




ST. AGATHA'S PARISH

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Second Sunday of Advent (Year A) - 8 December 2019

Readings

1st Reading: Isaiah 11:1-10; 2nd Reading: Romans 15:4-9; Gospel: Matthew 3:1-12

WEEKDAY MASSES

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

WEEKEND MASSES

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

Parish Calendar

DECEMBER

Monday 9

SVDP Meeting 5pm
Parish Office

2020 COLUMBAN ART CALENDARS

Columban Calendars are
now available and for sale
at the Piety Stall for
\$9.00 each.
Ideal Christmas Gift



CHRISTMAS CARDS

Available for sale at the
Piety Stall
Packet of 8 for \$5.00

The Church has commenced a new year and the season of Advent has truly begun. Once again I would like to thank those who on our behalf and for our benefit decorate the church in such a fitting way. On entering St Agatha's the environment immediately announces a new and different time is upon us. Advent celebrates the two aspects of Christ coming among us. Firstly, as we profess each week, we look forward to the second coming of Christ when the fullness of God's Kingdom, for which Christ died and rose, will be revealed to all creation. Secondly, towards the end of the Advent season we concentrate on preparing for the annual feast of Christmas which is the birth of Christ and his first coming to us. May we attempt to make some time among the busyness of these days to contemplate that for which we prepare.

The Rites of Christian Initiation of Adults, more commonly known as the RCIA has become a regular and important feature of parish life. This journey is not only significant for those preparing for initiation into the church but so it is for the community of faith. The rites or rituals are an opportunity for the entire Church to pray, prepare and deepen faith with the candidates who seek entry into the church. Grateful to God St Agatha's will formally accept the desire of Brooke Gordon to prepare for initiation into the Church. The Rite of Acceptance will take place at the 9.00am Mass on Sunday 15th December. The Parish wishes Brooke and her family every blessing as they with sponsors and catechists participate in this Spirit led journey. My thanks to Jenny Close who has a great knowledge and experience of the RCIA for her leadership in this great work.

Congratulations also to Kristal Meekings who will soon be received into full communion with the Catholic Church. Kristal is baptised in the Anglican Church so is already with us in Christ. She has been gathering with members of the parish learning more about Catholic faith and traditions. Kristal will be confirmed and share Holy Communion with us for the first time at the 5.30 Mass on Sunday 22nd December.

My thanks to everyone who organised and participated in the "Thank You to Volunteers" gathering at St Agatha's Friday week ago. The cool of the evening gave us some welcome relief to the heat and it was a wonderful opportunity to meet, enjoy a delightful supper and most importantly offer a word of thanks to the many people who give of their time and talent to build up the St Agatha's faith community. A sincere thank you once again.

A happy and safe holiday to all those who attend St Agatha's primary school. May this be an enjoyable and safe time for you, your families and all who care for you. Some of our young parishioners still have a week to go and you are all remembered in prayer over the holidays.

God bless,
Fr Kevin

Clayfield Conversations

Second Sunday of Advent (Year A)

Living the Gospel – Prepare Ye!

John the Baptist's call to 'Prepare the way of the Lord' is a summary of the purpose of the season of Advent. Every year, as we celebrate the Nativity, we celebrate once again the presence of God in our world. God became incarnate in the world through Jesus but also always was and continues to be incarnate in the world through each person. If we are to accept this reality and live it out, we need to remind ourselves this Advent to prepare the way for the Lord to be present in and through us every day of our lives.

Gospel Focus – Out of the wilderness

The wilderness holds a special place in scripture. Time spent in the wilderness is associated with a time of preparation for undertaking a special purpose. When Moses led the people from Egypt they wandered in the wilderness for 40 years. This was a time of renewing themselves after their time in Egypt and rediscovering their covenant with God. After his baptism, Jesus retreats to the wilderness to prepare for his public ministry. It was also out of the wilderness that a lot of rebellion and unrest emerged. A desire for change and action is what comes out of the wilderness....*Liturgy Help*

To Anne-Marie, teachers, staff and students at St Agatha's School, wishing you all a holy Christmas and happy holidays.



St Agatha's
Parish School, Clayfield

OPEN DAY

Friday 6th March, 2020 • 8.45am - 10.30am

6 Hunter Lane, Clayfield Q 4011 | P 3326 9222 | www.stagathasclayfield.qld.edu.au
R.S.V.P. by Friday 28th February pclayfield@bne.catholic.edu.au

 <p>School tours are available</p>	 <p>Assembly will be held at 8.45am in the Presentation Centre</p>	 <p>Visit classrooms from Prep to Year 6</p>
 <p>Meet the Principal Ms Anne-Marie Maw</p>	 <p>Light refreshments will be served during the Open Day</p>	 <p>School choir will perform</p>

St Agatha's School Clayfield has limited vacancies in Year 6 for 2020.

Please direct all enquiries to the Enrolment Secretary:

wkwhite@bne.catholic.edu.au or phone: 3326 9222

St Agatha's School Clayfield PREP 2021

If you have a child born between 1/7/15 – 30/6/16, they are eligible to commence Prep in 2021. All enrolment applications are now submitted online via our school website www.stagathasclayfield.qld.edu.au Please note only completed applications will be considered for a place in Prep 2021. Non Sibling applications close for Prep 2021 on 13 March 2020 and interviews will take place for Non Siblings in April 2020.

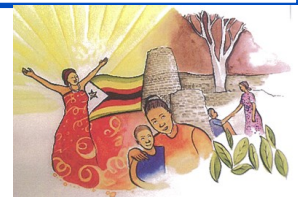
Sibling applications close for Prep 2021 on Thursday 9 April and interviews will take place for Siblings in May 2020.

"Therefore, every tree that does not bear good fruit will be cut down and thrown into the fire." (Matthew 3:10)



World Day of Prayer

March 2020 **WORLD DAY OF PRAYER** | St Mark's Anglican Church
Pray for Zimbabwe Cnr Bonney Avenue and Bellevue Terrace Clayfield
Friday 6 March 2020 | 10.00am.
Everyone is welcome to attend



GOOD READS FROM ST AGATHA'S PARISH LIBRARY

Our display at the moment features books by Father Richard Leonard S.J. from our collection. These include his latest work "*Hatch, Match and Despatch*" which gives interesting insights into the sacraments of the Catholic Church. It is, like all his books, relevant to our lives in the modern world. Other related books have also been included in the display.

Vacation Care

December 2019
January 2020

Phone 07 3326 9208

Email clayfieldoshc@catholicearlyedcare.qld.edu.au



CHRISTMAS RAFFLE

Tickets
\$2 each or 3 for \$5.
Drawn
Sunday 22 December.

In our prayers we remember



Those whose anniversaries occur about now:

Gene Frendo, Camie Ashton, Alice Mary Shun Wah

Those who are sick:

Margaret Murphy, Charlie Richards, Noreen Martin, Kateri Byrnes, Vireda Akhil, Dhirend Akhil, Patrick (Paddy) Ryan, Nick Newton, Eugene Gaynor, Lauren Carney, Patricia Beveridge, Janice Lewis, Michael Blanchard, Colleen Smythe, Flynn Crowley, Lyndell Sawyer, 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.

ST AGATHA'S SVDP CHRISTMAS APPEAL

will be conducted over the weekends up to and including 14/15 December.

The Conference visits people in a large area from Pinkenba to Bowen Hills.

Assistance is provided for families and single people seeking food, clothing, furniture, and financial help. All donations will be gratefully appreciated. **Appeal envelopes** are available on the church seats.

If making a donation by cheque, make payable to "St Agatha's Clayfield SVDP Conference".

Thank you.

ST AGATHA'S GIVING TREE - 2019

At Christmas time we may be overindulged with food and presents whilst many go without basic necessities. The Giving Tree is loaded with gift ideas which will help bring a smile to others on Christmas Day. You are encouraged to take a tag and return the gift and leave it at the base of the tree. Gifts to be in by **Sunday 15 December**, as members of St Vincent de Paul will be collecting the gifts and distributing them for Christmas. If you will be away for Christmas, and would like to donate any non-perishable gifts please leave them at the Parish Office.

A VOCATION VIEW: Isaiah says: "The earth shall be filled with the knowledge of the Lord."
Who taught you knowledge of the Lord, and who are you teaching today?

CHRISTMAS MASS TIMES 2019

Tuesday 24 December

6.00pm Vigil Mass
with carols from 5.30pm

Midnight Mass
with carols from 11.30pm

Wednesday 25 December
8.00am Mass only

ST VINNIE'S IN ACTION

St Agatha's SVDP recently made a considerable donation to Charleville SVDP to assist with drought relief by paying bills for graziers in the town.

This way, both the farmer and the town businesses are assisted.

- * You can assist local families in need this Christmas by providing goods for hampers - for needed items, please take some tags from the Christmas tree
 - * Immediate impact for people in our area: please give generously to St Vinnie's Christmas appeal. Online or via envelopes supplied in the church
 - * Bushfire Appeal: please donate online to provide food, clothing, essential items and grocery vouchers for people who have lost everything
- Join the team and join in the good works! Please contact the office (3262 2859) to register your interest or come along to our next meeting on Monday 9 December 5pm at the parish office.

ROSTERS FOR CHRISTMAS

Are you available to be on roster at any of the Christmas Masses? Please fill in the sheets on the clipboard near the Sacristy. We need Readers, Communion Ministers and Altar Servers.

ST AGATHA'S FEAST DAY MASS & CELEBRATIONS

SUNDAY 9th February 2020

Mass at 9am followed by
a Family Fun Day

at the Presentation Centre, St. Agatha's School

Entry Cost: \$15 per family / \$5 per person
Coffee & Tea can be purchased via coffee van.
RSVP & pay by 2nd February 2020 via the link:
<https://www.trybooking.com/BGUIJ>

For any enquiries contact the
parish office 3262 2859
or email: clayfield@bne.catholic.net.au

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 December.

PARISH OFFICE CHRISTMAS/NEW YEAR CLOSURE

The Parish Office will be closed from 12pm Friday 20 December and will re-open 8.30am Monday 6 January 2020.

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 Dec	Jenny Close Ann Goves	Dianne Eden Nick Eden	Phil Ryan Wilma O'Connell	Life Teen Mass
14/15 Dec	Katrina Murphy	Annette Riba	Luke Sutton Clare Smethurst	Life Teen Mass

COMMUNION MINISTERS:

7/8 Dec				Life Teen Mass
14/15 Dec	Edward Foley	Paulette Archer		Life Teen Mass

"HOME" COMMUNION MINISTERS:

8 Dec	Georgia Allan
15 Dec	Tom and Jeannine Treston

ORGANISTS:

7/8 Dec			Robyn Cuming	Life Teen Mass
14/15 Dec			Jenny McKeon	Life Teen Mass

ALTAR SERVERS:

7/8 Dec	Volunteer/s	Volunteer/s	Volunteer/s	Volunteer/s
14/15 Dec	Volunteer/s	Volunteer/s	Volunteer/s	Volunteer/s

CHILDREN'S LITURGY:

8 Dec	No Children's Liturgy
15 Dec	Jane Cameron and Ewan McPherson

Do you bear good fruit for Christ? Or, do you spend your time, talent, and treasure constantly acquiring more toys, clutter, and junk. Our time, our talent, and our treasure are gifts that God has given us. What we do with them is our gift back to God. What gifts are you planning to give to the Lord during this upcoming Christmas season?

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.

ORDER OF ST LAZARUS OF JERUSALEM

On this Sunday 8th December the members of the Queensland Commandery of the Hospitaller Order of St Lazarus of Jerusalem will attend the 9am Mass at St. Agatha's to celebrate their Patronal Feast. The Order of St. Lazarus was founded in the 11th century in the Holy Land to assist sick crusader knights specially those afflicted with leprosy. Today it is an ecumenical Christian Order with members all over the world carrying out and supporting charitable works to the marginalised, by small organisations not generally in receipt of government funding. Fr Anthony Mellor will be celebrating this Mass.

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 9 December.

SVDP CLOTHING BIN located behind the Church with easy access.



THE WAY

Advent and Christmas Daily Reflections 2019 for sale at the Piety Stall \$4.00 each

Individual Reconciliation

Wednesday 18 December - 9.30am
Thursday 19 December - 9.30am
Friday 20 December - 9.30am
Saturday 21 December - 10.00am

Plenary Council Prayer

*Come, Holy Spirit of Pentecost.
Come, Holy Spirit of the great South Land.*

*O God, bless and unite all your people in Australia
and guide us on the pilgrim way of the Plenary Council.*

*Give us the grace to see your face in one another
and to recognise Jesus, our companion on the road.*

*Give us the courage to tell our stories
and to speak boldly of your truth.*

*Give us ears to listen humbly to each other
and a discerning heart to hear what you are saying.*

*Lead your Church into a hope-filled future,
that we may live the joy of the Gospel.*

*Through Jesus Christ our Lord,
bread for the journey from age to age.*

Amen.

*Our Lady Help of Christians, pray for us.
St Mary MacKillop, pray for us.*



Readings - Third Sunday of Advent (Year A) - 15 December 2019
1st Reading: Isaiah 35:1-6, 10; 2nd Reading: James 5:7-10; Gospel: Matthew 11:2-11