves to the image of the 'baptism with which I must be baptised', a reference to his passion (e.g., Mark 10:38). The images of fire and baptism refer to his mission, both in terms of the cost that it will exact from him and the decision it will require of people. Finally, these words spoken by Jesus on the way to Jerusalem where he will suffer and die recall the words of John the Baptist who had earlier spoken of the coming of one mightier than he who would 'baptise you with the Holy Spirit and with fire'. (Luke 3:16). As Jesus walks the road to Jerusalem, disciples must decide to go with him or not. To be with or against Jesus is a decision that has the effect of judgment and division... *Liturgia*

### STOPLINE Service

External service that receives info about suspected abuse, misconduct & policy breaches by Archdiocesan, Brisbane Catholic Education or Centacare Brisbane personnel.

**Information can be shared anonymously.**

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### Archdiocesan MULTICULTURAL MASS 2019

Sunday 25 August 2.30pm

Cathedral of St Stephen

*Celebrating the 105th World Day of  
Migrants and Refugees*

With great joy we welcome

**Remy Clifford and  
Theon Warnakula**

who will be baptised this weekend.

A VOCATION VIEW: Jesus wants his followers  
to light a fire on the earth. His followers,  
as His fire, are bright, blazing, consuming,  
enlightening and warm.

**Golden Wedding Anniversary Mass** Couples celebrating their Golden Wedding Anniversary together with family and friends, are invited to the annual Mass with Archbishop Mark Coleridge. As the Archdiocesan Assembly for the Plenary Council has been convened for the date we had previously advertised for this special occasion, the Mass will now be celebrated on **Saturday 28 September, at 10.00am**. For catering purposes please RSVP to [cathedral@bne.catholic.net.au](mailto:cathedral@bne.catholic.net.au) or telephone 3324 3030 by Friday 20 September.

The Cathedral car park will be available.

### AGED CARE IN QUEENSLAND TODAY – WHAT WE NEED TO KNOW

A Public talk sponsored by Knights of the Southern Cross Qld, Branch 1

At St. Michael's Church Hall, 250 Banks Street, Dorrington | Thursday 5 September 2019 at 7.30pm

Speaker Nick Ryan, CEO of Lutheran Services, recent Acting CEO of Southern Cross Care Qld, will help us understand what services are available for older people in our community. Older people are living longer, but are they living better? Nick will explain how the system works and how to manage and sort out what is available for older citizens. There are many options, but what is right for us or our loved ones. Supper provided.

**RSVP** by Sunday 1 September 2019 - Stuart Beavis, 0408321582, [bsb\\_himself@optusnet.com.au](mailto:bsb_himself@optusnet.com.au)

  
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## *In our prayers we remember*



### *Those who have died recently:*

Carmel O'Dowd, May Garton, Peg Saunders

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

Rory Schuh, Kathleen McVeigh, George Leutenegger, Mona Leutenegger, William Mahon, May McKenzie, Agnes Clifton, Margaret (Bobby) Tynan, Fulvia Antonangeli

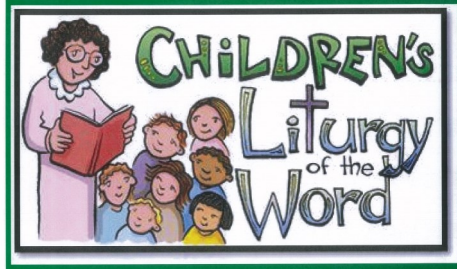
### *Those who are sick:*

Eugene Gaynor, Lauren Carney, 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



### **AUSTRALIAN CATHOLIC YOUTH FESTIVAL 2019**

**What is ACYF?** The Australian Catholic Youth Festival (ACYF) is a national gathering of Catholic young people established by the Australian Catholic Bishops Conference (ACBC). It is celebrated every couple of years, beginning in 2014 in Melbourne and has since been hosted by the Archdiocese of Adelaide and the Archdiocese of Sydney. This year, the Archdiocese of Perth will be hosting the festival from **8th - 10th December** at the Perth Convention and Exhibition Centre (with final Mass at Trinity College, Perth).  
Go to: [youthfestival.catholic.org.au](http://youthfestival.catholic.org.au) for more information.



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.

**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.

**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 refreshments after the 5.30pm Mass this Sunday 18 August.

This weekend we welcome Fr John Grace for the 5pm and 7am Masses and Fr Peter Luton for the 9am Mass.

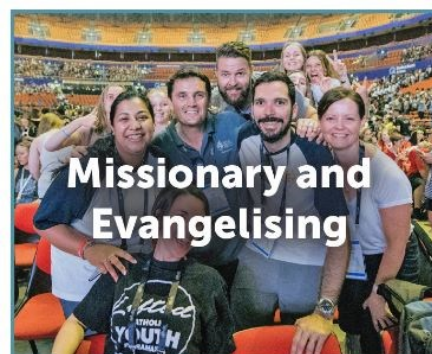
### **POLICY STATEMENT**

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.

### **Some of the topics that people talked about this theme:**

Affordable adult faith formation courses  
Authentic faith teaching in Catholic schools  
Be a witness in society  
Better communication of what the Church does  
Better faith formation  
Better formation for liturgical ministries and sacramental programs  
Better youth formation  
Church should adapt to multicultural reality.  
Read more of the topics for this theme:  
[www.plenarycouncil.catholic.org.au](http://www.plenarycouncil.catholic.org.au)

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



Living a stewardship lifestyle means stepping out of our comfort zone when needed. Many of us like to play it safe, not cause waves, stay in the middle of the road. In today's world we are called to be informed and take a stance for life, marriage and religious liberty.

**PARISH ROSTERS**

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

**5.00pm****7.00am****9.00am****5.30pm****READERS:****17/18 Aug****Graham Gibson  
Ann Goves****Nick Eden  
Dianne Eden****Eileen Duncan  
Jane Arkinstall****Life Teen Mass****24/25 Aug****Jack Williamson  
Ann Goves****Annaliese Beckmann  
Jeanine Bygott****Eileen Duncan  
Jane Arkinstall****Life Teen Mass****COMMUNION MINISTERS:****17/18 Aug****Deborah Hall****Volunteer****Volunteer****Life Teen Mass****"HOME" COMMUNION MINISTERS:****18 Aug****Georgia Allan****25 Aug****Anna Coventry****ORGANISTS:****17/18 Aug****Volunteer****Volunteer****Robyn Cuming****Life Teen Mass****24/25 Aug****Volunteer****Volunteer****Jenny McKean****ALTAR SERVERS:****17/18 Aug****Volunteer/s****Volunteer/s****Daniel Benjamin****Alex Oliveri****24/25 Aug****Sofia Iannarella****Volunteers****Bridget Birchley****Volunteers****CHILDREN'S LITURGY:****18 Aug****No Children's Liturgy****25 Aug****Erin Bledsoe & Lucy Crowe**

**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.

**Our Lady of Graces Parish, Carina**

invites applications for the part time position of

**Parish Secretary**30 hours per week Monday to Thursday  
(negotiable)Official start date of employment will be  
Monday 14 October 2019Additional information, including a position  
description can be obtained from James Herd on  
3324 3331 or email [herdj@bne.catholic.net.au](mailto:herdj@bne.catholic.net.au).

Applications close Wednesday 28 August 2019

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.**SVDP CLOTHING BIN**located behind the Church  
with easy access.SVDP meetings are held every second Monday at 5pm  
(except Public Holidays). New members are always welcome.

Any enquiries phone John 0408 985 709.

Next meeting Monday 19 August.

**St Agatha's Parish Sacramental Program 2019****Sacrament of Confirmation****Session One** (only child to attend)Saturday 24 August at 4.00pm APAC **OR**

Sunday 25 August at 8.00am APAC

**Session Two** (Parent & child to attend)

31 August at 4.00pm Church

**Practice 5** September 3.30pm Church**Sacrament of Confirmation**

Tuesday 10 September at 5pm &amp; 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.

**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 - Twenty-First Sunday in Ordinary Time (Year C) - 25 August 2019****1st Reading: Isaiah 66:18-21; 2nd Reading: Hebrews 12:5-7, 11-13; Gospel: Luke 13:22-30**