



ST. AGATHA'S PARISH

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School Principal: Ms Anne-Marie Maw ACTING APRE: Mrs Thea Cowdroy-Ling
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Twenty Fourth Sunday in Ordinary Time (Year C) - 15 September 2019

Readings

1st Reading: Exodus 32:7-11, 13-14; 2nd Reading: 1 Timothy 1:12-17; Gospel: Luke 15:1-32

WEEKDAY MASSES

NO 6.30am Mass on Monday
Wednesday 18 September 9am
Thursday 19 September 9am
Friday 20 September 9am
*Saints Andrew Kim Tae-Gon,
Paul Chong Ha-Sang and
Companions*

WEEKEND MASSES

Saturday 5.00pm
*(1st Rite of Reconciliation:
Saturday 4.30pm)*
Sunday 7.00am
9.00am
5.30pm

Rosary before Mass.

Parish Calendar

SEPTEMBER

Monday 16th
SVDP Meeting 5pm
Parish Office
Tuesday 17th
Finance Meeting 6.30pm
Parish Office



**ST AGATHA'S
PARISH**
will be
conducting the
**2019
ANNUAL
CATHOLIC
CAMPAIGN**
on the weekend of
26/27 October

On behalf of the Parish and the school I would like to offer a very warm welcome to Ms Anne-Marie Maw our new Principal. We are thrilled to have you among us and we look forward to working together to build a community of faith in which teaching and learning discovers and develops the God given gifts in all of us. Anne-Marie comes to us with much experience and I know everyone will appreciate her enthusiasm, warmth and deep faith. Anne-Marie and other members of St Agatha's staff attended the Confirmation ceremonies on Tuesday evening and it was great to see the support and cooperation between the school and parish communities continue.

I would also like to congratulate the newly Confirmed young people. While the newly confirmed attend different schools it is always a great pleasure to see them all coming together in faith during the time of preparation and the ceremony itself. It was a beautiful ceremony on Tuesday evening with Archbishop Mark presiding and I am very grateful to the parents and guardians who have guided these children in faith and who continue to share the gift of faith with them. To the families, sacramental team members, musician and all who made the handing on and celebration of faith possible my sincere thanks.

This weekend the Parish community, after presenting the parish finances last week, is renewing the Planned Giving Program. This program enables the Parish to plan its activities and mission around an income that is provided by parishioners. While the financial support of the Parish is a practical necessity it is also an expression of people's faith, belonging and charity. This occurs in many ways throughout the year and I realize that families support many worthwhile causes. The importance of our combined financial support of the Parish is as necessary now as ever before. Many people find that direct debit is the most convenient way to support the parish and its mission. I urge you to consider your support of the Parish and encourage you to contact the Parish Office for any further information: clayfield@bne.catholic.net.au

There will be time during Mass this weekend to renew, increase and join the Planned Giving Program. The completed forms can be placed on the collection plate today or returned next weekend. The forms can also be returned to the Parish Office if you wish. Once again if you have any questions regarding the financial support of the parish please contact the Office.

I have no doubt that while the challenges facing the Parish are great so too is the generosity and enthusiasm of this Christ centred community of faith.

God bless,
Fr Kevin.

Clayfield Conversations

Twenty Fourth Sunday in Ordinary Time

Scribes and Pharisees

The parable of the prodigal son, along with its two companion parables of the lost sheep and the lost coin, are addressed to 'the Pharisees and the scribes'. The occasion is another of Jesus' meals with 'tax collectors and sinners' whom Jesus welcomes.

In Luke, as in all the gospels, opposition against Jesus coalesces around the Pharisees and scribes who are often paired (Luke 5:21, 30; 6:7; 11:53; 15:2). According to the Jewish historian Josephus (37-100 A.D.), Pharisees were regarded as the 'most accurate interpreters of the Law' and were distinguished from other Jewish groups such as the Sadducees by their also observing the 'traditions of the fathers' (see Matthew 15:2; Mark 7:3, 5, 8, 13) - prescriptions not found in the Law of Moses. The Pharisees were particularly zealous about the laws of ritual purity and tithing. They regarded as 'sinners' all who violated the commandments, moral laws, and the laws of purity. Though Pharisees were not priests or part of the official religious establishment, the esteem they enjoyed among the people and their expertise in religious and legal matters gave them great popular authority. Closely associated with the Pharisees are the scribes. Skilled in both reading and writing, they were professional interpreters of the law; indeed, Luke seems to use 'scribe' and 'lawyer' interchangeably (compare Luke 10:25 and Mark 12:28; see also Luke 7:30; 11:95). Their skill and ability in matters of the Law made them natural allies of the Pharisees who shared their interest in zealous legal observance.

Particularly irksome to the Pharisees was Jesus' associating with the unclean, thereby becoming unclean himself. At the very least this demonstrated Jesus' disregard of the laws of purity. Moreover, Jesus' meals with the unclean were sacrilegious because blessings would be pronounced over the food. Invoking the name of God among the unclean and the unrepentant was scandalous.

As we read the gospels we should be careful not to place all scribes and Pharisees in the role of villains and enemies (see Luke 13:31). Their presentation is shaped by Christian interests at that time to assign responsibility for the death of Jesus.... *Liturgia*



Congratulations to all the children who were Confirmed on Tuesday night.

OUR LADY OF FATIMA ROSARY PROCESSION

St Stephen's Cathedral 5 October 2019

Rosaries (two mysteries) 10.30am

Marian Mass 11.30am

Process around the streets approx. 12.15pm
(Elizabeth St, Adelaide St, Edward St, Cathedral)
Benediction to conclude at the Cathedral.

IN TIME OF BUSH FIRES

Hear our prayers, O God, for the efforts
To quench the fires that rage on our land;
And, sustaining our spirits,
Keep us from all harm
And give success to the work of our hands.
Through Christ our Lord... Amen

THE CATHOLIC LEADER \$2.00

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 or phone 3857 9999



MISSION ADVENTURE?

Communities in Asia, Africa and the Pacific seek volunteer medics, teachers, tradies, business and admins to assist their development.

Contact Palms and find out how sharing your skills can immerse you in a world of deep cultural discovery.

Apply by November 1st to start your adventure in 2020.

Call Monday-Friday on 02 9560 5333 or go to palms.org.au



PLenary COUNCIL 2020

The Plenary Council invites people to continue to participate in the journey towards the Council sessions in 2020 and 2021. The "Listening and Discernment" phase recently opened and a guide has been developed to encourage groups to take part in communal discernment on the National Themes for Discernment. Learn more about the Christian practice of discernment and download the guide, "Let's Listen and Discern", at www.plenarycouncil.catholic.org.au.

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.

In our prayers we remember



Those who have died recently:

Lou Pigott, Amelia Verna, Thea Hoffman

Those whose anniversaries occur about now:

Jim Cuming

Those who are sick:

Ross Petrie, Patrick (Paddy) Ryan, Nick Newton, 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

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



IGNITE CONFERENCE 2019 "NEW AGAIN"

From: Thursday 26th Sept. to Sunday 29th Sept.
At: Mueller College, Rothwell.
For: Youth, young adults and youth leaders.

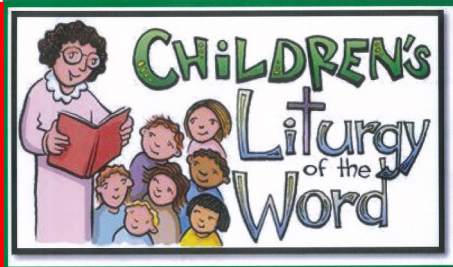
This conference provides a full schedule of workshops, formation, keynote speakers (including Fr. Rob Galea), and powerful worship.

Day and weekend registrations are available - \$210 Weekend (Saturday & Sunday), \$145 one day (Friday or Saturday)

Costs include meals.

A parental consent form is available to download for all registrations under the age of 18. For more information and registration go to: igniteyouth.com/conference/brisbane

If you register for the conference please let us know and we will organise an Aggies Youth meeting point at the site to assist you. Contact Anne O'Connor at 0419796988 or 32566013.



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.

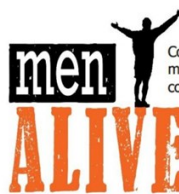
Phone Anne O'Connor: 3256 6013 or 0419796988.

Visit Aggies Youth:

<https://www.facebook.com/aggiesyouth>

Join us for refreshments after the 5.30pm Mass this Sunday 15 September.

AUTHENTIC INTENTIONAL MANHOOD



Connect with the manhood God created for each of us to LIVE. Joining the menALIVE team and the Men of the Sunnybank Parish for an afternoon of connecting, listening and sharing on the way of manhood in which a man:

INTENTIONALLY

rejects PASSIVITY

accepts RESPONSIBILITY

lives COURAGEOUSLY

and

LOVES GOD WITH ALL HIS BEING.

Sunday 22 September 2019 | 11.30AM to 5.30PM

Contact: Our Lady of Lourdes Catholic Church Sunnybank: 3345 3766



2019 ANNUAL

CATHOLIC CAMPAIGN

Our Church • Our Mission • Our Community

Stories of Faith: Ruth, Sandhurst

The sexual abuse scandal, the anti-gay marriage rhetoric, the patriarchal nature of governance and the attitude towards contraception has made it impossible for [my children] to remain active participants. All of my children are strong advocates for social justice and they applaud the Australian bishops for their stance on offshore detention and other issues such as climate change. However, the Church in Australia must engage with the other issues mentioned if it is to have a hope of retaining educated women within the ranks of its faithful. As a teacher in a Catholic school, I find the only way to recontextualise my faith so that it has relevance to my students is through social justice. I continually promote Caritas and all its wonderful work but I despair at times for the future of my parish and the Church in Australia as a whole.

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



Our Heavenly Father gives us everything, including the chance to share in His eternal kingdom. Yet, like the Prodigal Son we are often lured away by the materialism of our society. Do we really want to turn our backs on all that God offers in exchange for a material wealth that has no lasting value?

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

5.00pm

7.00am

9.00am

5.30pm

READERS:

14/15 Sept	Graham Gibson Julie-Anne Gibson	Anne O'Connor Annette Riba	Joseph O'Brien Jane Arkinstall	Life Teen Mass
21/22 Sept	<i>Volunteer</i> Katrina Murphy	Sr Cecily Foster Kirsty Stevens	<i>Volunteer</i> Dan Butler	Life Teen Mass

COMMUNION MINISTERS:

14/15 Sept	Edward Foley	<i>Volunteer</i>	<i>Volunteer</i>	Life Teen Mass
21/22 Sept	<i>Volunteer</i>	Paulette Archer	<i>Volunteer</i>	Life Teen Mass

"HOME" COMMUNION MINISTERS:

15 Sept	Lisa Carter
22 Sept	Karen Birtles

ORGANISTS:

14/15 Sept	<i>Volunteer</i>	<i>Volunteer</i>	Robyn Cuming	Life Teen Mass
21/22 Sept	<i>Volunteer</i>	<i>Volunteer</i>	Robyn Cuming	Life Teen Mass

ALTAR SERVERS:

14/15 Sept	<i>Volunteer/s</i>	<i>Volunteer/s</i>	Daniel Benjamin Thomas Benjamin	<i>Volunteer/s</i>
21/22 Sept	<i>Volunteer/s</i>	<i>Volunteer/s</i>	<i>Volunteer/s</i>	<i>Volunteer/s</i>

CHILDREN'S LITURGY:

15 Sept	Ewan McPherson and Lucy Crowe
22 Sept	No Children's Liturgy - School Holidays



BAPTISMS at St Agatha's are celebrated on the 3rd and 4th Sundays of the month. For bookings and further information, please phone the parish office on 3262 2859.

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 16 September.

CATHOLIC CURSILLO WEEKENDS – 2019 Archdiocese of Brisbane

Where: Glendalough, 102 Lakewood Drive, Weyba Downs on the Sunshine Coast.
When: Men's Weekend to be held from Friday 4th October 2019 to Monday 7th October 2019
Women's Weekend to be held from - Thursday 10th October 2019 to Sunday 13th October 2019
Cost: \$250.00 for the weekend.
(Includes all meals, morning and afternoon teas, supper and accommodation)
Please consider sponsoring a candidate or candidates for both or either of these weekends.

Make a friend, be a friend bring that friend to Christ

"ASK THEM TO COME AND SEE"

Contact Peter McMahon: 0407 588 014 or Rosemary Haydock: 0431 464 211 for more information.

2019-2020 Social Justice Statement Launch | Wednesday 25 September | 7:00pm | St James Parish Hall, Coorparoo 92 Kirkland Avenue, Coorparoo. Join the Catholic Justice and Peace Commission and St James Coorparoo Social Justice Group as Archbishop Mark Coleridge officially launches the 2019-2020 Social Justice Statement in Brisbane. The evening will also include a lively panel discussion exploring the positive and problematic possibilities of the increasingly digital world in which we live.

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. Information can also be found on the Archdiocesan Website: <http://brisbanecatholic.org.au/life/marriage-annulments/>

Readings - Twenty-Fifth Sunday in Ordinary Time (Year C) - 22 September 2019

1st Reading: Amos 8:4-7; 2nd Reading: 1 Timothy 2:1-8; Gospel: Luke 16:1-13