



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



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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

APRE: Mr Jake Knowles

Outside School Hours Care Coordinator: Roxanne Grogan

Fifth Sunday in Ordinary Time (Year A) - 9 February 2020

Readings

1st Reading: Isaiah 58:7-10; 2nd Reading: 1 Corinthians 2:1-5; Gospel: Matthew 5:13-16

WEEKDAY MASSES

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

Thursday 13 February 9am
 Friday 14 February 9am

WEEKEND MASSES

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

Parish Calendar

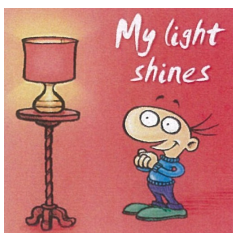
FEBRUARY

Sunday 16

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

Monday 17

SVDP Meeting 5pm
 Parish Office



THANK YOU

A huge thank you to
 everyone who donated
 to the Bush Fire Appeal.
 An amazing total of
\$1,452.00
 was raised.



REFLECTION

We live in a world where appearances frequently matter more than they should. Contrary to this predominating tendency, Jesus teaches us that what we do flows from who and what we are. We can enlighten the world with the message of the gospel, because our lives have been transformed by that gospel and now we ourselves are light for others. We can serve

others in various ways, only because we have been saved by God's grace and now we are agents of that grace in the lives of others. Our own renewal becomes the means through which God renews the world.

This may sound grandiose, but it isn't. It is the truth about the way God works. Extraordinary things are accomplished through ordinary people. Jesus grew up as the son of a carpenter; some of the apostles were fishermen; Paul was a tentmaker; we are clerks and teachers, bus drivers and doctors, bank tellers and engineers. Like Paul we come to ministry in weakness and fear and much trembling. It is the Spirit and power of God that work the wonders, and God works them through mundane elements of life such as light and salt.

As children, many of us learned the corporal and the spiritual works of mercy. We learned that we can practise them in every walk of life. Today's readings remind us of this. We may not be asked to perform extraordinary feats, but all disciples of Jesus are called upon to do the ordinary things of life in an extraordinary way. © Dianne Bergant CSA



St. Agatha's life story is not a pleasant one. No story of the martyrdom of a twenty year old could ever be pleasant. St. Agatha has been venerated from the early Christian centuries, and so there is something about her story that clearly caught the imagination of early Christianity. She was martyred in Sicily around 253AD during the persecution of the Roman Emperor Decius, but there are no definitive accounts of her death. We are told by various later accounts that she staunchly defended herself against attacks of various kinds, underwent torture and was finally martyred. In particular, St. Agatha is the patron saint of sufferers of breast cancer.

Lord God, you showered heavenly gifts on the virgin Agatha. Hear the prayers of those who recall her devoted life and who ask her to intercede for them in their necessity. Help us to imitate her virtues during our earthly life and enjoy eternal happiness with her in heaven.

Fifth Sunday in Ordinary Time (Year A)

Scriptural context – Following blessings

Today's gospel passage is one that is quite commonly quoted and relatively well known. When it is taken in isolation, it's very easy to forget that these words immediately follow the Beatitudes that we heard in last week's gospel. The imperative for justice in the images of salt and light of the world becomes even clearer when we remember that these words follow the blessings on those who are poor; who mourn; who are merciful and fight for justice. Jesus has blessed all these who are least in the world and then charges the disciples to be salt and light for them.

Have you thought? – Affirmation or Challenge

The salt and light of the world passage is often used to affirm and encourage, but when Jesus tells his disciples – and us – to be salt and light of the world it is not so that they can draw attention and glory to themselves. The whole purpose of being salt and light is to lead others into right relationship with one another and with God. Whilst the translation we have clearly states that disciples are to be salt and light of the world, it is just as clear that the intention is that they/we be salt and light *for* the world....*Liturgy Help.*



St Agatha's
Parish School, Clayfield

OPEN DAY

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

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R.S.V.P. by Friday 28th February 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 Light refreshments will be served during the Open Day	 School choir will perform

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 Friday 14 February 2020.

Interviews for Siblings will be held in May.

PLENARY COUNCIL

Next Sunday 16 February at 10.00am a listening and discernment session will be held at St Agatha's School APAC.

!!! DATE CLAIMER !!!

Caritas Kitchen Sunday 29 March 2020 following the 5.30pm Mass

The Beatitudes – and Radical Heroes of Jesus

A half-day spiritual reflection

Topics:

- Jesus' Great Teaching
- The connection with Pope Francis
- Modern Radical Heroes

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Saturday 15 February 7.00am-1.00pm

\$25.00 includes full breakfast and morning tea

"The Old Friary" Brookfield Centre

for Christian Spirituality, 139 Brookfield Road, Kenmore

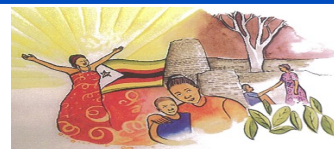
RSVP 10 February to Mike at justmichael@bigpond.com



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

THE LITTLE KING'S MOVEMENT APPEAL

"The Little King's Movement" once a year conducts a Parish Appeal, a Door Knock supported by some Catholic Schools. The Movement caters for people with disabilities in social and spiritual activities.

There is no Government funding and the Movement is staffed by volunteers. Each year the calls for their services are increasing. The Movement, though based on Catholic beliefs is truly ecumenical, and all members are welcomed and respected for their own beliefs. There is no charge for any of the services provided by the Movement.

Please find envelopes on seats, if you wish to donate to The Little King's Movement Appeal. Please place your envelope in either collection.

A VOCATION VIEW: Jesus speaks on Vocations: "You are the salt of the earth. You are the light of the world. Your light must shine before people so that they may see your goodness in your acts, giving praise to your heavenly Father."

In our prayers we remember

Those whose anniversaries occur about now:

Sarina Caruso, Helen Richards, Sr May Claffey

Those who are sick:

Chris Stevens, Duncan Pegg, Charlie Richards, Noreen Martin, Kateri Byrnes, Virendra 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.



LITTLE BLACK BOOKS

*Six-minute meditations on the
Sunday Gospels of Lent (Cycle A)*
are available for sale at the Piety Stall
for \$4.00 each.

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>

Please join us for refreshments on Sunday 16 February 2020

CATHOLIC CHARISMATIC RENEWAL BRISBANE

invites you to "TOGETHER FOR THE GLORY OF GOD", our Opening Event for 2020 on Saturday 22 Feb from 10am – 5pm at the CCR Brisbane Centre, 688 Nudgee Rd, Northgate.

Join us to fast and pray for Revival and Transformation to Australia; to discern and pray for God's desire for CCR Brisbane.

Mass celebrated by Fr Leonard Uzuegbu.

ALL welcome.

It will be a day of fasting so please
BYO appropriate lunch.

Enquiries: Miriam (3103 2400) or email:
secretary@ccrbrisbane.org.au for more details.



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Villa Maria Open Day

22nd February 2020
10am - 2pm
171 St Pauls Terrace,
Fortitude Valley

RSVP
1300 951 501

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.

This weekend we welcome
Fr Orm Rush 5pm
Fr John Sullivan 7am & 9am Mass
Fr John Grace 5.30pm Mass

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.

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



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

5.00pm

7.00am

9.00am

5.30pm

READERS:

8/9 Feb	Jack Williamson Ann Goves	Dianne Eden Nick Eden	Luke Sutton Clare Smethurst	Life Teen Mass
15/16 Feb	Julie-Anne Gibson Graham Gibson	Annaliese Beckmann Jeanine Bygott	Chanelle Simpson Dan Butler	Life Teen Mass

COMMUNION MINISTERS:

8/9 Feb	Christine Iannarella	Erin Bledsoe	Life Teen Mass
15/16 Feb	Deborah Hall		Life Teen Mass

"HOME" COMMUNION MINISTERS:

9 Feb	Geraldine Swindells
16 Feb	Tom & Jeannine Treston

ORGANISTS:

8/9 Feb	Jenny McKeon	Life Teen Mass
15/16 Feb		Life Teen Mass

ALTAR SERVERS:

8/9 Feb	Daniel Benjamin Thomas Benjamin	
15/16 Feb	Billy Crutcher Dash Crutcher	Bart Marino Amelia Marino

CHILDREN'S LITURGY:

16 Feb	Ewan McPherson and Lisa Sos
23 Feb	Katrina Murphy and Jane Cameron



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 17 February 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 - Sixth Sunday in Ordinary Time (Year A) - 16 February 2020

1st Reading: Sirach 15:15-20; 2nd Reading: 1 Corinthians 2:6-10; Gospel: Matthew 5:17-37