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Pentecost Sunday (Year C) - 9 June 2019

Readings

11st Reading: Acts 2:1-11; 2nd Reading: Romans 8:8-17; Gospel: John 14:15-16, 23-26

WEEKDAY MASSES

NO 6.30am Monday Mass
 NO 9.00am Wednesday Mass
 Thursday 13 June: 9am
 Saint Anthony of Padua
 Friday 14 June: 9am

WEEKEND MASSES

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

Rosary before Mass.

Parish Calendar

JUNE

Monday 10th

SVDP Meeting

5pm Parish Office



Today provides us as individuals and the Church as a whole with a wonderful opportunity to pause and take stock. It may be that you have been faced in your own life with challenges and doubts that have tested your faith and left you hesitant and uncertain. The Church across the world is having to cope with a period of dramatic transition. Very public scandals have caused immense sadness for today's disciples of Jesus and once again many find it difficult to piece the jigsaw together.

The body of Christ has faced huge challenges down through the centuries. It has had to endure the persecutions, the Dark Ages and the Reformation and much else besides. Likewise, you and I have had to endure our own share of suffering, whatever the origins or causes may have been. The message of today's feast is that all of this is redeemable in Christ. If we allow the Spirit of God to open our hearts and remind us of all that Jesus has taught us, then we will speak the language of love and Christ will redeem our lives and the life of the Church. We will see again that the gifts of the Spirit - wisdom, knowledge, understanding, courage, right judgement, awe and reverence - enable us to put everything into God's perspective. We will experience, as individuals and as a community, the fact that the Lord can indeed turn everything to good. He is with us, as he always has been.

The Gospel reading today is from what is known as the "Last Supper discourse" in John's Gospel. Jesus was soon to be arrested and suffer his passion and death. For five whole chapters John records the conversation Jesus had with the apostles and emphasises the fact that he kept reassuring them. He would not leave them orphans; he would come back to them; the Father would send them the Holy Spirit. Clearly the apostles failed to understand. Later that evening and throughout the following weekend they were in disarray. It would seem that only John himself had the courage to be with Mary and the other women at the foot of the cross.

All the resurrection stories are shrouded in mystery and the apostles remain hesitant and uncertain as to what is happening: it would take them time to put the jigsaw together. But, when the day of Pentecost arrives, everything changes. Dramatically they are transformed. The hesitation and the uncertainty are gone and everything begins to fall into place. Full of courage, they go out and proclaim the message of Jesus' resurrection and his message of salvation. The people are amazed because they can all understand what is being said, but, of course, the language spoken by the apostles was the language of love that that is a universal language.



Clayfield Conversations

Pentecost Sunday

Pentecost as a fitting conclusion to the fifty-day celebration of Easter

Throughout this festive time we have reflected on the extraordinary gift that God has given us: eternal life through the life, death, resurrection, and ascension of Jesus. Like an advertisement on TV that is too good to be true: 'Wait! There's more!'

The gospel from John's account of Jesus' last Supper Discourse highlights the gifts already given and those yet to come. Jesus urges the disciples to pray for 'another Advocate to be with you always' (14:16). This means that God has already sent one Advocate - Jesus (1 John 2:1). Like a true advocate (this term refers to a legal defender) who helps, defends, and pleads a cause, Jesus has interceded for his disciples (see Jesus' High Priestly Prayer, Easter 7). Reading this solemnity's gospel from an Easter perspective, we know that this first Advocate held nothing back, not even his life. But now that he has ascended, God will send yet another Advocate and this time the Advocate will remain for ever. 'The Father who sent me' (14:24) will also send the Holy Spirit. (14:26).

Jesus assures his disciples that, far from leaving them, the Father and he will come to loving disciples and make their dwelling with them. John began the gospel with this assertion: 'The Word became flesh and dwelt among us' (1:14). Though the time of that historical dwelling among us has come to an end, in a more wondrous way Jesus and the Father - through the gift of the Spirit will dwell with disciples 'always'.

The Spirit is a truly lavish gift. Already John has told us that the Spirit will be our Advocate; the Spirit will also bring the presence of the Father and the Son to abide with disciples always. The Spirit does more. In the absence of the great Teacher/Rabbi (a frequent title for Jesus in John's gospel), the Spirit will continue to teach disciples by reminding them of the words and teachings of Jesus. The Spirit continues the presence and the work of Jesus...*Liturgia*.

CHANGE TO WEEKDAY MASSES

For the month of June,
weekday Masses will only be celebrated on
Thursday and Friday mornings at 9.00am.
There will be **NO** 6.30am Mass on Mondays or
9.00am Mass on Wednesdays.

Welcome

This weekend we welcome
Fr John Sullivan 5pm and 9am Masses
Fr John Grace 7am Mass
Bishop Brian Finnigan 5.30pm Mass.



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SVDP WINTER APPEAL 2019

The St Agatha's SVDP Conference are conducting its **Winter Appeal**. Please find envelopes on the church seats.

The Conference visits people in a large area from Pinkenba to Bowen Hills, assisting families and single people, with food vouchers, clothing and furniture. Any donations will be gratefully appreciated. Please use the envelopes provided.

If paying by cheque, please make it payable to
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The New Prayer for Vocations begins on Pentecost June 9th.

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prayer for vocations

Loving God,

With one voice we lift up our hearts
to thank you today for our lives,
our vocation and all your gifts to us.
Inspire us all to know and live our vocation.
Give courage to young people,
to listen and follow the call,
to serve you in the Archdiocese
as your priests, religious and lay ministers.

Bless us, your family of Brisbane.
Help those you call to listen
to what your Holy Spirit is saying to us.
Guide them to serve in your vineyard,
that they may fulfill your holy will and
make all things new.

Through Christ our Lord.

Amen



In our prayers we remember



Those who have died recently:

John McKnulty, Leo Dempsey, Fr Jack Soulsby, Josie Hegarty

Those whose anniversaries occur about now:

Hugh McBride, Eileen Brumpton, Cecily Dobson, Santo Catalano, Lila Russell, Lionel Russell, Lily Best

Those who are sick:

Ainsley Goves, Patricia Beveridge, Janice Lewis, Delphine Schultz, Michael Blanchard, Colleen Smythe, 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.

ST AGATHA'S NATIONAL TRUST APPEAL

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Leigh Neverov
for our beautiful
First Communion cakes
and to all the volunteers
who contributed their
time to make the day
special for our
youngest parishioners.

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>

Join us for refreshments after
the 5.30pm Mass on
Sunday 16 June.



Are you feeling the winter chill on these cold nights? Do you need something to warm you up? A glass of St Agatha's Old Tawny Port may do the trick. Or you may feel like a glass of St Agatha's Sauvignon Blanc by the fire!! Contact the parish office to order your stock. Port and wine \$10 each.



The materialism of our society lures us to concentrate more on what we want than on what God wants for us. The relativism of our world tells us that we should be tolerant of all things, that there is no absolute truth. Pray to the Holy Spirit to transform our lives and to guide our thoughts, words and actions.

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 June

Graham Gibson
Julie-Anne Gibson

Sr Cecily Foster
Annette Riba

Don Macpherson
Dominic Ryan

Life Teen Mass

15/16 June

Edward Foley
Jenny Close

Aleira Egan
Anne O'Connor

Amrita Moss
Joseph O'Brien

Life Teen Mass

COMMUNION MINISTERS:

8/9 June

Christine Iannarella

Volunteer

Julianne Ryan

Life Teen Mass

15/16 June

Ann Goves

Volunteer

Volunteer

Life Teen Mass

"HOME" COMMUNION MINISTERS:

9 June

Anna Coventry

16 June

Karen Birtles

ORGANISTS:

8/9 June

Volunteer

Volunteer

Robyn Cuming and
Paul Fiumara

Life Teen Mass

15/16 June

Volunteer

Volunteer

Jenny McKeon

Life Teen Mass

ALTAR SERVERS:

8/9 June

Sofia Iannarella

Volunteer/s

Volunteer/s

Tia Manuel

15/16 June

Billy Crutcher
Dash Crutcher

Volunteer/s

Bridget Birchley

Caitlin Marshall

CHILDREN'S LITURGY:

9 June

No Children's Liturgy - Children's Mass

16 June

Ewan McPherson and Lisa Sos

SANCTUARY CARERS:

6 July

Victor Podesta

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.

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.

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St Agatha's Parish Sacramental Program 2019

Sacrament of Confirmation

(For all children in Year 3 and above)

Parent Information Evening:

Tuesday 13 August at 6.30pm

Venue: APAC, St Agatha's School

Sacrament of Confirmation

Tuesday 10 September at 5pm & 7pm

For further information, call Jane Cameron at the Parish office: 3262 2859 or go onto our website: www.clayfieldparish.org.au to view the timetable.

TWO-MINUTE HOMILIES Priests from around the Archdiocese are preparing "Two Minute Homilies" and uploading them on social media platforms on a weekly basis now. To view or listen (at your leisure) to a podcast please visit [http:// brisbanecatholic.org.au/multimedia/two-minutehomilies/](http://brisbanecatholic.org.au/multimedia/two-minutehomilies/)



Readings - The Most Holy Trinity (Year C) - 16 June 2019

1st Reading: Proverbs 8:22-31; 2nd Reading: Romans 5:1-5; Gospel: John 16:12-15