

ST. AGATHA'S PARISH

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Fourth Sunday of Easter *3 May 2020*

Jesus says: I am the gate. Whoever enters through me will be saved.

In Jesus we have the new model of the true shepherd. In him is fulfilled the expectation of the Good Shepherd promised by God.

The shepherd enters through the gate to take care of the sheep, not to oppress them. In fact, the sheep recognize his authority and follow him.

Jesus leads the people to take them out of the darkness, because such is the work which the Father has entrusted to him.

Jesus is the new gate in regard to every person.

It means to "get close to Him", "to trust Him", to follow Him and to allow ourselves to be guided by His message to participate in the dedication of Jesus so that the true happiness of man may be accomplished.

Voices all around us challenge what we believe. We see movies and watch television programs that tell us almost any sin is OK as long as it is fun, or as long as we commit it with enough love. We see and hear endless ads telling us that we, and what we desire, matter first, most, last and always. Many tell us that everything we want, we should have, and that everything bad that happens to us is someone else's fault.

Who is your Shepherd and whom do you listen?

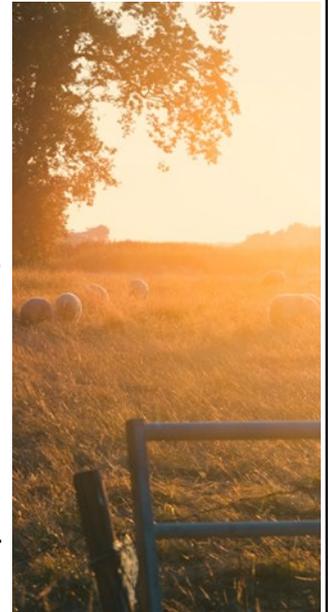
PRAYER: Loving Father, your Son Jesus Christ suffered for us. By his wounds we were healed. Fill us with the strength of the Holy Spirit that we may follow the Good Shepherd to the pasture of eternal life. We thank you and glorify you, now and forever. AMEN

The Lord is my shepherd; there is nothing I shall want.

The fourth Sunday of Easter is known as...

GOOD SHEPHERD SUNDAY.

It is also the World Day of Prayer for Vocations. The scripture lessons are about shepherds. Each year on this Sunday we reflect on the image of Jesus as the Good Shepherd, devotedly taking care of his flock.



We offer in sacrifice the lamb that takes away the sins of the world. He who was slain is now our Shepherd. He will lead to springs of living water all who do not reject him.



"The good shepherd is one who lays down his life for his sheep."

The Doors of the Church are shut, but the life of the church continues through our prayers ...

Caring for Each Other:

As a community of faith, we are called to be aware of those around us in the community. Please keep in touch with each other and be particularly mindful of people who may be on their own. If you need assistance or know of someone who requires assistance from the Parish, please contact the Office and we will follow up.

Parish Newsletter:

Paper copies are available outside the Parish office. If you know of someone who is not already on our mailing list to receive digital updates please invite them to contact our parish office (3262 2859 or clayfield@bne.catholic.net.au) with their email address or encourage them to follow us on Facebook.

Sacrament of Reconciliation

If anyone would like to receive this Sacrament of penance, please contact Fr Biju on 0470 212 502 (thomasb@bne.catholic.net.au) to arrange a suitable time. Again, it is vitally important that social distancing is maintained in an appropriate place to celebrate the Sacrament.

Receiving of Holy Communion

If anyone would like to receive Holy Communion, please contact Fr Biju to make an appointment.

Our Parish continues to function while public Masses are suspended

Father Biju continues to celebrate Mass and perform his parish ministry, Parish staff are working in the Parish Office and other expenses are going on... If you are in a position to do so, please continue to make a weekly giving. As our parish is unable to assemble to celebrate Mass together as a community, we have also lost our ability to take up collections for the support of our parish and clergy. We are truly thankful to the parishioners who have contacted us over the past weeks asking for ways in which they can continue to financially support the works of the parish. In response to this, to follow are some ways that you can continue to send your offerings should you wish to do so:

Planned Giving and Parish Contributions

Many thanks to those who are dropping their Planned Giving Envelopes into the mailbox near the door to the Parish Office. You are also welcome to contribute on line through internet banking. Details as follows:

Account Name: St Agatha's Parish

BSB Number: 064 786

Account Number: 0061 36002

Reference: Your Envelope Number and Surname (if part of Planned Giving) or PG-Surname (if not part of Planned Giving)

Phone us if you need more information about this option.

Direct Debit

Become a Direct Debit or Credit Card giver with our parish and set up your preferred payment frequency (e.g. weekly, fortnightly, monthly, quarterly, half yearly or annually). You can cancel or change this arrangement and amounts at any time...

TEMPORARY ARCHDIOCESAN DIRECTIVES: All public Masses are suspended, and Sunday obligation is also suspended.

Fourth Sunday of Easter

Readings and reflections are attached with this newsletter



First Reading Acts 2:14, 36-41
Second Reading 1 Peter 2:20-25
Gospel John 10:1-10



Mother's Day

Sunday 10 May



Mother's day is a special day to recognise and celebrate motherhood. It is celebrated in different parts of the world to express regard, respect and love towards mums. The day is an occasion to respect the commitment of mums, recognise the efforts of maternal bonds and the role of mothers in our society. It is a day which makes people remember the importance and significance of mothers in their life and is observed as a day to give a special emphasis to the motherly figures around the world.

Make your mum feel special and shower her with gifts of appreciation.

Intercessory Prayers....

1. We pray for all who are sick with the coronavirus and other illnesses, who are fearful and in great need, who feel the added burden of isolation from family and friends.
2. We pray for leaders in Australia and around the world, who must act for the common good of all, and bring integrity and wisdom to their decision making.
3. We pray for the Church across the world on this Vocations Sunday, that in those places where the service of priest and deacons and the witness of the religious is sparse, the Holy Spirit will call forth new vocations.
4. For students and families, teachers, lecturers and staff in schools and universities, and education leaders, that they will work together with confidence and create safe and calm environments.
5. For those who have died recently:
Jack Jones, Kevin Wootton, Ross Caruso, Sr Majella Foster and those whose anniversaries occur at this time:
Jim See: that they will live in the safety of eternal life.

In our prayers we remember

Those who have died recently

Jack Jones, Kevin Wootton, Ross Caruso, Sr Majella Foster

Those whose anniversaries occur about now.

Jim See

And those who are sick:

Edward Chan, Duncan Pegg, Charlie Richards, Noreen Martin, Kateri Byrnes, 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, Regina Hwan, Deanne Du Bour, Melissa Waka, Agnes Tam, Kerri Smith, El Purwo, Patrick Gallagher, Hellen Passente

Reminder to let us know when names are no longer required to be shown on the sick list.

We give praise and thanks for blessings given and prayers answered. We pray for all our family members, parishioners and benefactors who are in need of prayer and for all those who are facing difficult times.

We pray for them and for those who have asked for our prayers.

Fr Biju

Parish Administration

Parish Administrator: Fr. Biju Thomas
Parish Secretary: Mrs Rosemary Greer
Family and Sacramental Ministry: Mrs Jane Cameron
Community & Mission Council Chair: Mrs Mary-Caroline van Paassen

Office Hours: Monday - Thursday: 8.30am-12.30pm and 1.30pm-3.30pm, Friday: 8.30am-12.00pm

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Aggies Youth: facebook.com/aggiesyouth

Local Safeguarding Children and Vulnerable Adults Representative: Georgia Allan (0456 441 717) Isr.clayfield@bne.catholic.net.au

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School Principal: Ms Anne-Marie Maw

APRE: Mr Jake Knowles

Outside School Hours Care Coordinator: Roxanne Grogan

LET US PRAY

For all who have contracted coronavirus, We pray for care and healing.
For those who are particularly vulnerable, We pray for safety and protection.
For all who experience fear or anxiety, We pray for peace of mind and spirit.
For affected families who are facing difficult decisions between food on the table or public safety,
We pray for policies that recognize their plight.
For those who do not have adequate health insurance,
We pray that no family will face financial burdens alone.
For those who are afraid to access care due to immigration status,
We pray for recognition of the God-given dignity of all.
For our brothers and sisters around the world, We pray for shared solidarity.
For public officials and decision makers, We pray for wisdom and guidance.
Father, during this time may your Church be a sign of hope, comfort and love to all.
Grant peace. Grant comfort. Grant healing. Be with us, Lord. Amen.

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“Has someone made a big difference in your day?”



Is there something small
you can do to make a big
difference in a friend or
stranger's day?

Share your small blessing:
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ANZAC DAY 2020

United as one, although distant, we came together in silence to honour our Anzacs and all those in the armed forces who sacrifice so much to keep us safe.
Lest We Forget.

