



ST. AGATHA'S PARISH

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Third Sunday in Ordinary Time (Year A) - 26 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 30 January 9am

Friday 31 January 9am

WEEKEND MASSES

Saturday 5.00pm

(1st Rite of Reconciliation:

Saturday 4.30pm)

Sunday 7.00am

9.00am

5.30pm

Parish Calendar

JANUARY

Wednesday 29

School resumes

FEBRUARY

Saturday 1/Sunday 2

The Little Kings Movement
Appeal

Monday 3

SVDP Meeting 5pm

Parish Office

Sunday 9

St Agatha's Feast Day Mass
9am and Celebrations (see
inside newsletter for more
information).

Sunday 16

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



The Beatitudes we just heard are at the beginning of the 'Sermon on the Mount'. This sermon provides a picture of a society where the usual expectations of how people relate to each other are overturned.

Our Lord wants to create a new society where the old rules of engagement are superseded, especially in relation to enmity and violence. In fact, in the Sermon on the Mount all forms of resolving disputes, starting with families (spouses, brothers) are turned upside down.

And we are a 'Land Down Under'.

Australia is a place to which people have been attracted over the millennia to forge a new future. First, the original inhabitants coming down through Asia, and then the settlers, migrants and refugees of the last 220 years. (Of course, the convicts were a less voluntary part of the movement of peoples!)

Most were attracted by a vision of a different future, a future where human beings could relate to each other differently to the old order in Europe, and more recently in the Middle East or Africa or Asia or Central or South America.

People were and are prepared to take the risk of being dis-located, of re-locating because of that vision of a different future, particularly a future not determined by the violence of feud and warfare which had characterised their homelands for generations, centuries, and even millennia.

They come because they aspire to be someone different, to do something different, in ways not predetermined by centuries of custom and tradition in their home society.

Is this movement of people to Australia a 'chance event'? Is it just another phase of world history? No.

I recall walking down a corridor in the Vatican, the wall of which was painted with a map of the world. Where Australia is, there was just ocean blue. It was painted before European explorers began to map our coastline!

I am confident that 'Australia' is a work of the Holy Spirit, no chance event in world history but a gathering of peoples for a Divine purpose.

One of the most distinctive works of the Holy Spirit at Pentecost was the breaking down of ethnic, tribal and language barriers between people. That is why Christianity spread like wild fire across the Roman Empire.

Australia is a place where that Pentecostal impulse is felt very strongly. People from every nation, tribe, ethnic, and religious group on the face of the earth have relocated here and are creating a new sort of society.

Human beings can relate to each other free from past structures of oppression and division in their old homeland societies.

They have come, in their millions, to escape the histories of societies where everyone 'knew their place', to a land where we relate to each other for our inherent worth. Hence the great Australian characteristic: 'egalitarianism'.

Have we responded to the Holy Spirit perfectly? No. Our treatment of the earliest inhabitants of this land was shameful, and is not yet fully remedied as the Lord of the Sermon on the Mount desires.

Our treatment of those genuinely fleeing persecution in their homelands falls short of what the Lord of the Sermon on the Mount desires.

But on the whole, we are creating a version of the Kingdom of God under the Southern Cross of which we can be proud...by Fr Michael Tate.

Clayfield Conversations

Third Sunday in Ordinary Time (Year A)

Historical Context – Repent

Throughout the Old Testament, the people of Israel repeated a cycle of behaviour. When their relationship with God was strong, they upheld the covenant and they prospered. They would forget that their prosperity lay in being in right relationship with one another and with God and so they would neglect those relationships. They would turn so far away that some tragedy or oppression would befall them. Out of their despair they would recognise their need for God and they would 'repent' and re-establish their relationship with God. Jesus' call to repent is a call to looking at the relationship with God in a whole new way.

Have you thought? People in darkness

The passage from Isaiah that is quoted in the gospel, speaks of the people who dwell in darkness. The passage is addressed to the Jewish tribes of Zebulun and Naphtali – two of the twelve tribes. These two tribes lived in the northernmost part of Palestine and their lands were surrounded by Gentiles. Any non-Jew was regarded as living in darkness because they did not have the light of 'truth', but these two tribes also dwelt in darkness because they were surrounded by it. Regardless, the passage asserts that all who dwell in darkness (Gentile and Jew alike) will receive a great light....*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>Light refreshments will be served during the Open Day</p>	 <p>School choir will perform</p>

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.

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



Mount Alvernia College, Kedron is currently accepting enrolment applications for Year 7, 2023. Closing date for applications is 8 February. Enrolment Application Forms are available from the website (www.mta.qld.edu.au) or by contacting Camilla Horn (enrolments@mta.qld.edu.au) phone 3632 8599).



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.

The Little King's Movement Appeal will be held on next weekend 1/2 February.



AUSTRALIA DAY - Sunday 26 January
Join us for 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:

Maria Graham

Those whose anniversaries occur about now:

Francis McCabe, Mary McCabe, Maureen Williams

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.

ST AGATHA'S 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 on 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>

Next supper will be held on Sunday 2 February 2020

AUSTRALIA DAY WEEKEND SPECIAL COLLECTIONS

Archbishop Mark Coleridge and the Australian Bishops have asked that special collections be taken up on Australia Day weekend to support bushfire-affected communities. Money raised from this collection will support the Vinnies' bushfire appeal.

Parishioners wishing to donate individually and receive a tax-deductible receipt can donate at www.vinnies.org.au. Thank you to those who have already contributed to support affected communities.

We are also called to pray for those affected, especially those who have lost loved ones, for those fighting the fires and for an end to the ongoing crisis. Prayers and other resources can be found at

www.catholic.org.au/bushfires

STOPLINE Service

External service that receives info about suspected abuse, misconduct & policy breaches by Archdiocesan, Brisbane Catholic Education or Centacare Brisbane personnel.

Information can be shared anonymously.

1300 304 550

AOB@stopline.com.au

www.bneatholic.stoplinereport.com



RETIRING COLLECTION AFTER ALL MASSES THIS WEEKEND

Support those
affected by bushfires

catholic.org.au/bushfires

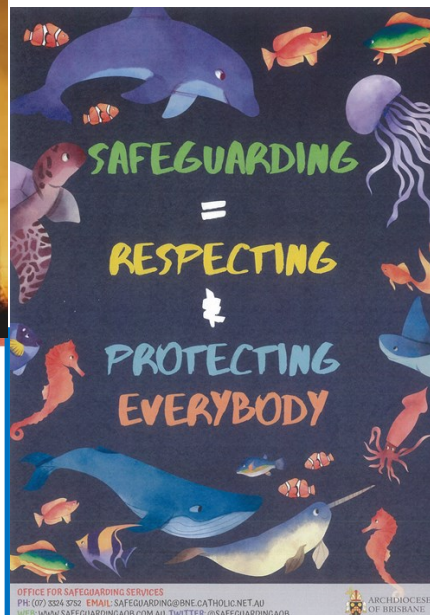
ST AGATHA'S OUTSIDE SCHOOL HOURS CARE CLAYFIELD

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



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PARISH ROSTERS

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

5.00pm

7.00am

9.00am

5.30pm

READERS:

25/26 Jan

Jack Williamson
Ann Goves

Sr Cecily Foster
Kirsty Stevens

Amrita Moss
Joseph O'Brien

Life Teen Mass

1/2 Feb

Jenny Close
Edward Foley

Andrew Douglas
Sr Cecily Foster

Phil Ryan
Wilma O'Connell

Life Teen Mass

COMMUNION MINISTERS:

25/26 Jan

Christine Iannarella

Amrita Moss

Life Teen Mass

1/2 Feb

Ann Goves

Paulette Archer

Amrita Moss

Life Teen Mass

"HOME" COMMUNION MINISTERS:

26 Jan

Geraldine Swindells

2 Feb

Georgia Allan

ORGANISTS:

25/26 Jan

Robyn Cuming

Life Teen Mass

1/2 Feb

Jenny McKeon

Life Teen Mass

ALTAR SERVERS:

Until 26/27 Jan

Volunteer/s

Volunteer/s

Volunteer/s

Volunteer/s

CHILDREN'S LITURGY:

Until 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 3 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 - The Presentation of the Lord (Year A) - 2 February 2020

1st Reading: Malachi 3:1-4; 2nd Reading: Hebrews 2:14-18; Gospel: Matthew 2:22-40