



ST. AGATHA'S PARISH

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Sixth Sunday of Easter (Year C) - 26 May 2019

Readings

1st Reading: Acts 15:1-2, 22-29; 2nd Reading: Revelation 21:10-14, 22-23; Gospel: John 14:23-29

WEEKDAY MASSES

Monday 27 May: 6.30am
All Public Holidays: 9am
Wednesday 29 May: 9am
Thursday 30 May: 9am
Friday 31 May: 9am
The Visitation of the Blessed Virgin Mary

WEEKEND MASSES

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

Rosary before Mass.

Parish Calendar

MAY

Monday 27th

SVDP Meeting
5pm Parish Office

Saturday 1 June

First Communions 5pm Mass

Sunday 2 June

First Communions 9am Mass



Congratulations to
all the children
receiving their
First Holy
Communion
at the 5pm and 9am
Masses this
weekend.

Congratulations to the young people of the parish who this weekend receive Holy Communion for the first time. It is a very special time for you and your families and we pray that you will always grow in the love of Jesus who you receive in this wonderful Sacrament. It is great to see the topic of faith and its place in the public forum being discussed so openly at the moment. Such a discussion does mean that people of faith now and into the future must be well informed about their beliefs and strengthened in those same beliefs and convictions. May the Eucharist be for us and the first communicants an ongoing source of nourishment and strength.

The more observant among us may have noticed a slight rearrangement of the devotional statues and pictures that adorn St Agatha's Church. Firstly, the Sacred Heart and St Joseph who were restored ten years ago and are of similar proportion and colour finishes have been placed on ledges either side of the nave. This gives them a worthy space while respecting the architectural symmetry, of which only recently I was reminded, is a significant feature of the building. Secondly, St Mary of the Cross Mackillop has been framed and given a more permanent shrine in the left side chapel. I believe as Australia's first Saint who visited Brisbane she is deserving of such honour as opposed to the back wall of the church. Thirdly, the smaller statue of Mary has been placed with the other devotional pieces depicting Mary under different titles in the shrine dedicated to the Mother of God in the right side chapel.

I am very grateful to Sam Oliveri and Gerald Barns for assisting with the installation of the statues. This required making the beautiful ledges and some painting and lifting. Thank you most sincerely from us all.

Also on display this weekend in the Mary chapel is the recently restored Monstrance. This is a very valuable artwork belonging to the Parish and I doubt if there is one like it in the Archdiocese. I am grateful to S Cook and Sons who repaired it and restored the deteriorating metal work and semi-precious stones. Of course more precious than any monstrance is the Sacrament it holds and the people who worship the gift of the Eucharist. However our Catholic faith and a catholic temperament learn to appreciate the many gifts God has given and the beauty of human talent. I also believe it is very important that the community cares for the gifts that were given in the past through outstanding generosity.

God bless,
Fr Kevin

Sixth Sunday of Easter

The New Jerusalem

The scene described in the second reading takes place after the world has been destroyed and evil utterly vanquished. There is now a 'new heaven and a new earth' (21:1). Next, the visionary John sees 'Jerusalem coming down from God out of heaven'. This city, like the new heaven and earth, is entirely the work of God. In the new age, God is the absolute origin of all things.

Our reading omits the city's massive dimensions - a perfect cube over nine miles in each direction! It has multiple gates, signifying easy access; the twelve gates represent the twelve tribes of Israel, while the twelve courses of stone that form its foundation are inscribed with the names of the twelve apostles. The structure, then, represents the people of God in their fullness - yet the city is not identified with the people.

The visionary expresses some surprise at not seeing a Temple - and this is indeed remarkable. Every city in the ancient world had at least one temple. For Israel its single Temple, matching its belief in one God, was the sign on earth of God's presence among them (see Easter 4). It was a visible sign of the invisible God, the nexus between heaven and earth, the meeting place for God and humanity. It had graded areas of holiness corresponding to the holiness of individuals. Moving outward from the centre: the Holy of Holies accessible only to the High Priest, then the Holy Place for priests, then the Court of (Israelite) Men, then the Court of Women, and finally, furthest away, the Court of Gentiles. Access to God was closely guarded. But, in this City, there is no Temple! Why? The 'Lord God almighty and the Lamb' dwell there with unrestricted access for everyone. Whereas in the old city the Temple represented God's presence, now God's actual presence replaces the Temple. The radiance of the divine presence also replaces sun and moon: there is no more darkness. This vision fulfils the promise of Jesus in the gospel: Jesus and God will dwell with those who keep Jesus' words.... *Liturgia*.

FLOWER GIRLS - CORPUS CHRISTI.

Corpus Christi organisers are looking for girls aged 10 to 18 to take part in the Corpus Christi procession Sunday 23 June as flower girls. Girls will need to wear a white dress or a black skirt and white blouse. If interested please contact Kylie on 041 3218673 or kylie.barros@gmail.com ASAP.

We appreciate all our volunteers who have complied with the Archdiocesan Safeguarding Policy in completion of all the necessary paperwork. However, there still remains a number of volunteers to either return or complete various applications deemed necessary for active ministry and would ask those concerned to give the task their most urgent attention.

Volunteers can now access all necessary compliance information and forms relevant to their ministry online at: <http://archbne.org/welcome>. Contact the Parish Office if you need assistance in the completion of any of the forms. We are more than happy to help. Thank you again for your continued support and patience throughout this process.

Thank you to everyone who contributed to the Good Friday Collection for 2019.
A total of \$665.00 was raised from St Agatha's Parish.

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>

Our limited human understanding cannot begin to understand the immense power of God. Instead of trusting in God, we think we can control every outcome. Do you want to make God laugh? Tell Him your plans. The next time worry, anxiety or fear creeps in, thank God for all He has given you and trust that He has a better plan for you.

LET US PUBLICLY HONOUR OUR LORD
THROUGH THE CITY STREETS

CORPUS CHRISTI PROCESSION

HE WHO FOLLOWS ME WALKS NOT IN
DARKNESS SAYS THE LORD

SUNDAY 2:00PM
23RD JUNE 2019

ST STEPHEN'S CATHEDRAL

BRISBANE

LED BY BISHOP BRIAN FINNIGAN

EUCCHARISTIC
MIRACLE EXHIBITION

AT THE HANLY ROOM

PHOTOGRAPHIC DISPLAY OF OVER 150
EUCCHARISTIC MIRACLES AT THE
FRANCIS RUSH CENTER

SATURDAY 11.00AM - 5.30PM

SUNDAY 09.00AM - 5.00PM

WWW.CORPUSCHRISTIBRISBANE.COM

**FOR MORE INFORMATION
BROCHURES AVAILABLE
AT THE BACK OF THE CHURCH**

In our prayers we remember



Those who have died recently:

Illa Beckmann, Ann Tully

Those whose anniversaries occur about now:

Helena Lewandowska, Peter Warda, Gloria McKenzie

Those who are sick:

Flynn Crowley, Lyndell Sawyer, Thea Hoffmann, Ray Pavey, Michael Cashman, Donald Morrisson, James McKeon, Joseph Tam, Bryan Weaver, Lorraine Douglas, Alexander Clark, Rosemary Douglas, Danielle Johnson, Gordon Hodge, Maureen Long, Anne Seymour, 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, Carmel See, 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.



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OPEN DAY 2019

Sunday 9 June -10.30am to 12.00noon

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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.

Position Vacant – Parish Secretary (Job Share)

Applications are open for a position at St Benedict's Parish, Northlakes. Candidates with excellent administration and secretarial skills are required for a job share position of parish secretary for 18.2 hours a week. One candidate will be required to work Monday to Wednesday and the other candidate will be required to work Wednesday to Friday.

For additional information, please visit the

Archdiocese of Brisbane website <https://brisbanecatholic.org.au/> and to careers.

The Archdiocese of Brisbane has standards of conduct for employees and volunteers to maintain a safe and healthy environment. Our commitment to these standards requires that we conduct background referencing for all persons who will engage in direct and regular involvement with children, young people and/or vulnerable adults.

FUN & SIMPLE EXERCISE FOR SENIORS



Welcoming environment

Gentle exercise to music

Simple techniques – sitting and standing

**Heathy body + Healthy Mind
= Happy Life**



Tuesday's 9:00am & 10:15am

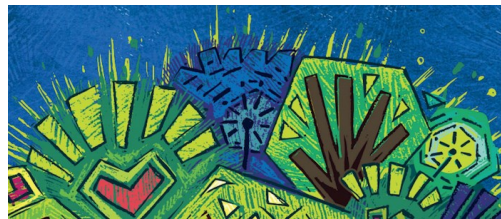
Friday's 9:00am & 10:15am

(all sessions go for 1 hour)

At St Mark's church in the hall,
Bellevue Terrace, Clayfield.

For further information please
contact Susan

Ph: 0402 188 505



Prayer to end domestic and family violence

We pray today for those members of our community whose lives are impacted by domestic and family violence.

Protect vulnerable families whose lives are impacted by violence.

Help us to understand their experiences and support them in this time of need.

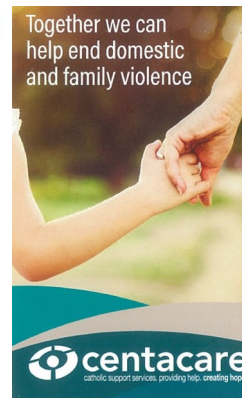
Care for those people working with victims of domestic and family violence, that their good work may continue and their wellbeing be supported.

May we shape our young people to value one another, so that they may have respectful and safe relationships into the future.

God of healing, hear our prayer.

Amen.

Together we can
help end domestic
and family violence



If you or someone you know is in immediate danger call 000.

Support from Centacare

Centacare's domestic and family violence services support people experiencing violence.

Contact your local service for support:

Gold Coast **5527 7211**

Brisbane **3251 5000**

Sunshine Coast **5430 9300**

Kingaroy **4162 5439**

Fraser Coast **4194 0172**



With great joy we welcome
**Valentina Falco,
Finnegan Graham and
Keanu Tahana**

who will be baptised this weekend.

**Variety of First Communion
gifts for sale at the Piety Stall.**

THE CATHOLIC LEADER

\$2.00

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 May

Clare Smethurst
Cate Barrett

Annette Riba
Kirsty Stevens

Maria Boulton
Julie Davies

Life Teen Mass

1/2 June

Libby Baynton
Dominic Kazlauskas

Nick Eden
Dianne Eden

Chanelle White
To be confirmed

Life Teen Mass

COMMUNION MINISTERS:

25/26 May

Deborah Hall

Volunteer

Volunteer

Life Teen Mass

1/2 June

Edward Foley

Volunteer

Volunteer

Life Teen Mass

"HOME" COMMUNION MINISTERS:

26 May

Marjorie Wessels

2 June

Lisa Carter

ORGANISTS:

25/26 May

Patricia Marszalek

Volunteer

Patricia Marszalek

Life Teen Mass

1/2 June

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Volunteer

Patricia Marszalek

Life Teen Mass

ALTAR SERVERS:

25/26 May

Volunteer/s

Volunteer/s

Bart Marino
Amelia Marino

Volunteer/s

1/2 June

Volunteer/s

Lachlan Hinneberg

Volunteer/s

Alex Oliveri

CHILDREN'S LITURGY:

26 May

No Children's Liturgy - First Communions

2 June

No Children's Liturgy - First Communions

SANCTUARY CARERS:

1 June

Victor Podesta

BAPTISMS We celebrate baptisms on the 3rd and 4th Sundays of the month. For bookings and further information, please phone the parish office on 3262 2859.

May is Domestic and Family Violence Prevention Month.

Prayer and wallet cards are available at the back of the Church.

- Prayer card - to pray for people experiencing domestic and family violence
- Wallet card - contains information about domestic and family violence, signs of someone who may be experiencing it and what one can do to help.

ST AGATHA'S PARISH FIRST HOLY COMMUNION DATES

Saturday 1st June at 5.00pm

Sunday 2nd June at 9.00am

EUCCHARIST The celebration of the Eucharist is at the heart of Christian life. Since its institution at the Last Supper, the Church has been entrusted with the memorial of Christ's sacrifice and resurrection until he comes again. By active and wholehearted participation in the Mass, faith is nourished and strengthened.

The Eucharist is one of the seven sacraments of the Church. It is the summit of the Church's activity and the source of grace for Christian living. In the Eucharist the Church is instructed by the Word of God and nourished at the table of the Lord so that all are drawn into closer union with God and each other.

CHILDRENS LITURGY OF THE WORD

All Children from Prep to Year 4 are invited to attend Children's Liturgy of the Word held during term only on the 1st, 3rd & 4th Sundays of every month at the 9.00am Mass. Any Children of pre-school age must be accompanied by an adult.

ANNUAL ST DYMPNA'S DAY CELEBRATIONS

Saturday June 8 at St Patrick's Church in the Valley (58 Morgan Street, Fortitude Valley). The day includes a Healing Mass with Anointing of the Sick concelebrated by Archbishop Mark Coleridge at 10.00am, followed by a free barbecue lunch, raffles, a lucky wheel and cake stall. This is the annual donation day for Catholic Psychiatric Pastoral Care. All donations over \$2.00 are tax deductible.

MARRIAGE, DIVORCE AND REMARRIAGE IN THE CATHOLIC CHURCH:

If you would like information about annulments and re-marriage in the Catholic Church, please phone the Brisbane Tribunal Office on 3324 3033 or email tribbris@bne.catholic.net.au.

Information can also be found on the Archdiocesan Website: <http://brisbanecatholic.org.au/life/marriage-annulments/>



Readings - The Ascension of the Lord (Year C) - 2 June 2019

1st Reading: Acts 1:1-11; 2nd Reading: Hebrews 9:24-28, 10:19-23; Gospel: Luke 24:46-53