



ST. AGATHA'S PARISH

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Twenty Seventh Sunday in Ordinary Time (Year C) - 6 October 2019

Readings

1st Reading: Habakkuk 1:2-3; 2:2-4; 2nd Reading: 2 Timothy 1:6-8, 13-14; Gospel: Luke 17:5-9

WEEKDAY MASSES

NO 6.30am Mass on Monday

Wednesday 9 October 9am

Thursday 10 October 9am

Friday 11 October 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

OCTOBER

Sunday 13

Children's Mass 9am

Monday 14

SVDP Meeting 5pm

Parish Office

Saturday 19/Sunday 20

Catholic Mission Appeal

NOVEMBER

Saturday 2

All Souls' Day - Mass 9am



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CATHOLIC CAMPAIGN

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**ST AGATHA'S
PARISH
will be
conducting the
2019**

**ANNUAL
CATHOLIC
CAMPAIGN
on the weekend of
26/27 October**

Around this time of the year, the Church celebrates a wonderful group of diverse saints. There is Vincent de Paul, whose life was changed when he heard the confession of a dying peasant. After that he dedicated himself to the service of poor people. He told his followers, "The poor are your masters and you are their servants." Then there is Thérèse of Lisieux, "the Little Flower", who, as a Carmelite, never left her convent and died at the age of twenty-four; soon she became universally known for the way she loved God in the ordinary ways of life. St Jerome, a great biblical scholar, dedicated his life to translating the Bible. And finally St Francis of Assisi, who imitated the love of Christ with such a boundless generosity in his service of those who were poor that he received the stigmata.

All these saints lived hard lives in a world full of suffering, but what characterises them is an extravagant love of God and a joy in serving God. They were men and women greatly gifted by God; yet they did not take the credit for themselves but gave glory to God. St Francis saw service to his master, Jesus, not as a duty but as a privilege. And they all had a deep and trusting faith in God, which allowed them to do what seemed impossible.

It is good to keep these great saints in mind when we turn to the Gospel today. There is a harshness in Jesus' parable. He talks of servants (or, in some translations, slaves) and masters, a common reality in Jesus' time. He is attacking those religious leaders who thought that they deserved a reward for following God's law. It was as though they felt God owed them something. It is a common danger in religion to think we can save ourselves by our own good works; all God needs to do is to acknowledge what we have achieved by ourselves. God is there to hand out the prizes.

Jesus tells this parable to deflate our self-righteousness. After all, there is no equality between master and servant. Would you expect the master to tell the servant, after a day in the fields, to come and have a meal? No, it is more likely the servant would have to serve the master before eating his or her own supper. Why would the master be grateful to the servant, who is only doing his or her duty? Jesus is puncturing false ideas. If you see God with the eyes of faith you will realise that God is our creator and all that we have is God's gift. All that we possess we have received. In fact we are called to imitate God's generosity. When Jesus tells his disciples they must forgive seven times, they ask for an increase of faith. They need the grace to trust God. Jesus tells them that with only a little faith they can perform the impossible.

This is why we need to keep the saints close to us. Their lives give flesh to the Gospel. We can see God's love taking human form in their lives. They are wounded by divine love and respond with an extravagance that shocks us. They experience God not as a slave master but as a Lord who has emptied himself in love and shared our sufferings. They delight in God's service and are happy to say, "We are merely servants: we have done no more than our duty."

Clayfield Conversations

Twenty Seventh Sunday in Ordinary Time

Scriptural context – A lesson for the disciples

For the last few months, in the Sunday gospel readings, we have been working our way through the second half of the gospel of Luke. From the end of chapter 9 onwards, the gospel charts the journey of Jesus towards Jerusalem. Throughout this journey, Jesus teaches his disciples and attempts to prepare them for his departure and their need to step up and take on his ministry. Today's passage is an example of this instruction to the disciples. Jesus makes clear that they are being called to give their lives to faith in service of others without expecting any return – just as Jesus does!

Gospel Focus – Faith

The disciples ask Jesus to increase their faith, but their question – and the reply given by Jesus – does not make clear the faith that they want increased. Is it their faith in God; their faith in themselves; or their faith in the people they are called to serve? The response by Jesus suggests that, in fact, it is faith in all these things. Faith in God and faith in self are intrinsically linked and Jesus makes plain to the disciples that this faith must find its expression in selfless service to others... *Liturgy Help*



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26-27 October

The Priests Foundation
providing a dignified retirement
and healthcare to our elderly and
unwell priests, who for long
years have faithfully served our
parishes and communities.

Your gift is the answer
to someone's prayer

Give today: 07 3324 3200 catholiccampaign.com.au

2020 COLUMBAN ART CALENDARS

Columban Calendars are now available and for
sale at the Piety Stall for \$9.00 each.

Ideal Christmas Gift

CHILD PROTECTION SUNDAY

This weekend, the Catholic Church in Australia marks Child Protection Sunday, on which we pray for those who have been abused, their families and supporters. We recognise the harm done by priests, religious and lay people in Church settings. We recommit to practices that support survivors and make the Catholic Church and its ministries the safest possible place for children and vulnerable adults. You can find out more about the Church's work in this area at: www.catholic.org.au/responseandprevention

Padua College & Padua College Old Boys Association INAUGURAL MEMORIAL MASS

Wednesday 6 November, 6.30pm

Mass in the College Chapel

**This Mass is to celebrate the lives of deceased
Friars, Padua College Old Boys, Staff and
members of our Paduan Community.**

For further enquiries or to let us know who you
would like remembered,
please email admin@padua.qld.edu.au
or phone 3857 9999



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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

ARCHDIOCESE OF BRISBANE Brisbane Catholic Education centacare

SWOOPING BIRDS

For the safety of our parishioners, students, teachers and staff, signs are displayed throughout the premises to be on the alert of swooping birds. Please be aware as they have been known to cause serious injuries.

*Gracious God, you said "Let the children come to me".
The hurt felt by those wounded by abuse weighs heavily upon us. Trust has been
eroded when institutions failed to appropriately respond to their needs.
Lord, we as your Church stand in need of your healing and help.
We ask you, God, to strengthen and guide all in our Catholic communities. Grant
us wisdom in our time to make decisions that protect children and the vulnerable.
May our families and communities, through love, generosity, commitment and
patience, build stronger communities safe for children.
Let your grace and love fall gently upon our children, giving them the inner
strength, peace and resilience they will need for their life's journey.
We ask you, God, to help our Catholic communities to be resolute in building a
community where our children flourish and are safe.
Amen*

In our prayers we remember

Those who have died recently:

Brother Neville Thornton, Margaret Bowden

Those whose anniversaries occur about now:

Melda Power

Those who are sick:

Jenny McKeon, Patrick (Paddy) Ryan, Nick Newton, Eugene Gaynor, Lauren Carney, Patricia Beveridge, Janice Lewis, Michael Blanchard, Colleen Smythe, Flynn Crowley, Lyndell Sawyer, Thea Hoffmann, 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, 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.



CHILDREN'S MASS

Sunday 13 October at 9am

At the Mass, the children are asked to bring the gifts to the Altar, read, take up collections and welcome people as they arrive.

If your child/children would like to participate in some way, please contact the Parish Office on 3262 2859 or email us at clayfield@bne.catholic.net.au by Tuesday 8 October.

We will be having a special morning tea/party afterwards in honour of our newly confirmed children.

All are welcome to come along and join in this Parish community gathering.



St Rita's College

FASHION PARADE

Fundraiser

Raising funds for innovative new research into gastro-intestinal (GI) cancer conducted by the GI Cancer Institute.

Saturday 9th November 2019
2:00pm - 4:00pm

Eirene Centre, St Rita's College
41 Enderley Road, Clayfield QLD 4011
Hosted by Nine Entertainment Co's weather presenter, Nicole Rowles

Tickets \$50/person

Visit <https://www.trybooking.com/BFGPV>

All ages event. Ticket includes entry, free spot in the lucky door prize pool, grazing food and a glass of bubbles on arrival (over 18's only).

\$5 raffle tickets available with prizes generously donated by: Samantha Ogilvie, Orange Theory Fitness Ascot, Biffi Boutique, Hanworth House, Cocoa Lux, La Cruz Luxury, Luna Frankie.

All funds raised will support the GI Cancer Institute's Innovation Fund. Helping to support ground-breaking research into improved treatment options and outcomes for the 28,900 Australians diagnosed with GI cancer each year.

Many thanks for our featured brands and businesses: Isabella Longinou, Annalisse Designs, Antica Home, Encore la Chance, Sweet Georgia Boutique, Joli Boutique, El Zapato, By the C Jewellery, Pheeb's & Co. Jewellery, En Pointe Collective.



October

*Month of the
Holy Rosary*



St Agatha's Parish

Calendar Competition

Submit your artwork to feature in our 2020 Calendar

Theme: "Gifts of the Spirit"

Illustrate how you can show love, joy, kindness & peace in your everyday life.

(Some ideas: caring for someone, special moments with family, kindness towards others,)

Categories: Pre-School-Prep, Year 1-3 & Year 4-6.

4 entries from each category will be chosen & allocated a month each to feature in our 2020 calendar.

Specifics: Drawings to be done on A4 Landscape.

Please write your Name and Grade on the back of your entry.

Submit all entries to the Parish office by Friday the 11th of October 2019.



**How God is calling us to
be a Christ-centred
Church that is**



"For God did not give us a spirit of cowardice but rather of power and love and self-control."
(2 Timothy 1:7)

PARISH ROSTERS

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

5.00pm

7.00am

9.00am

5.30pm

READERS:

5/6 Oct

Jenny Close
Edward Foley

Dianne Eden
Nick Eden

Don Macpherson
Wilma O'Connell

Life Teen Mass

12/13 Oct

Graham Gibson
Julie-Anne Gibson

Kirsty Stevens
Anne O'Connor

Amrita Moss
Joseph O'Brien

Life Teen Mass

COMMUNION MINISTERS:

5/6 Oct

Volunteer

Volunteer

Chanelle Simpson

Life Teen Mass

12/13 Oct

Ann Goves

Volunteer

Volunteer

Life Teen Mass

"HOME" COMMUNION MINISTERS:

6 Oct

Lisa Carter

13 Oct

Karen Birtles

ORGANISTS:

5/6 Oct

Volunteer

Volunteer

Robyn Cuming

Life Teen Mass

12/13 Oct

Volunteer

Volunteer

Robyn Cuming &
Paul Fiumara

Life Teen Mass

ALTAR SERVERS:

5/6 Oct

Volunteer/s

Volunteer/s

Volunteer/s

Volunteer/s

12/13 Oct

Sofia Iannarella

Volunteer/s

Volunteer/s -
Children's Mass

Tia Manuel

CHILDREN'S LITURGY:

6 Oct

No Children's Liturgy - School Holidays

13 Oct

No Children's Liturgy - Children's Mass



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 CLOTHING BIN

located behind the Church with easy access.

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 supper after the
5.30pm Mass
this Sunday 6 October.

SVDP meetings are held every second Monday at 5pm (except Public Holidays). New members are always welcome.
Any enquiries phone
John 0408 985 709.



MENTAL HEALTH WEEK 2019

Saturday 5 October until Sunday 13 October

World Mental Health Day - Thursday 10 October



Catholic Psychiatric Pastoral Care

Invites you to a

Mass

to celebrate



'TAKE TIME FOR MENTAL HEALTH'

FRIDAY 11 OCTOBER 2019 AT 1.00PM
ST PATRICK'S CHURCH FORTITUDE VALLEY
(Corner of McLachlan and Morgan Streets)
Light refreshments will follow Mass.
PARKING IS AVAILABLE IN CHURCH GROUNDS

Readings - Twenty-Eighth Sunday in Ordinary Time (Year C) - 13 October 2019

1st Reading: 2 Kings 5:14-17; 2nd Reading: 2 Timothy 2:8-13; Gospel: Luke 17:11-19