



# 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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**St. Agatha's Catholic Primary School** 6 Hunter Lane Clayfield Qld 4011. Phone: 3326 9222

School Principal: Ms Anne-Marie Maw

**ACTING APRE:** Mrs Thea Cowdroy-Ling

Outside School Hours Care Coordinator: Roxanne Grogan

## Second Sunday in Ordinary Time (Year A) - 19 January 2020

### Readings

1st Reading: Isaiah 49:3, 5-6, 2nd Reading: 1 Corinthians 1:1-3; Gospel: John 1:29-34

### WEEKDAY MASSES

No 6.30am Mass on Monday  
 No 9am Mass on Wednesday  
 until further notice

Thursday 23 January 9am

Friday 24 January 9am

### WEEKEND MASSES

Saturday 5.00pm

(1st Rite of Reconciliation:

Saturday 4.30pm)

Sunday 7.00am

9.00am

5.30pm

### Parish Calendar

#### JANUARY

Monday 20

SVDP Meeting 5pm

Parish Office

Wednesday 29

School resumes

#### FEBRUARY

Saturday 1/Sunday 2

The Little Kings Movement

Appeal

Sunday 16

Plenary Council - listening

and discernment session

St Agatha's School APAC

10.00am



### GOSPEL REFLECTION

Strangely, despite being in Ordinary Time again, the lectionary temporarily departs from the gospel of Matthew and today's reading is from the gospel of John. Given that last week's reading was the Matthean account of the baptism of Christ we must assume that there is a deliberate purpose in the choice of reading for today. Indeed, the three readings for today give a very specific slant to the baptism and mission of Jesus. The readings from Isaiah and Paul's letter to the Corinthians emphasise that God's salvation is for all the world, not just the people of Israel. We find this also in the gospel when John the Baptist declares, 'there is the lamb of God that takes

away the sin of the world'. It is the sin 'of the world' that Jesus takes away; that is, all humankind. This was a tough concept for the Jews whose relationship with God was grounded in the concept of being the 'chosen people'; a people set apart. It continues to be a difficult concept for many Christian people today who struggle with the notion that God's love and mercy are so extravagant that they are poured out for absolutely anyone and everyone. Some Christians like to maintain an 'us and them' approach to their faith and think that if you're not one of 'us' then salvation will be denied by God.

The role of John the Baptist in this passage is to be a witness; to point to Jesus and say 'He is the one!' Lots of us need the affirmation and direction provided by another person before we are ready to commit to a new direction in our lives. John gives the crowd confidence and effectively hands over to Jesus the authority that the crowd had perceived in him.

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## Second Sunday in Ordinary Time (Year A)

### Living the Gospel – Pointing the way

John the Baptist fills the role of 'pointing the way' to Jesus. In our own lives we also have the ability to 'point the way' towards Jesus. It doesn't need to be as blatant as John's 'Look, there he is!' However, the way we choose to live our life can point the way just as powerfully as John did. More often than not, our actions speak much more powerfully than any words we might utter. Consistently treating others with respect, maintaining prayer as a central part of life and working for justice in the world will make an impression on others and point the way to Jesus.

### Scriptural context – Baptism of Jesus

Each of the three synoptic gospels (Mark, Luke and Matthew) presents an account of the baptism of Jesus. All three versions record the Spirit descending in the form of a dove. In the fourth gospel, it is interesting that the gospel writer does not actually give an account of the baptism as by the time of this gospel's writing the story is well entrenched in the Christian culture. Instead of a baptism account, John the Baptist appears to recall the event. Rather than needing to describe the event, this gospel writer treats it as a given and simply refers to it...*Liturgy Help*



**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](http://www.stagathasclayfield.qld.edu.au)  
R.S.V.P. by Friday 28th February [pclayfield@bne.catholic.edu.au](mailto:pclayfield@bne.catholic.edu.au)

**School tours**  
are available

**Assembly**  
will be held at  
8.45am in the  
Presentation Centre

**Visit  
classrooms**  
from Prep to Year 6

**Meet the Principal**  
Ms Anne-Marie Maw

**Friday 6 March**  
8.45am-10.30am

**School choir**  
will perform

**Light refreshments**  
will be served  
during the Open  
Day



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](mailto: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](http://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.

You are invited to share in a Community Forum

**Care For Our Common World**  
*Living Laudato Si.....Think Globally, Act Locally*

**Saturday February 15th 2020**

9.00am-1.45pm

Our Lady Queen of Apostles, 70 Appleby Rd, Stafford



*"The earth is essentially a shared inheritance, whose fruits are meant to benefit everyone."*  
(Pope Francis, Laudato Si, Chapter 2)

We are called to learn, to understand, to reflect and to act upon the wisdoms of Pope Francis as he  
challenges all people of good will to make an 'ecological conversion'.

At the community forum we will look at the message within Laudato Si, engage with guest speakers from  
government, non government and Christian organisations, exchange ideas and grow in knowledge, so  
that we are better equipped to care for our Common Home.

Expressions of Interest:

Please Contact Stafford Parish Office by email: [stafford@bne.catholic.net.au](mailto:stafford@bne.catholic.net.au)  
or call 07 3356 7155



March 2020  
**Pray for Zimbabwe**  
World Day of Prayer



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

### PLENARY COUNCIL

A listening and discernment session to be held at  
St Agatha's School APAC Centre  
Sunday 16 February 2020 at  
10am following the 9am Mass.

**!!! DATE CLAIMER !!!**

**Caritas Kitchen** Sunday 29 March 2020  
following the 5.30pm Mass



### AUSTRALIA DAY - Sunday 26 January

There will be a morning tea following the 9.00am Mass  
combined with a farewell for Fr Kevin. All welcome!





## In our prayers we remember



### Those who have died recently:

Bill Brittan, Sheila Hamilton

### Those whose anniversaries occur about now:

Craig Andrews, Tom McCormack, Eric O'Hagan

### Those who are sick:

Duncan Pegg, 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, 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.**

## **DATE CLAIMER!!!!!!**

### **St Agatha' Feast Day Mass & Celebrations**

Sunday 9 February 9am Mass followed by  
a Family Fun Day at the Presentation Centre,  
St Agatha's School.

Cost: \$15 per family or \$5 per person.

Coffee & Tea purchased from Coffee Van.

Food, Fun and entertainment provided.

RSVP by 2 February 2020 via link:

<https://www.trybooking.com/BGUIJ>

For any enquiries, please contact the parish office

### **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>

Next supper will be held on Sunday 2 February 2020

### **BUSHFIRE APPEAL**

A special collection will be taken up at all  
Masses next weekend 25/26 January  
(Australia Day). All funds will be donated to  
Vinnies' bushfire appeal.

As well as donations at Masses on Australia  
Day weekend, people are encouraged to  
support the immediate response and the  
ongoing work of Vinnies by donating at:

<https://donate.vinnies.org.au/appeals-nsw/vinnies-nsw-bushfire-appeal-nsw>

A VOCATION VIEW: Isaiah's vocation was to be a light to the  
nations. Nations and neighbourhoods need missionaries -  
lay, clergy and religious. Listen to the call!

### **DONATION FOR FR KEVIN**

If you would like to contribute towards a gift for  
Fr Kevin, please find envelopes on the seats.

Place the envelope in the collection plate or  
drop into the Parish Office.

This weekend we welcome

Fr Peter Luton 5pm

Fr John Grace 5.30pm Mass



A special thank you to the many  
volunteers who assisted over the  
Christmas period. We would also like to  
take this opportunity to again thank all  
of our registered volunteers and those  
who step in at a minute's notice. Please  
know that no deed goes unnoticed and  
that you are very much appreciated.

## **ST AGATHA'S OUTSIDE SCHOOL HOURS CARE CLAYFIELD**

**Before School Care** 6.45am - 8.45am **After School Care** 2.45pm - 6.00pm

**Vacation Care** 7.00am - 6.00pm

Phone **07 3326 9208**

Email [clayfieldoshc@catholicearlyedcare.qld.edu.au](mailto:clayfieldoshc@catholicearlyedcare.qld.edu.au)



With great joy  
we welcome  
**Clementine  
Darbyshire**  
who will be  
baptised this  
weekend.

## **PARISH ROSTERS**

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

**5.00pm**

**7.00am**

**9.00am**

**5.30pm**

### **READERS:**

**18/19 Jan**

Jack Williamson  
Ann Goves

Anne O'Connor  
Annette Riba

Dan Butler  
Eileen Duncan

Life Teen Mass

**25/26 Jan**

Julie-Anne Gibson  
Graham Gibson

Sr Cecily Foster  
Kirsty Stevens

Amrita Moss  
Joseph O'Brien

Life Teen Mass

### **COMMUNION MINISTERS:**

**18/19 Jan**

Edward Foley

Life Teen Mass

**25/26 Jan**

Christine Iannarella

Amrita Moss

Life Teen Mass

### **"HOME" COMMUNION MINISTERS:**

**19 Jan**

Lisa Carter

**26 Jan**

Geraldine Swindells

### **ORGANISTS:**

**18/19 Jan**

Catriona McPherson

Life Teen Mass

**25/26 Jan**

Robyn Cuming

Life Teen Mass

### **ALTAR SERVERS:**

**Until 26/27 Jan**

*Volunteer/s*

*Volunteer/s*

*Volunteer/s*

*Volunteer/s*

### **CHILDREN'S LITURGY:**

**22 Dec - 9 Feb 2020**

*No Children's Liturgy*

**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** 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 20 January 2020

**SVDP CLOTHING BIN** located behind the Church with easy access.



Every 1st, 3rd & 4th Sunday of each month during school term, a small team of us conduct Children's Liturgy during the 9am Mass. We are seeking more volunteers to

assist with this very rewarding ministry particularly if you have small children of your own. You would take on role as assistant only and move to leader only if you feel confident to do so. Please contact the Parish Office for any further details.

Our parish has implemented the Archdiocesan Safeguarding Children and Vulnerable Adults policy. We are committed to high standards of recruitment, screening and selection of all of our employees and volunteers and undertake intentional strategies to maintain a safe and healthy ministry environment for all.



### **Volunteers needed for the following ministries:**

Altar Servers (must be Confirmed)

Children's Liturgy

Eucharist Ministers

Hospitality

Readers (7am Mass in particular)

Welcomers (Mass)

All relevant paperwork and training will be provided. New rosters will commence beginning of February. Please contact the parish office if you can assist in any way.

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### **LENTEN REFLECTION GROUPS (26 February - 8 April)**

"Be Opened: *A Journey to New Life*" is the title of this year's Lenten program.

The Lenten reflection group will commence on Wednesday 26 February 7pm Parish Office, and will continue each week until 8 April.

**Please call or email Parish Office by  
MONDAY 10 FEBRUARY**  
if you are interested in attending.

**Readings - Third Sunday in Ordinary Time (Year A) - 26 January 2020**

**1st Reading: Isaiah 32:15-18; 2nd Reading: 1 Corinthians 12:4-11; Gospel: Matthew 5:2-12**