



ST. AGATHA'S PARISH

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 Office Hours: Monday - Thursday: 8.30am-12.30pm and 1.30pm-3.30pm
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 School Principal: Ms Anne-Marie Maw
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Thirty-Third Sunday in Ordinary Time (Year C) - 17 November 2019

Readings

1st Reading: Malachi 3:19-20; 2nd Reading: 2 Thessalonians 3:7-12; Gospel: Luke 21:5-19

WEEKDAY MASSES

NO 6.30am Mass on Monday
 Wednesday 20 November 9am
 Thursday 21 November 9am
 Friday 22 November 9am

WEEKEND MASSES

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

Parish Calendar

NOVEMBER

Monday 25

SVDP Meeting 5pm
 Parish Office



**READERS
 PLEASE
 COLLECT
 YOUR
 COPY OF**

**BREAK OPEN
 THE WORD**



National Prayer Campaign

for the gift of rain, for people affected by drought, for support services

Ten facts you may not know about euthanasia and assisted suicide around the world

1. 107 of the World Medical Association's 109 constituent National Medical Associations oppose euthanasia and assisted suicide.
2. In the past two years, in Belgium: 3 children, 77 people suffering from mental health issues; and 173 people with no physical suffering but afflicted by conditions such as addiction, loneliness and despair were euthanised.
3. Since the legalisation of assisted suicide in Oregon 20 years ago, the top five reasons given by those who request (and are given) assisted suicide drugs have been:
 - * Losing autonomy
 - * Less ability to engage in activities making life enjoyable
 - * Loss of dignity
 - * Losing control of bodily functions
 - * Burden on family, friends and caregivers.

These are the same top five reasons given by those in Washington State who request assisted suicide. Notably, pain or fear of it does not appear in the top reasons.

4. In 2017 in Oregon, the median length of the relationship between the patient and the doctor who prescribed the lethal drugs was 10 weeks, and the median length of time between the first request for assisted suicide and patient death was 52 days. This means that the median time between the first encounter between a drug-prescribing doctor and a request for death is less than three weeks, indicating that the doctors signing off on a patient's death do not have an existing relationship with the patient.
5. Only 4.9% of those who have been given assisted suicide drugs in Oregon were sent for a psychiatric evaluation beforehand and only 6% of psychiatrists in Oregon reported being very confident that they could adequately determine whether a psychiatric disorder was impairing the judgment of a patient requesting assisted suicide in a single evaluation.
6. The legalisation of assisted suicide has a contagion effect, increasing the rate of suicide in the community. The suicide rate in Oregon, where assisted suicide was legalised in 1997, has been increasing. In 2012, Oregon's suicide rate was 42% higher than the national average. This does not include deaths by assisted suicide, as they are recorded as being deaths due to the underlying condition.
7. Despite only being legal for three years in Canada, the practice of euthanasia is widespread. At least 2614 people were euthanised in the ten months between 1 January and 31 October 2018, equating to about one person dying by lethal injection every 3 hours.
8. In the first two years of legalised euthanasia in Quebec, 62 deaths (5.6% of all euthanasia deaths) were deemed by the Commission on End of Life Care to have been of abuse by the doctor who prescribed and administered the lethal injection, but the Commission did not recommend any for prosecution.
9. On her visit to Canada, the UN Special Rapporteur on the Rights of Persons with Disabilities reported concerns about the implication of legalised euthanasia from a disability perspective, after receiving "worrisome claims about persons with disabilities in institutions being pressured to seek medical assistance in dying.
10. In the United States, in states where assisted suicide is legal, insurance companies have refused to cover chemotherapy treatment for cancer patients, instead offering the insured assisted suicide drugs.

Clayfield Conversations

Thirty-Third Sunday in Ordinary Time

Living the Gospel – Comfort

We must remember that the gospel of Luke was written 50-plus years after the death of Jesus. Whilst Jesus may have said something like what is ascribed to him in this passage, we have to accept that the words are influenced to a great extent by the gospel writer. The gospel is not written as a biography but as a means of conveying a message about Jesus. To this end, the writer seeks to give comfort to his audience by having Jesus 'predict' all the things that have indeed come to pass in their community. The message to a struggling community is to 'keep going.'

Historical Context – Expectation

When the gospel of Mark was written around the year 75 of the 1st Century, the people of that community firmly believed that the world was about to end and that Jesus' return to earth was going to happen any day. Another 10 or so years later, the communities of the gospels of Matthew and Luke were enduring persecution and great hardship. They felt that surviving through this time of struggle would be rewarded with the return of Jesus. However, by the time of the gospel of John, another 10 years later, we see an acceptance that the end is still to come sometime in the future.... *Liturgy Help*

Dying Peacefully - No Euthanasia Sunday will be observed in Brisbane Archdiocesan parishes this weekend (November 16/17). Please find booklet and fact sheets on the pews. Please take a copy home.

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
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>

Growth Friendship Faith

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.



NOVEMBER MASS ENVELOPES are available from table in church foyer, Piety Stall or Parish Office. PLEASE PRINT the names of those who you wish to be remembered and place the envelope on the collection plate or hand into the Parish Office. The names of your deceased will be written in a Remembrance Book that will be on the altar for all Masses during the month of November.

NOVEMBER: A special time to pray for our loved ones who have died.

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

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 who have died recently:

Maureen Sherriff, Phil Zammit, Cardinal William Levada, Dr Gregory Smith, Joan O'Leary, Mary Jackson, George Keryck, Irene Ballard

Those whose anniversaries occur about now:

Joseph Riba, Doreen Haine, McAllister family, Morelli family, Mary Lubbers, Bill Lubbers

Those who are sick:

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.



With great joy we welcome
William Campbell
Beatrix Hawkins-McCarthy
Violet Moynihan
who will be baptised this weekend.

"...Rather, we wanted to present ourselves as a model for you,
so that you might imitate us." (2 Thessalonians 3:9)

THE WAY

Advent and Christmas Daily
Reflections 2019
will be available for sale next
weekend 23/24 November
\$4.00 each



ST GERARD'S CHRISTMAS FESTIVAL - nightly 29 November to 23 December

Including New Carols by Candlelight Outdoors 21 December at 7pm with Renata and Paradise City Band.

Massive Light Display, Gift Shop and Op Shop, Coffee Shop, BBQ.

Free Musical Entertainment every night. See website for schedule (www.olaparishchermside.org.au)

146 Maundrell Terrace, Chermerside West.



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



Some of the topics that people talked about this theme:

- * Acknowledge Christ's presence in the Eucharist
- * Affordable adult faith formation courses
- * Authentic faith teaching in Catholic schools
- * Better attention to all aspects of liturgy
- * Better Faith formation
- * Better formation for liturgical ministries and sacramental programs
- * Charismatic spirituality/Contemplative spirituality
- * Cultural Masses
- * Greater attention to music in the liturgy
- * Greater emphasis on prayer and Sacraments

Read more of the topics for this theme:
www.plenarycouncil.catholic.org.au

DELAMORE
RETIREMENT COMMUNITY

115 Turner Rd, Kedron - 3357 7028
www.delamoreretirement.com.au
Discover Kedron's Best Kept Secret.
Open House – Every Thursday from
10.00am – 12.00pm

On a lighter note...

A pastor's wife was preparing pancakes for her young sons. The boys began to argue over who would get the first pancake. Their Mother saw the opportunity for a moral lesson. If Jesus were sitting here, He would say, "Let my brother have the first pancake. I can wait." The oldest boy turned to his younger brother and said, "You be Jesus." 😊

The Cathedral of St Stephen Art Group (COSSAG) is holding their Christmas market again in the Francis Rush Centre adjacent to the Cathedral. You're all invited to come and celebrate the start of the season with our weekend market. Saturday 30 November from 2pm to 7:30pm with live music and Christmas cheer. Sunday the 1 December 9am to 3pm with food stalls.

Lots of unique handmade and fair trade products.
It's a great way to get some Christmas shopping done.
Parking is available under the Cathedral via Charlotte St.
Contact cossagart@gmail.com for more information.

AUSTRALIAN CATHOLICS MAGAZINE
(Summer 2019/20 issue) is now available.
Please take a copy home.

PARISH ROSTERS

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

5.00pm

7.00am

9.00am

5.30pm

READERS:

16/17 Nov	Jack Williamson Ann Goves	Dianne Eden Nick Eden	Tim Hancock Amrita Moss	Life Teen Mass
23/24 Nov	Jack Williamson Ann Goves	Andrew Douglas Kirsty Stevens	Don Macpherson Joseph O'Brien	Life Teen Mass

COMMUNION MINISTERS:

16/17 Nov	Jenny Close	Mary-Caroline van Paassen	Mary-Caroline van Paassen	Life Teen Mass
23/24 Nov	Deborah Hall	Mary-Caroline van Paassen	Amrita Moss	Life Teen Mass

"HOME" COMMUNION MINISTERS:

17 Nov	Lisa Carter
24 Nov	Karen Birtles

ORGANISTS:

16/17 Nov	Jenny McKeon	Life Teen Mass
23/24 Nov	Robyn Cuming	Life Teen Mass

ALTAR SERVERS:

16/17 Nov	Billy Crutcher Dash Crutcher	Volunteer/s	Volunteer/s	Caitlin Marshall
23/24 Nov	Volunteer/s	Volunteer/s	Chelsy Waller	Bart Marino Amelia Marino

CHILDREN'S LITURGY:

17 Nov	Jane Cameron and Volunteer
24 Nov	Ewan McPherson and Lisa Sos



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.

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 17 November.

Most people who live a grateful and generous lifestyle don't go around bragging about it. But through their actions and words, others do take notice. They notice because of the joy and peace that results and other people desire this in their own life. Know that the way you live your life may be the only interaction others have with our Catholic faith.

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 25 November.

NATIONAL PRAYER CAMPAIGN FOR DROUGHT

The Catholic Bishops of Australia have announced a National Prayer Campaign for Drought to take place during November. People across the country are encouraged to pray for the gift of rain, for people affected by the drought and to provide practical support, where possible. The Bishops note that large parts of the country are directly affected by the drought, but the impact is national – and so should the response be national. Access resources and find out more at: www.catholic.org.au/drought

Lourdes Hill College
86 Hawthorne Road, Hawthorne,



ENROL NOW!

2023 Year 7 Students
(CURRENT YEAR 3 STUDENTS)

APPLICATIONS CLOSING SOON!
lhc.qld.edu.au/enrolments.html

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/>

Readings - Thirty-Fourth Sunday in Ordinary Time (Year C) - 24 November 2019

1st Reading: 2 Samuel 5:1-3; 2nd Reading: Colossians 1:12-20; Gospel: Luke 23:35-43