

ST. AGATHA'S PARISH

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Pentecost Sunday 31 May 2020

"What is Pentecost Sunday?"

Pentecost, which is celebrated the 49th day (the seventh Sunday) after Easter Sunday, commemorates the descent of the Holy Spirit upon the Apostles and the other followers of Jesus Christ. This occurred while they were in Jerusalem celebrating the Feast of Weeks, as described in the Acts of the Apostles (Acts 2:1-31)

John the Baptist prophesied the first Pentecost when Jesus would baptize with the Holy Spirit and with fire (<u>Matthew 3:11</u>).

At Pentecost, the Apostles and their followers were gathered in a room. Jews from all over the world were gathered with Peter, the leader of the Apostles, and the Eleven. At this time, the Holy Spirit came upon these people and they experienced the power of God.



Despite the fact that many had no common language, they were perfectly able to understand one another. Peter then called all those present to be baptised and about three thousand people were baptised that day. These people were among the first Christians, and Peter became the Pope of the Church.

On this Pentecost Sunday, let us ask our Lord for the grace to grow in the gifts and the fruits of the Holy Spirit...

Now we can have 10 people at Mass both weekdays and Sundays. If you would love to attend, please contact the Parish Office (Ph. 3262 2859, email: clayfield@bne catholic.net.au)

Holy Mass on 7 June

Saturday 5pm (Vigil Mass)

Sunday 9am

The Holy Mass will be celebrated at 9.00am on Mondays, Tuesdays, Wednesdays and Fridays

Numbers will increase to 20 people from 12 June.

Next Sunday we celebrate Trinity Sunday

Loving God, relying on the prayers of Mary, our mother, we ask you to embrace our world with tenderness, and in this time of universal need lift us from anxiety to hope, from isolation to community and from confusion to faith. Through Christ our Lord, Amen

"Thank you to everyone who contributes to our Parish financially. Your generosity is important and essential for our parish to carry out its mission."

Planned Giving Post Covid 19

We are thinking of trialling the use of Electronic collection plates once parish life returns to some normality which hopefully will not be too far away. With the acknowledgement that we are gradually moving towards a cashless society, parishioners will be given the option to contribute to our collections by swiping with a credit card. Parishioners will still be able to contribute using cash and planned giving envelopes if that is their preferred option.

Tablet Subscription

The Parish will no longer be renewing the subscription to the Tablet Magazine. If you would like to personally subscribe to the magazine, please go to https:// www.thetablet.co.uk/subscribe. If you require any assistance with the subscribing process, please do not hesitate to contact the Parish Office.



Our Parish SVDP Conference is keeping in touch:

At all times and in all places, Christians are people of hope, living our lives in the light of the Risen Lord. Undoubtedly, we all have considered how this might translate into our day to day approaches during the time of the COVID-19 (Coronavirus) pandemic. As a community of faith, we are called to be aware of those around us. Although Government has provided extra benefits, Our parish's Vinnies Conference has continued tackling poverty and disadvantage by providing assistance to anyone in need.

Clayfield Vinnies keep in touch with the needy and are particularly mindful of people who may be on their own. In the last three months since COVID-19 has impacted on lives, SVDP Clayfield Conference has:

- made 113 home visitations
- assisted 169 people (of all ages)
- provided \$9893 worth of assistance (by way of food, rent, utilities etc.)

The volunteer members, and donors like you, have enabled the good works to continue for the past 126 years. There is a lot more to be done. Come and share this rewarding ministry.

> Congratulations to all SVDP Conference Members for your valuable service...

Our special prayers this week

- 1. We pray for Pope Francis and all church leaders. May the Holy Spirit inspire them with a deep spirit of service that will enable the church to renew the face of the earth.
- 2. We pray for our parish community, that, while isolated physically from each other, we may, in the Spirit, use our gifts in the service of the community.
- 3. We pray for all who are affected by coronavirus, through illness or isolation or anxiety, that they may find relief and recovery.
- 4. We pray for the Church in Australia preparing for the Plenary Council in 2021, that Bishops and people will sincerely listen to what the Spirit is saying to us, as well as listening to each other with respect, faith and hope.
- 5. We pray for those sick with the Covid 19 virus, as well as for other sick and vulnerable people, that, seeking the consoling balm of the Holy Spirit, healing, courage and hope will be for all severely affected by our changes in society.

In our prayers we remember

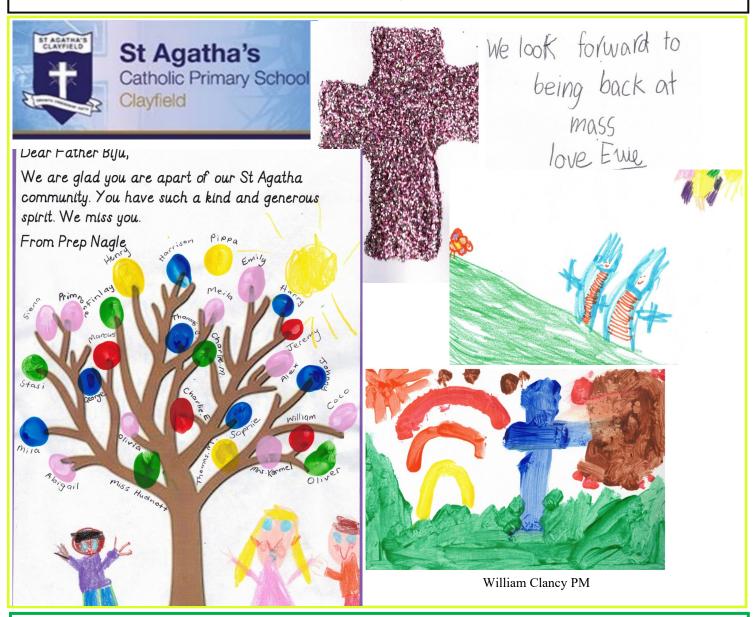
Those who have died recently:

Hilda Yu

And those who are unwell:

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.



The posting of artwork of St Agatha's children will be continued.... We thank Principle, APRE and all the staff members of St Agatha's for helping the children to grow in faith and love of our church.

St Agatha's is now accepting enrolments for boys and girls for Yr 5, 2021.

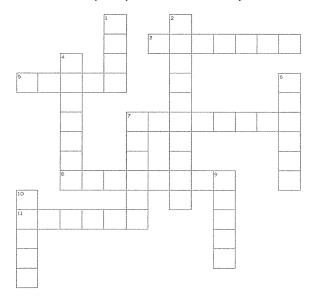
Please contact the Enrolment Secretary on 3326 9222 or email: pclayfield@bne.catholic.edu.au

Children's Corner

CROSSWORD

The Holy Spirit came upon them





Across

- 3: Jesus said to the disciples, 'If you ____. anyone's sins, they will be forgiven'
- 5: a large group of people
- 7: to have come into sight
- 8: talking
- 11: very surprised

Down

- 1: it has fingers and a thumb
- 2: the _____ came down and took control of everyone
- 4: Jesus' followers saw what looked like fiery
 ____ moving in all directions
- 6: another word for centre
- 7: frightened or scared
- 9: presents
- 10: glad

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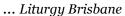
The 7 gifts of the Holy Spirit: wisdom, understanding, counsel, fortitude, knowledge, piety, and fear of the Lord.

The Twelve Fruits of the Holy Spirit; Charity (Love), Joy, Peace, Patience, Kindness, Goodness, Generosity, Gentleness, Faithfulness, Modesty, Self Control, Chastity.

Family Activity

You will need some sticky notes.

During the week be '**Spirit Spotters**'. We 'see' the Holy Spirit when someone is loving, kind, happy, sharing, forgiving, generous, and helpful. Look carefully at family members, friends, people you do not know, and yourself. Fill each sticky note with the name of someone you spotted the Holy Spirit in, and what you saw them doing.





Parish Administration

Parish Administrator:Fr. Biju ThomasParish Secretary:Mrs Rosemary GreerFamily 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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