



# ST. AGATHA'S PARISH

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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

## Twenty Third Sunday in Ordinary Time (Year C) - 8 September 2019

### Readings

1st Reading: Wisdom 9:13-18; 2nd Reading: Philemon 9-10, 12-17; Gospel: Luke 14:25-33

### WEEKDAY MASSES

**NO 6.30am Mass on Monday**  
**Wednesday 11 September 9am**  
**Thursday 12 September 9am**  
**Friday 13 September 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

#### SEPTEMBER

**Thursday 12th**

Parish Office Closed

**Monday 16th**

SVDP Meeting 5pm

Parish Office



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

The retirement of Mrs Carol Sayers as Principal of St Agatha's Primary School gives us all reason to express our gratitude to her. The parish school is among the most important mission activities of any parish as children are educated in faith and prepared for the contribution they will make in the journey of life. Carol has taken that responsibility very seriously every day at St Agatha's as she has welcomed so many families and children to the school. Carol has worked tirelessly to discover the gifts of each child and develop those gifts. As a woman of faith she has been an example of living her belief in the risen Lord and sharing Gospel values with others.

I have never been in any doubt as to Carol's belief in the school because she always speaks in such positive terms about the children, families and the staff of St Agatha's. As we know St Agatha's Parish Primary school was the place where so many of Carol's own gifts were discovered, developed and encouraged as she is a past pupil. Carol has generously shared those gifts and so many more besides in her leadership of St Agatha's. You will be missed Carol but you have certainly become a most memorable part of the long and wonderful history that is the story of St Agatha's Clayfield.

May God bless you and your family with health and happiness and travel safely in the world which is that much better thanks to what you have shared with us.

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This weekend and next members of the Parish Finance Council and the Community and Mission Council will be speaking at all Masses. This week they will be presenting a report of the Parish Finances. A positive and necessary development in the Church today is greater transparency in all aspects of Parish life including the financial operations. The report given this weekend is essential so that all parishioners are aware of how their financial contribution is managed.

I am very grateful to the Finance Council members who take their responsibility very seriously and always have the best interests of the Parish at heart and the best stewardship of resources.

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Our prayers and best wishes accompany the candidates for Confirmation and their families. This Tuesday evening the 10<sup>th</sup> September at St Agatha's they will be confirmed by Archbishop Mark Coleridge. We hope that this will be a memorable time for them and that they and the parish will be renewed in the life and love of the Holy Spirit poured upon the Church at Pentecost and given now to these children in the Sacrament of Confirmation.

God bless,  
Fr Kevin.

## Clayfield Conversations

### Twenty Third Sunday in Ordinary Time

#### Cost of discipleship

In the parable immediately preceding this Sunday's gospel (14:15-24, omitted from the Lectionary), guests were invited to a banquet three times, and three times they sent excuses. In this gospel, as 'great crowds accompanied Jesus', he turns and three times admonishes them that they 'cannot be my disciple' (14:26, 27, 33) unless certain conditions are met. In view of the journey and its destination (see OT Sunday 13), it is imperative that those who wish to follow Jesus calculate the cost (14:28).

The costs are indeed staggering. The first and third admonitions require a would-be disciple to leave something behind: 'father and mother, wife and children, brothers and sisters, and even his own life' (14:26), as well as 'all his possessions' (14:33). The second admonition requires a positive action: to 'carry his cross and come after me' (14:27). Earlier Jesus had indicated the ongoing nature of this task when he said, 'If anyone wishes to come after me, he must deny himself and take up his cross daily and follow me' (9:23). This is not for the faint of heart nor the impulsive. To illustrate, Jesus offers two brief parables.

Both parables feature individuals about to undertake a project: the first is a worker building a tower and the second is a king preparing for war. Whether commoner or royalty, foresight and prudence are required; the ability to see the project through determines whether it should be undertaken. So, too, would-be disciples must subordinate all other competing claims to the overriding demands of following Jesus. Nothing - not family, possessions, or even one's life - is more urgent than fidelity to Jesus.

In a sense the parables apply positively to God and Jesus: God undertook the plan of salvation with full resolve to carry it out even at the cost of the beloved Son's life (Rom 8:32); Jesus, too, resolutely determined to journey to Jerusalem (9:51) to lay down his life. Neither God nor Jesus asks of disciples anything they themselves were not prepared to do.... *Liturgia*



Congratulations to all the children being Confirmed on Tuesday night 10<sup>th</sup> September.

#### ST WILLIAM'S GROVELY PARISH

invites applications for the Part-Time position of  
**Administration Assistant**  
2 days a week 7 hours per day  
3 month contract position with possible extension

For a copy of the position description or any other enquires please email: [hroffice@bne.catholic.net.au](mailto:hroffice@bne.catholic.net.au).

To apply for this position, please email your current resume and a covering letter outlining your suitability for the position to [hroffice@bne.catholic.net.au](mailto:hroffice@bne.catholic.net.au). Applications should include the name of two (2) referees one of which preferably should be a Parish Priest.

Applications close on Friday 13<sup>th</sup> September.

*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.*

#### PLEASE NOTE

the Parish Office will be closed on  
Thursday 12 September.



115 Turner Rd, Kedron - 3357 7028

[www.delamoreretirement.com.au](http://www.delamoreretirement.com.au)

Discover Kedron's Best Kept Secret.

Open House – Every Thursday from  
10.00am – 12.00pm

A VOCATION VIEW: Jesus says clearly; "Anyone who does not take up the cross and follow me cannot be my disciple." You and Jesus can carry your cross together. Then, you can follow!

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



**ENCOUNTER MYANMAR:** *Still two places left on an enlightening journey with the Executive Director of Palms Australia.*

*Travelling November 16-29.*

Enquire via email [palms@palms.org.au](mailto:palms@palms.org.au) or call 02 9560 5333



**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:*

Thea Hoffman, Jim Duncan, Elizabeth Griffin, Joanna Wong

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

Jim Cuming, Neil Murphy, Lew Brumpton, Gladys McBride, Pat Killoran

### *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.**



## STOPLine Service

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

**Information can be shared anonymously.**



**1300 304 550**

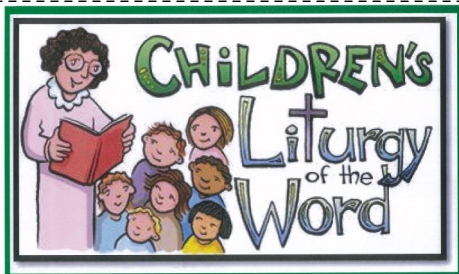


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All Children from Prep to Year 4  
are invited to attend  
**Children's Liturgy of the Word**  
held during term only on the  
1st, 3rd & 4th Sundays of every  
month at the 9.00am Mass. Any  
Children of pre-school age must  
be accompanied by an 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 next  
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 Sunburybank 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 Sunburybank: 3345 3766

"We shall never know all the good that a simple smile can do."  
— Mother Teresa

### **THE EXALTATION OF THE HOLY CROSS | 14 September | Feast**

Originally this day commemorated the dedication of Constantine's Basilica of the Holy Sepulchre in the fourth century; after the celebration, the wood of the cross was venerated. The feast spread in the West after the recovery of the relics of the cross from Persia in the seventh century. A feast of the Lord, it celebrates the "lifting up" of the Son of Man on the cross, into glory, and the paradox of the cross as a sign of humiliation and death, yet the source of victory and life.

## **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:**

- \* Be a witness in society
- \* Better communication of what the Church does
- \* Better implementation of Royal Commission report
- \* Call to repentance for clergy sexual abuse
- \* Care for neighbour, the environment, the family
- \* Defend right-to-life issues
- \* End discrimination of LGBTQ
- \* Fight for human rights issues
- \* Greater connection with and inclusion of Indigenous Australians

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**



**Humble, Healing  
and Merciful**

## THE CATHOLIC LEADER

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**Fijian archbishop hopes to turn the tide for his people**



**\$2.00**

**Tamil family becomes the face of Australia's border policies**

**STAY OR GO?**

By Joe Higgins  
The Archdiocese of Brisbane is a Christ-centred Church that is humble, healing and merciful. It is a Church that is open to all, that seeks to be a sign of God's love in the world. It is a Church that is called to be a light in the darkness, to be a source of hope and comfort for all who are in need. It is a Church that is called to be a sign of God's love in the world, to be a source of hope and comfort for all who are in need. It is a Church that is called to be a sign of God's love in the world, to be a source of hope and comfort for all who are in need.

**PARISH ROSTERS**

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

**5.00pm****7.00am****9.00am****5.30pm****READERS:**

7/8 Sept	Edward Foley Ann Goves	Nick Eden Dianne Eden	Wilma O'Connell Lauren Mitchell	Life Teen Mass
14/15 Sept	Graham Gibson Julie-Anne Gibson	Anne O'Connor Annette Riba	Clare Smethurst Jane Arkinstall	Life Teen Mass

**COMMUNION MINISTERS:**

7/8 Sept	Christine Iannarella	<i>Volunteer</i>	Amrita Moss	Life Teen Mass
14/15 Sept	Edward Foley	<i>Volunteer</i>	<i>Volunteer</i>	Life Teen Mass

**"HOME" COMMUNION MINISTERS:**

8 Sept	Geraldine Swindells
15 Sept	Lisa Carter

**ORGANISTS:**

7/8 Sept	<i>Volunteer</i>	<i>Volunteer</i>	Robyn Cuming and Paul Fiumara	Life Teen Mass
14/15 Sept	<i>Volunteer</i>	<i>Volunteer</i>	Robyn Cuming	Life Teen Mass

**ALTAR SERVERS:**

7/8 Sept	<i>Volunteer/s</i>	<i>Volunteer/s</i>	<i>Volunteer/s</i> <i>Children's Mass</i>	Bart Marino Amelia Marino
14/15 Sept	<i>Volunteer/s</i>	<i>Volunteer/s</i>	Daniel Benjamin Thomas Benjamin	Alex Oliveri

**CHILDREN'S LITURGY:**

8 Sept	<i>No Children's Liturgy - Children's Mass</i>
15 Sept	Ewan McPherson and 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.

**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 4<sup>th</sup> October 2019 to Monday 7<sup>th</sup> October 2019  
Women's Weekend to be held from - Thursday 10<sup>th</sup> October 2019 to Sunday 13<sup>th</sup> 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.

**Our Lady of Sorrows** | 15 September | *Memorial*

This commemoration originated in the medieval devotion to the seven sorrows of Mary. Approved for the Servite order in the seventeenth century, it was extended to the whole Western Church in 1814 by Pius VII in thanksgiving for his release from captivity under Napoleon. In the light of Simeon's prophecy about a sword piercing Mary's soul (Luke 2:35), the feast celebrates Mary, first disciple and first to share in the pain and triumph of the cross.

**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-Fourth Sunday in Ordinary Time (Year C) - 15 September 2019****1st Reading: Exodus 32:7-11, 13-14; 2nd Reading: 1 Timothy 1:12-17; Gospel: Luke 15:1-32**