



# 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

## Twenty-first Sunday in Ordinary Time 27 August 2023 (Year A)

Hi everyone,

This week I just started the school of Preaching course at ACU.

We had a very engaging introductory talk by the Archbishop about Scripture and subsequently how each of us can preach better in our various contexts – parish, schools, diocese, community.

He was saying that we must be first open to the reality of the world. That God is communicating continuously with us. All we need to do is tune ourselves to hear God speaking to us through our prayer and reading the Word. He quoted a former Anglican Bishop – “today’s society is dangerously bored”. He was saying that people are so distracted that their personal world view is getting smaller and smaller. In regards to preaching, the role of the preacher is to make the world bigger for the listener. Their job is to encourage, invite and challenge the listener that God is indeed present in the world and whether I am I truly listening to His voice or someone else’s. The preacher is like a travel guide pointing out things that the person has seen previously but just not been aware of.

Just as God created light from the darkness, as preachers our job is to enlighten the minds of all of those who sit in darkness and chaos. It’s through the preacher’s words that we create new worlds. As listeners we all need worlds of possibility. It is so important that we listen to the Word and allow it to speak to us. Learning to hear as Elijah calls it 1 Kings 19 – the voice of a thin silence.

If we can learn to understand the gaps and silences of the Bible, we will be better equipped to understand the gaps and silences of the world. A good question he posed to us is are we journeying with God or are we wandering aimlessly? Do I have a purpose?

### **Theme: Acknowledging God's Authority and Wisdom**

The readings for the 21st Sunday in Ordinary Time prompt us to reflect on the themes of God's authority, wisdom, and the role of faith in recognizing His plan for our lives.

In the first reading from Isaiah 22:19-23, the appointment of Eliakim as steward in the king's household serves as a metaphor for the authority God bestows upon those He chooses. Just as Eliakim was entrusted with responsibility, we are reminded of the importance of stewarding our lives in alignment with God's will, recognizing the roles of leadership and service He might call us to.



The responsorial psalm, Psalm 138, expresses gratitude for God's constant care and unending love. It's a reminder that our lives are anchored in His faithfulness, and our response should be one of humble acknowledgment of His goodness.

Romans 11:33-36 delves into the depth of God's wisdom and knowledge, beyond human comprehension. The passage leads us to a place of awe and humility, recognizing that God's ways are beyond our full understanding. This reflection on God's boundless wisdom invites us to trust His plans even when they don't align with our expectations.

In the Gospel passage, Matthew 16:13-20, Peter's confession of Jesus as the Christ is a pivotal moment. Jesus affirms Peter's insight and names him as the rock upon which He will build His Church. This exchange emphasizes the importance of acknowledging Jesus' divinity and the foundation of the Church on faith.

Collectively, these readings encourage us to surrender to God's authority, recognizing His wisdom and plans even when they seem mysterious or challenging. They invite us to respond with gratitude for His love and to embrace our roles as stewards of His grace in the world. Just as Peter's confession marked a turning point in the disciples' journey, these readings inspire us to anchor our faith in Christ and actively contribute to the growth of His kingdom through our words and actions.

Blessings Fr Nev

### **Children's Liturgy for Prep to Year 4 this Sunday 27 August at the 8am Mass.**

We invite children to come along to learn more about Jesus and the gospel through child-friendly, engaging activities.



## Confirmations

On Tuesday evening, 22 August, Bishop Tim Norton confirmed 78 of our young parishioners at St Agatha's. We thank Bishop Tim for celebrating this special occasion with us. May the Holy Spirit always guide them and continually strengthen them with His gifts. Come, Holy Spirit!

A special thank you to Sandy and everyone who assisted in any way to make the evening a wonderful occasion.

Enrolments open for Year 5 and up!

## The Sacrament of PENANCE

Also known as Reconciliation in the 1st Rite or Confession

### 1. Enrolment: Parent & Caregiver Info Session

1 hr, Thursday 7th September (1:30pm or 4:30)  
or Monday 11th September (6:00pm)

Registration required at

<https://clayfieldparish.org.au/penance/>

Print and submit your enrolment form and \$25 fee.

### 2. Rite of Enrolment Masses

For child and parent/s.

Please attend at least one of these Masses.

Sundays 8th or 15th of October, 8:00am or 5:30pm.  
No registration required.

### 3. Family Session and Liturgy

1.5 hrs, Thursday 12th October 3:30pm and 6:30pm  
Parent/s + individual child to attend.

Registration required.

### 4. Individual Reconciliations with Fr Nev Yun

Thursday 19th October and Friday 20th October  
Multiple 30-minute time slots from 3:30pm.

Registration email will be sent to enrolled candidates

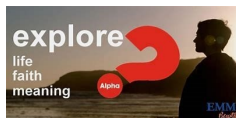
Questions? Email Sandy Cantarutti,  
Children and Families Pastoral Associate  
[cantaruttis@catholic.net.au](mailto:cantaruttis@catholic.net.au)

## Come and try an Alpha session

**THIS SUNDAY 27th at 11am**

We hope that you might join us, particularly if you have previously participated but missed a session. This Sunday 27th we'll be discussing Episodes 5: "Why and How Do I Pray?" & 6: "Why and how should I read the Bible?" and then we'll take a break on Father's Day.

Our Holy Spirit retreat afternoon will run from 12pm on Sunday 10/9. All who have joined in the majority of the 1st 6 Episodes either with this or other Alphas would be most welcome to join us on the afternoon of 10/9.



Email: [hendra@bne.catholic.net.au](mailto:hendra@bne.catholic.net.au) or Phone: 3268 3040

For more information please go to:

[www.alpha.org.au/try](http://www.alpha.org.au/try)

*Alpha is for anyone, anywhere, to freely explore their unique questions about life, faith and God.*

# Family Mass

Father's Day September 3rd 8:00am

Would your child like to have a role/reading?  
Roles are open to all children!  
Please email Sandy:  
[cantaruttis@bne.catholic.net.au](mailto:cantaruttis@bne.catholic.net.au)  
or scan this QR Code

Bring a packet of biscuits/plate to share

Monthly Family Mass @ Aggies  
It's Mass- made for children!

## Annual Catholic Campaign



### CENTACARE DOMESTIC VIOLENCE AND PASTORAL MINISTRIES

Your gift to Centacare provides care to families in distress, to victims of domestic violence, to those suffering mental illness, to those in prison, and to hospital chaplaincy. Much of this work is hidden, but these ministries are some of the most important outreaches of the Church to people in real need.



Last weekend our parish held an appeal for the Annual Catholic Campaign in support of the im-

portant Catholic ministries in our Archdiocese. **Thank you** to everyone who responded generously to the Archbishop's call for support. If you didn't get a chance to make a gift, there is still time. If you took the envelope home, please pop it in the mail or place it in the collection basket. You can also make a donation via the QR Code.



## COMMUNITY AND MISSION COUNCIL

Your representatives on the CMC were commissioned in May 23 for two years.

Some details on the members and the role of the CMC are provided on the handout available in the church today. The Council meets monthly and will shortly distribute a survey seeking your input to the Council's deliberations. Your input is welcomed at any time. Why not join us at morning tea after the 8am Mass on any Sunday? An update on CMC activities, including upcoming events, will be included in this newsletter each month.

## Community Life Team

We would like to take this opportunity to thank all those on our Community Life Team who have served up a hot cuppa, baked scrumptious delights for us all to enjoy and provided a welcoming smile and friendship for everyone after the 8am Masses for the past couple of months. We invite all parishioners to join us on any Sunday after the 8am Mass (except during school holidays). If this is a ministry that you would like to be a part of, please introduce yourself to one of the team at the morning tea or contact the parish office.... CMC



## Gregory Terrace Past Mothers' Mass and Morning Tea

10.30am Sunday 10 September 2023

Past mothers of Gregory Terrace students are warmly invited to a Mass and morning tea to be held at 10.30am on Sunday 10 September in the Chapel of the Holy Family, Gregory Terrace, Spring Hill. The cost is \$25 per head which includes a light lunch. For more information or to RSVP please contact Anna Wright via email at [TLG@terrace.qld.edu.au](mailto:TLG@terrace.qld.edu.au) or call on 0458 153 103

## Social Justice Sunday - 27 August 2023



In a tradition reaching back to 1940, the Australian Catholic Bishops release major social justice statements each year in time for Social Justice Sunday.

Through this tradition they contribute to the development of local Catholic Social Teaching. The statements encourage the Catholic community to reflect and act on social, economic and ecological issues. They remind us of the social dimension of the mission of the Church.

### Social Justice Statement 2023-24

**Listen, Learn, Love** – A New Engagement with Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Peoples

*“...The Bishops invite us, as Catholics, to begin a new engagement with the First Peoples to overcome injustice, an engagement grounded in love. This love is at the heart of Jesus’ message. This love is characterised by a commitment to encounter and dialogue, reciprocity, mutual accompaniment and a desire to put the other at the centre of our attention.*

*The Bishops offer us some simple actions which could help us to begin this new engagement. The Bishops do not tell us how to vote in the referendum, but they encourage us to inform ourselves about the issues through respectful dialogue, especially with Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Peoples.*

*The Bishops and NATSICC join together at the conclusion of the statement to call for us all to walk together in love on a journey of healing, whatever the outcome of the Voice referendum.”*

Access the statement at: <https://bit.ly/SJS2023-24>

A hard copy is available for viewing at the Parish Office.



**Multicultural Mass**  
24 September 2023,  
2.30pm - 4.30pm  
Cathedral of St Stephen  
Celebrated by Archbishop Mark Coleridge. Mass will be followed by refreshments and performances in the Cathedral grounds.

### Retreat Day - Saturday 7<sup>th</sup> October

*(sponsored by the Knights of the Southern Cross)*

We are holding our annual retreat day, open to all adults, on Saturday 7<sup>th</sup> October in Nolan Hall, Leslie St Nundah, adjacent to Corpus Christi Church. Fr. Chris Hanlon will conduct the retreat with the theme the ‘Discipleship in Jesus’.

The day begins with morning tea (supplied) at 10am. The first session is from 10.30 until 11.30am followed by Mass at noon. Lunch follows, with the second session from 1.30 until 2.30pm. After summing up and questions the day concludes before 3pm.

BYO lunch. Tea and coffee provided.

For info and booking contact John James  
0459 950 070, John Carr 3266 1119 or  
Tom Cusack 0419 643 987

## MENS BBQ

### DETAILS

**WHEN:** 6PM, SATURDAY  
16<sup>TH</sup> SEPTEMBER  
BBQ from 6pm  
Guest Speaker from 7pm

**COST:** \$10 Cash to cover  
food and drink  
[BYO alcohol]

**WHERE:** OLHC Parish Centre  
(9 Bowman St Hendra)

**RSVP:** Wed 13<sup>th</sup> September  
SMS to Joel or Bill

**FUEL UP!** (STEAK & SALAD)  
**FANTASTIC COMPANY!**  
**FABULOUS SPEAKER!**



**DADS - BRING YOUR SONS!**



## Baptismal Joy!!

This weekend we welcome with great joy five new members of Christ’s faithful people:

Matias and Anthony Hilarion, children of Oscar Hilarion Malagon and Liya Hilarion; Harriette Wood, daughter of Alexander and Paige Wood; Winifred Crain, daughter of Corbin and Bridget Crain and Sonny Smith, son of Hayden Smith and Grace Mainwaring. May they always know God’s love and the support of this Christian Community.



St Agatha’s School currently has spaces available in Year 5 & 6 in 2024.

For details phone 3326 9222 or visit

<https://www.stagathasclayfield.qld.edu.au/enrolments>



### DARE TO DIVE DEEPER AND DISCOVER

ROBERT FALZON IS A POWERFUL SPEAKER WITH A CREATIVE AND COGENT MESSAGE. HE COFOUNDED **MENALIVE** IN 2003. SINCE THEN, HIS MINISTRY HAS REACHED 35,000 MEN IN 26 DIOCESE. HE IS A SUCCESSFUL BUSINESSMAN, AUTHOR, HUSBAND AND FATHER. HIS PASSION IS FINDING POWERFUL WAYS TO BRING THE MESSAGE OF THE GOOD NEWS TO MEN EVERYWHERE.

JOEL PERKINS: 0438 241 524 | BILL NOTT: 0418 183 400

In September, Evangelisation Brisbane will be hosting a three-day **women’s retreat**, *Abide, Remain, Stay*

**Date:** 6pm Friday 8 September to  
1pm Sunday 10 September

**Location:** Santa Teresa Spirituality Centre  
(267 Wellington St, Ormiston)

**Price:** Live in attendees - \$425  
(includes all meals and accommodation)

Live out attendees - \$230  
(includes morning tea, lunch and dinners)

**RSVP:** 3 September 2023

<https://app.tickets.org.au/eb/GuidedRetreatSept23>



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## Roster for August 2023

	8am	5.30pm
27 August	Dianne Eden	Amelia Marino-Cebulski
21st Sunday in Ordinary Time	Nick Eden	
Eucharistic Minister 27 August		
PowerPoint Clicker 27 August	Bell family	Tom & Jess Luxford
3 September	<i>Family Mass</i>	Giselle Hossinger
22nd Sunday in Ordinary Time		Max Van Balen

### In our prayers we remember



#### Those who have died recently:

Rev Fr. Pat Mooney

#### Those we remember at this time:

Jim Duncan, Gail Gates

#### Those who are unwell: Chaille Lansell, Simon Grisales



We acknowledge the Turrbal and Jagera people, the traditional custodians of the Land on which St Agatha's is built. We pay our respects to Elders past, present and emerging.

### Mother of Mercy Parish Saturday Adoration

The Blessed Sacrament is exposed every Saturday, including holiday times, from 6am-5pm at OLHC Hendra for personal prayer. Entry to the Church is via the Bowman St side door. Please sign in and out. For enquiries, please contact Julie Anne on 0418 193 235 or Pat on 0411 597 781.

**Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament:** First Friday of the month after the 9:00am Mass at St John's, Northgate. All welcome.  
**Anointing and Healing Mass:** Second Friday of the month at 9:00am at St John's, Northgate. All welcome

**Congratulations Naiya Smith** Our parish is so very pleased to warmly welcome Naiya Smith into our parish community as she is received into Full Initiation (Baptism, Confirmation, Holy Communion) with the Catholic Church this Sunday 27 August at the 5.30pm Mass. Naiya has been a warmly welcomed attendee at both St Agatha's and OLHC during her time of preparation. Congratulations and may God's blessings be with you always Naiya!



**Received into Full Communion** Next Sunday 3<sup>rd</sup> September at the 8am Mass, Sarah O'Brien will be Received into Full Communion into the Catholic Church. Please join Sarah and her family and friends on this wonderful occasion. We would like to take this opportunity to thank the RCIA team of Clayfield and Hendra for preparing both Sarah and Naiya.



### Parish Office

The Parish Office will be closed on Wednesday 30 August.

Items for inclusion in this newsletter, please email to: [clayfield@bne.catholic.net.au](mailto:clayfield@bne.catholic.net.au) or call 3262 2859. Cut off deadline - 5.00pm Tuesday.

### Parish Administration

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#### Children and Families

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**Phone:** 3262 2859

Finance Council Chair:

#### Community and Mission Council

Chair: Matthew Crossley

**Aggies Youth:** Ewan McPherson

**Local Safeguarding Representative:**

Catriona McPherson (0456 441 717)

[lsr.clayfield@bne.catholic.net.au](mailto:lsr.clayfield@bne.catholic.net.au)

### St Agatha's Catholic Primary School

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Phone: 3326 9222

**School Principal:** Ms Anne-Marie Maw

**APRE:** Mr Jake Knowles

## Readings for 3 September 2023

Twenty-second Sunday in Ordinary Time (Year A)  
Jeremiah 20:7-9; Romans 12:1-2; Matthew 16:21-27



### Support St. Agatha's Parish

Your financial support of St Agatha's Church is always appreciated.

Ways to financially support your parish:

Direct debit. Place your offerings in the collection plates during the Mass or Planned Giving Envelopes or

the Parish Giving App.

Hover the camera on your smart phone over the QR code and tap on the link to the Parish Giving facility.

If you are not part of the Planned Giving Program and would like to contribute via online internet banking, details are as follows:

#### **BANK DETAILS**

Account name: Clayfield Parish

BSB number: 064 786

Account number: 100006157



### Mass Times

**St Agatha's, Clayfield**  
Sunday 8.00am

5.30pm

**Our Lady Help of Christians, Hendra**

Saturday 5.00pm

Sunday 9.30am

**St Cecilia's, Hamilton:**  
Saturday 4.30pm

**St John's, Northgate:**  
Sunday 7.30am

**Reconciliation/  
Confession:**  
by appointment

**Weekday Masses**  
**St Agatha's, Clayfield**

Thursday 9am

**St John's, Northgate**  
Friday 9am