



ST. AGATHA'S PARISH

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The Baptism of the Lord (Year A) - 12 January 2020

Readings

1st Reading: Isaiah 42:1-4, 6-7, 2nd Reading: Acts 10:34-38; Gospel: Matthew 3:13-17

WEEKDAY MASSES

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

Thursday 16 January 9am
Friday 17 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

FEBRUARY

Sunday 16
Plenary Council - listening and
discernment session
St Agatha's School APAC
10.00am

O God, Lord of all creation, our strength in adversity, our health in weakness, our comfort in sorrow, be merciful to your people in their efforts to quench the fires that rage in our land. Sustain all those living in fear with your courage, and keep from all harm those in the path of the fires and who give of themselves to protect life and property. Through Christ our Lord, Amen.



REFLECTION

The baptism of Jesus inaugurates his ministry as the anointed one of God. The passage from Isaiah indicates the kind of messiah he will be. He will not exercise harsh justice, nor will he wield the sword of vengeance on the battlefield. He will be a servant, who, though mighty is gentle; one chosen by God, yet committed to the needy and the marginal; the Son of God who attends to the least within the community. The messiah of God may have come from an insignificant village like Nazareth, but he was anointed with the Holy Spirit and with power. The messiah of God does not conform to the expectations of a proud and self-absorbed society. Filled with the Spirit of God, he acts out of a gentle, compassionate spirit.

For whom did the messiah of God come? For those whom society discarded. He came for people who are broken and suffering, for those who are blind or imprisoned. He came for people who are so easily pushed to the margins – the homeless, the unemployed, the abandoned children, the helpless elderly, the mentally and chronically ill. He also came to people who, like Cornelius, do not belong to our inner circles, people who threaten us, people we might actually despise. He came for the strangers among us, those who have different cultural customs, those who worship in different ways. He came for people we have pushed out as well as for those we have refused to let in. The messiah of God came for all people without distinction.

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Clayfield Conversations

The Baptism of the Lord (Year A)

Have you thought? – A sacramental moment

When we speak about receiving the sacraments, we speak about them as particularly graced moments when God is especially present in our life. The moment of Jesus' baptism was a particularly sacramental and graced moment: God spoke in approval of Jesus and bestowed God's favour upon him. It would be nice for the rest of us if God's presence could be so easily recognised at such times! However, in the absence of a voice from Heaven, we need to be fully present ourselves to sacramental moments and fully present to the moments that celebrate the sacramentality of our everyday lives.

Gospel Focus – Leave it like this

There is comfort to be found in the words Jesus spoke to John, 'Leave it like this for the time being'. We can sometimes be frustrated by the slow pace of change in the world and in our own lives – we often want things to happen immediately, if not yesterday! But Jesus' words convey a sense that there is an order to things a right time for them to come about. 'Leave it like this for the time being' says, let things unfold in their own time without being anxious; work for change, but there is a proper time for things. ...*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
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>Friday 6 March 8.45am-10.30am 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

BUSHFIRE RESPONSE:

Australia is currently facing an unprecedented bushfire crisis in many parts of the country. The Australian Bishops have announced that special collections will be taken at Masses on Australia Day weekend to support affected communities. They have also urged Catholics to pray constantly for those affected, for those fighting the fires and for an end to the bushfires. To access prayer resources or for more information, visit www.catholic.org.au/bushfires

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 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.
All welcome!



In our prayers we remember



Those who have died recently:

Bill Brittan, Shiela Hamilton

Those whose anniversaries occur about now:

Craig Andrews, Tom McCormack, Eric O'Hagan, Helena Lewandowska, Dominican Tran Huu Duc

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

PRAYER DURING FIRE AND DROUGHT

Each day during summer across our nation
We pray to you, our God, for the gift of life-giving rain,
For those threatened this day by a dry land,
High temperatures, strong winds, breathing difficulties
And extreme fire alerts in parts of our nation.
Wherever we are and whatever we do today,
We pray for our sisters and brothers
Who have died tragically during the bushfires,
We pray for their families and friends and community members,
And for those who have lost their houses and properties.
We turn to you, our God, as we reach out to support each other.
We are family.
We pray for the many dedicated people fighting fires,
And those providing emergency assistance.
We pray for those who continue to struggle
with the ongoing drought and its devastation.
We pray for them and their communities.
We hear of the loss of livestock, animal and birdlife and habitat
during drought and fire.
We pray for the land and its healing.
We pray for life-giving rain.
We pray as family that we work together.
We turn to you, our God,
In this hour of need for members of our human family and
for our common home. Amen



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.

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 John Sullivan 5pm and 7am Masses
Fr Peter Luton 9am Mass
Fr John Grace 5.30pm Mass

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



AVEO Open House
Thursday 16 January
from 10am-11am
The Clayfield,
469 Sandgate Road,
Albion
To RSVP to the Open
House event,
Call 3022 8188 or visit
aveo.com.au

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

5.00pm

7.00am

9.00am

5.30pm

READERS:

11/12 Jan	Katrina Murphy Edward Foley	Dianne Eden Nick Eden	Jane Arkinstall Chanelle Simpson	Life Teen Mass
18/19 Jan	Jack Williamson Ann Goves	Anne O'Connor Annette Riba	Dan Butler Eileen Duncan	Life Teen Mass

COMMUNION MINISTERS:

11/12 Jan			Chanelle Simpson	Life Teen Mass
18/19 Jan	Edward Foley			Life Teen Mass

“HOME” COMMUNION MINISTERS:

12 Jan	Tom & Jeannine Treston
19 Jan	Lisa Carter

ORGANISTS:

11/12 Jan			Robyn Cuming	Life Teen Mass
18/19 Jan			Catriona McPherson	Life Teen Mass

ALTAR SERVERS:

Until 26/27 Jan	Volunteer/s	Volunteer/s	Volunteer/s	Volunteer/s
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CHILDREN’S LITURGY:

22 Dec - 9 Feb 2020 *No Children’s Liturgy*

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 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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You are invited on a Pilgrimage Journey to the Holy Land

Departing **28th September 2020** 14 nights/18 days

What an opportunity to walk in the land where 2000 years ago Jesus preached and taught us to pray to Our Father. Or, imagine sitting & meditating out on the Sea of Galilee! Your Spiritual Chaplain will be Fr Rafal Rucinski. Each day on the Pilgrimage, Mass will be celebrated in a special way you will remember forever.

For more info See brochure inside the Church or contact Marguerite McMahon: 0408 765 954 / margueritemcmahonts@gmail.com

Readings - Second Sunday in Ordinary Time (Year A) - 19 January 2020
1st Reading: Isaiah 49:3, 5-6, 2nd Reading: 1 Corinthians 1:1-3; Gospel: John 1:29-34