




ST. AGATHA'S PARISH

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Our Lord Jesus Christ, King of the Universe (Year C) - 24 November 2019

Readings

1st Reading: 2 Samuel 5:1-3; 2nd Reading: Colossians 1:12-20; Gospel: Luke 23:35-43

WEEKDAY MASSES

NO 6.30am Mass on Monday
Wednesday 27 November 9am
Thursday 28 November 9am
Friday 29 November 9am

WEEKEND MASSES

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

Parish Calendar

NOVEMBER

Monday 25

SVDP Meeting 5pm
Parish Office



**READERS
PLEASE
COLLECT
YOUR
COPY OF**

***BREAK OPEN
THE WORD***



National Prayer Campaign

for the gift of rain, for people affected by drought, for support services

THANK YOU, thank you, thank you!

Your support in promoting the Annual Catholic Campaign means the vital ministries in the Archdiocese can continue doing good works. I truly appreciate all you've done to make this campaign run smoothly and successfully!

The campaign has been a unified effort in raising much-needed funds, while at the same time limiting the number of in-Mass appeals. We're still receiving and counting donations, and I look forward to updating you once we have the final numbers.

Today's Mass readings also use imagery to describe Christ's unique kind of kingship. We hear about David, the shepherd king, an image that Jesus himself found inspiring. He had no doubt watched shepherds leading their sheep, placing their own bodies at night across the doorway of the sheepfold to protect them. It was a lonely, dangerous life, and Jesus identified strongly with that role. Our second reading uses the image of a head, indivisible from the rest of the body, but sustaining and guiding it. St Paul sees the Church as a body with Christ as its head, reconciling and unifying all creation in himself.

Our Gospel reading offers a more powerful image still. St Luke describes a scene of execution, with Jesus hanging on the cross between two criminals. Undefended against an unjust conviction; humiliated at the hands of his enemies; dying an agonising death - there could not be a more vivid image of a servant king bearing the suffering of those who look to him for rescue. This was not a kind of leadership the Jewish high priest or Roman procurator Pontius Pilate could easily comprehend. They enjoyed wealth and status, and were prepared to exercise power corruptly in order to keep it. A proper king, they assumed, would use his regal status to further his own interests. This was the test they put to Jesus: "If you are king of the Jews, save yourself." They could not understand that the test of a true king is not whether he can save himself, but whether he is willing to save his people.

We, too, may be tempted to conceive of leadership in terms of self-interest. There are times, perhaps, when we wish Jesus would use his divine power to promote the careers and fortunes of his friends. We might quite like it if Jesus crushed our enemies. We might enjoy basking in his reflected glory. We might wish for a share of that power or celebrity. But the gospel sets before us an alternative kind of power - love for others - and a radically different kind of crown - a painful one of thorns. To follow Jesus is to care about others more than ourselves and to suffer when they suffer. To follow our king is to fight the cause of justice and peace; and, if necessary, to lay down our lives and reputation in the service of God and those whom God loves. It is to identify ourselves with the lowly and needy people of this world. We are followers of a servant king. We have inherited his light.

Clayfield Conversations

Our Lord Jesus Christ, King of the Universe

Historical Context – Christ the King

The Feast of Christ the King was introduced to the liturgical calendar by Pope Pius XI in 1925. The establishment of the feast took place in a world that had suffered through the First World War and was unknowingly heading towards the Second World War. In this setting, the world was experiencing a dramatic growth in secularism and an even more dramatic growth in dictators who were rising to power in various states. The introduction of the feast was a call back from the secular and a call to remember Christ as having authority above and beyond any earthly leader.

Scriptural context – Shepherds and Criminals

The gospel of Luke is underlined by a message of hope for those who are afflicted, outcast and poor. In this gospel, the message and ministry of Jesus are directed specifically to these lowly ones. The significance of the role played by the poor is highlighted by the framing of the whole narrative in this gospel: the birth of Jesus is celebrated by shepherds and his death is accompanied by criminals. Shepherds and criminals – two classes of people on the absolute fringe of society; not dignitaries or wise men from afar – are witness to the birth and death of Jesus...*Liturgy Help*



With great joy we welcome
Xavier Brosnan
Francesca Brosnan
who will be baptised this weekend.

St Agatha's School Clayfield has limited vacancies
in Year 6 for 2020.

Please direct all enquiries to the
Enrolment Secretary:
wkwhite@bne.catholic.edu.au or phone: 3326 9222

 **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

 School tours are available	 Assembly will be held at 8.45am in the Presentation Centre	 Visit classrooms from Prep to Year 6	 School choir will perform
 Meet the Principal Ms Anne-Marie Maw	 Light refreshments will be served during the Open Day		

Girls' Friendship Society

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.



NOVEMBER MASS ENVELOPES are available from table in church foyer, Piety Stall or Parish Office. PLEASE PRINT the names of those who you wish to be remembered and place the envelope on the collection plate or hand into the Parish Office. The names of your deceased will be written in a Remembrance Book that will be on the altar for all Masses during the month of November.
NOVEMBER: A special time to pray for our loved ones who have died.

2020 COLUMBAN ART CALENDARS
Columban Calendars are now available and for
sale at the Piety Stall for \$9.00 each.
Ideal Christmas Gift

CHRISTMAS CARDS
Available for sale at the Piety Stall
Packet of 8 for \$5.00

Vacation Care

December 2019
January 2020

**CHRISTMAS
RAFFLE**
Tickets
\$2 each or 3 for \$5.
Drawn
Sunday 22 December.

In our prayers we remember



Those who have died recently:

Elwyn Clifford, Maureen Sherriff

Those whose anniversaries occur about now:

Rosalind Shun Wah, Reginald Shun Wah (Jnr), Joseph Riba, Doreen Haine

Those who are sick:

Margaret Murphy, 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, 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 SVDP CHRISTMAS APPEAL

will be conducted over the weekends of 23/24 November till and including weekend of 14/15 December. The Conference visits people in a large area from Pinkenba to Bowen Hills.

Assistance is provided for families and single people seeking food, clothing, furniture, and financial help. All donations will be gratefully appreciated. **Appeal envelopes** are available on the church seats.

If making a donation by cheque, make payable to "St Agatha's Clayfield SVDP Conference".

Thank you.

ST AGATHA'S GIVING TREE - 2019

At Christmas time we may be overindulged with food and presents whilst many go without basic necessities. The Giving Tree is loaded with gift ideas which will help bring a smile to others on Christmas Day. You are encouraged to take a tag and return the gift and leave it at the base of the tree. Gifts to be in by **Sunday 15 December**, as members of St Vincent de Paul will be collecting the gifts and distributing them for Christmas. If you will be away for Christmas, and would like to donate any non-perishable gifts please leave them at the Parish Office.



ST VINNIE'S IN ACTION

St Agatha's SVDP recently made a considerable donation to Charleville SVDP to assist with drought relief by paying bills for graziers in the town.

This way, both the farmer and the town businesses are assisted.

- * You can assist local families in need this Christmas by providing goods for hampers - for needed items, please take some tags from the Christmas tree
- * Immediate impact for people in our area: please give generously to St Vinnie's Christmas appeal. Online or via envelopes supplied in the church
- * Bushfire Appeal: please donate online to provide food, clothing, essential items and grocery vouchers for people who have lost everything

Join the team and join in the good works! Please contact the office (3262 2859) to register your interest or come along to our next meeting on Monday 25 November, 5pm at the parish office.

ST GERARD'S CHRISTMAS

nightly 29 November to 23 December
Including New Carols by Candlelight
Outdoors 21 December at 7pm with
Renata and Paradise City Band.

Massive Light Display, Gift Shop and
Op Shop, Coffee Shop, BBQ.

Free Musical Entertainment every
night. See website for schedule

(www.olaparishchermerside.org.au)

146 Maundrell Terrace,
Chermerside West.

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



Prayerful and Eucharistic

Stories of Faith: Anonymous

I came close to God through crisis. In many ways I feel like the prodigal son. When my wife was diagnosed with cancer [in her 20s] my understanding of my faith was changed forever.

Two years into her journey, I had completely turned my back on God – why would a loving God allow my wife to die and be in so much pain? Why would he let her get cancer at precisely the time we were planning to have children? Why would my life be completely disrupted to become her carer – losing my job and moving away from friends and family? I did not understand God, or where He was in my life at all. But I did witness my wife completely surrender her life to Him. She knew she was going to die and that God would take her to Heaven when He was ready for her. Three-and-a-half years after the diagnosis, He did exactly that. And I then realised that God was helping me the whole time – He was working through me to care for her, to be God for her and to love her. I sacrificed everything to care for her, but God gave me the physical, emotional and mental strength to carry [my wife] through her difficult earthly pilgrimage

Read more of the topics for this theme: www.plenarycouncil.catholic.org.au

DELAMORE
RETIREMENT COMMUNITY

115 Turner Rd, Kedron - 3357 7028

www.delamoreretirement.com.au

Discover Kedron's Best Kept Secret.

Open House – Every Thursday from
10.00am – 12.00pm

PARISH ROSTERS

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

5.00pm

7.00am

9.00am

5.30pm

READERS:

23/24 Nov	Jack Williamson Ann Goves	Andrew Douglas Kirsty Stevens	Don Macpherson Joseph O'Brien	Life Teen Mass
30 Nov/1 Dec	Ann Goves Edward Foley	Sr Cecily Foster Annette Riba	Dan Butler Ryan Smethurst	Life Teen Mass

COMMUNION MINISTERS:

23/24 Nov	Deborah Hall	Mary-Caroline van Paassen	Amrita Moss Erin Bledsoe	Life Teen Mass Life Teen Mass
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"HOME" COMMUNION MINISTERS:

24 Nov	Karen Birtles
1 Dec	Geraldine Swindells

ORGANISTS:

23/24 Nov		Robyn Cuming	Life Teen Mass
30 Nov/1 Dec		Jenny McKeon	Life Teen Mass

ALTAR SERVERS:

23/24 Nov	<i>Volunteer/s</i>	<i>Volunteer/s</i>	<i>Volunteer/s</i>	Bart Marino Amelia Marino
30 Nov/1 Dec	<i>Volunteer/s</i>	<i>Volunteer/s</i>	Daniel Benjamin Thomas Benjamin	Alex Oliveri

CHILDREN'S LITURGY:

24 Nov	Ewan McPherson and Jane Cameron
1 Dec	Jane Cameron and Giulia Coorey



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.

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 25 November.

**30th Anniversary of the
Dedication of the
Cathedral of St Stephen**
At the 10.00am Mass on Wednesday 4th
December, Archbishop Mark Coleridge
will celebrate Mass to commemorate the
30th Anniversary of the Dedication of the
Cathedral of St Stephen,
following the 1989 renovations.
Parishioners are invited to attend and join
us for morning tea following the Mass.
For catering purposes please RSVP by
Friday 29th November to
cathedral@bne.catholic.net.au.

BUSHFIRE APPEAL
This weekend Aggies Youth
is supporting the students at
St. Rita's College in their
efforts to raise money for the
bushfire appeal. While the
girls will be collecting
donations by holding a
Christmas-themed free dress
day, we will have a
collection box at the front
of the Church to accept
contributions. You may
notice some supporters
making 'free dress' fashion
statements today!

**NATIONAL PRAYER CAMPAIGN FOR
DROUGHT** The Catholic Bishops of
Australia have announced a National Prayer
Campaign for Drought to take place during
November. People across the country are
encouraged to pray for the gift of rain, for
people affected by the drought and to provide
practical support, where possible. The
Bishops note that large parts of the country
are directly affected by the drought, but the
impact is national – and so should the
response be national. Access resources and
find out more at: www.catholic.org.au/drought

THE WAY
Advent and Christmas
Daily Reflections 2019
for sale at the Piety Stall
\$4.00 each



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 - First Sunday of Advent (Year A) - 1 December 2019

1st Reading: Isaiah 2:1-5; 2nd Reading: Romans 13:11-14; Gospel: Matthew 24:37-44