



# ST. AGATHA'S PARISH

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*Twelfth Sunday in Ordinary Time*

*21 June 2020*

## The First Prayer that I learned...

The first prayer that most parents teach their children is the Sign of the Cross and it is my reflection for this week.

The most basic Christian gesture in prayer is and always will be the sign of the cross. Francis de Sales explains the sign of the Cross, "We raise the hand first to the forehead, saying, 'In the name of the Father,' to signify that the Father is the First Person of the Most Holy Trinity, of whom the Son is begotten and from whom the Holy Spirit proceeds. Then saying, 'and the Son,' the hand is lowered to the breast, to express that the Son proceeds from the Father, who sent Him down to the womb of the Virgin.

Then the hand is moved from the left shoulder or side to the right, while saying, 'and of the Holy Spirit,' thereby signifying that the Holy Spirit, as the Third Person of the Holy Trinity, proceeds from the Father and the Son, that He is the Love that unites both, and that we, through His grace, partake of the fruits of the passion.

Accordingly the sign of the cross is a brief declaration of our faith in the three great mysteries: of our faith in the Blessed Trinity, in the passion of Christ, and in the forgiveness of sin, by which we pass from the left side of curse to the right of blessing." (The Sign of the Cross, The Fifteen Most Powerful Words in the English Language)

The cross is a source of all blessings and graces, the weapon and armor of our defense against the evil power. It is the sign of Christ's victory over sin, death, and hell.

When we make the Sign of the Cross we are exactly doing the following 21 things:

1. Pray. We begin and end our prayers with the Sign of the Cross. The sign of the cross is a beautiful gesture which reminds us of the cross of salvation while invoking the Holy Trinity.
2. We open ourselves to grace. As a sacramental, the Sign of the Cross prepares us for receiving God's blessing and disposes us to cooperate with His grace.
3. Sanctifies the day.
4. It commits the whole self to Christ.
5. Recalls the Incarnation.
6. Remembers the Passion of Our Lord.
7. Affirms the Trinity.
8. Focuses our prayer on God.
9. Affirms the procession of the Son and the Spirit.
10. Confesses our faith.
11. Invokes the power of God's name.
12. Crucifies ourselves with Christ.
13. Asks for support in our suffering.
14. Reaffirms our baptism.
15. Reverses the curse.
16. Remakes ourselves in Christ's image.
17. Marks ourselves for Christ.
18. Helps us soldier on for Christ.
19. Wards off the devil.
20. Seals ourselves in the Spirit.
21. We become witnesses to others.

(Sources include: The Sign of the Cross, by Bert Ghezzi, and Signs of Life, by Scott Hahn)

## **Increase of Mass attendance numbers**

From the 10th July, Mass attendance numbers will increase. Due to the complexities and restrictions in place, a booking system will be set up. More details will follow. For the time being, we are still abiding to the maximum of 20 people at any Mass. Singing is only restricted to a Cantor without congregational participation. The Archdiocese is currently seeking clarification on this restriction and will advise if this changes.

Bookings for weekday Masses will remain the same by contacting the Parish Office on 3262 2859 or email: [clayfield@bne.catholic.net.au](mailto:clayfield@bne.catholic.net.au).

## **Help needed for weekend Masses**

Due to the extra work we have to meet with the requirements of the COVID Safe Plan, we require some helpers. We are in need of people to assist with recording parishioners as they enter the Church. All you need to do is check off names as the people arrive as per the provided sheets. Ensure that they sanitise their hands when they enter the Church and that everyone observes the 1.5m distancing. If you would like to help with this, please contact the Parish Office on 3262 2859.

## **Week days...**

St Agatha's Clayfield, is alive and active during weekdays, as many of us come to celebrate the Holy Eucharist... but, let us look forward to more people coming to celebrate the Eucharist!

The everyday presence of some of our parishioners for the celebration of the Holy Eucharist, helps ensure an ongoing priestly presence in Clayfield. This commitment is greatly appreciated.

## **Ministers for weekday Masses**

You are most welcome to help during the Holy Mass on weekdays. We need your help for scripture reading, offertory procession or to be a marshal in the Church.

## **Handling of Money**

As restrictions start to lift we also need to look at the way we take up the collection in the 'post-COVID' environment. For the time being we will have collection boxes in the middle of our Church as people leave, to minimise the handling of money and passing around the collection plate. Your suggestions are most welcome...

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

**CAN WE CONTACT YOU** If you haven't been receiving our weekly email from the Parish please send an email to the office at: [clayfield@bne.catholic.net.au](mailto:clayfield@bne.catholic.net.au) or phone the office with your details.

**If you wish to attend a Mass please contact the Parish Office  
or Fr. Biju Thomas**

## In our prayers we remember

### **Those who have died recently:**

Bill Kirby

### **Those whose anniversaries occur about now:**

Paul McGuire, Anne Seymour, Lorraine Douglas, Eileen Williamson, Joan Hinson, Lysle Killoran, Brendon Cross

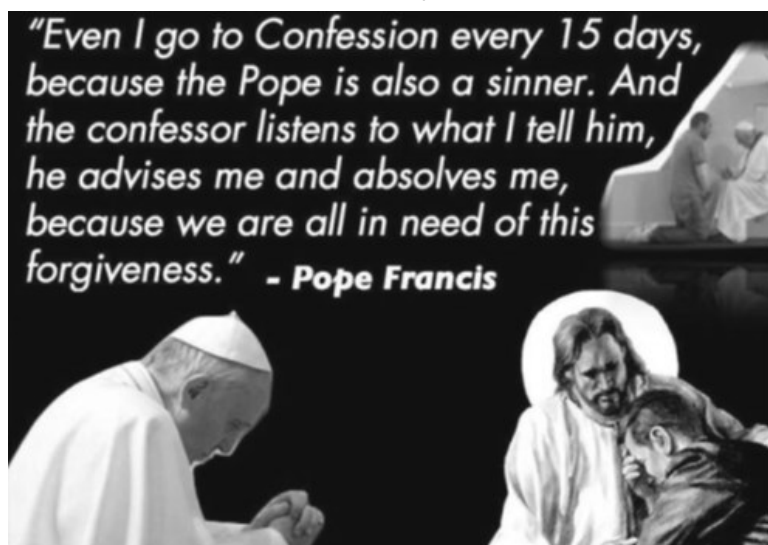
### **And those who are unwell:**

Anthony Menezes, Margot Gooding, 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.*

## **Don't forget the Sacrament of Reconciliation**

In the Sacrament of Reconciliation we express sorrow for our sins and promise to do our best not to repeat this sin again, we acknowledge our sins before God, we receive pardon (absolution), and we perform an act of penance or reconciliation as directed by the priest. The grace we receive from the reception of the sacrament helps us grow stronger in our faith and our ability to live a Christ-centered life.



### **EFFECT OF THIS SACRAMENT**

**RECONCILIATION WITH GOD IS THE PURPOSE AND EFFECT OF THE SACRAMENT OF RECONCILIATION**

**BRINGS ABOUT A TRUE "SPIRITUAL RESURRECTION"**

**RESTORATION OF THE DIGNITY**

**AND THE BLESSINGS OF THE LIFE OF THE CHILDREN OF GOD**

## **ST AGATHA'S SACRAMENT OF CONFIRMATION 2020 REGISTRATION** (All baptised children in Grade 3)

Registrations are still open for the Sacrament of Confirmation. So that we can keep you up-to-date with the preparation program, we ask that you please register your child via email [clayfield@bne.catholic.net.au](mailto:clayfield@bne.catholic.net.au).

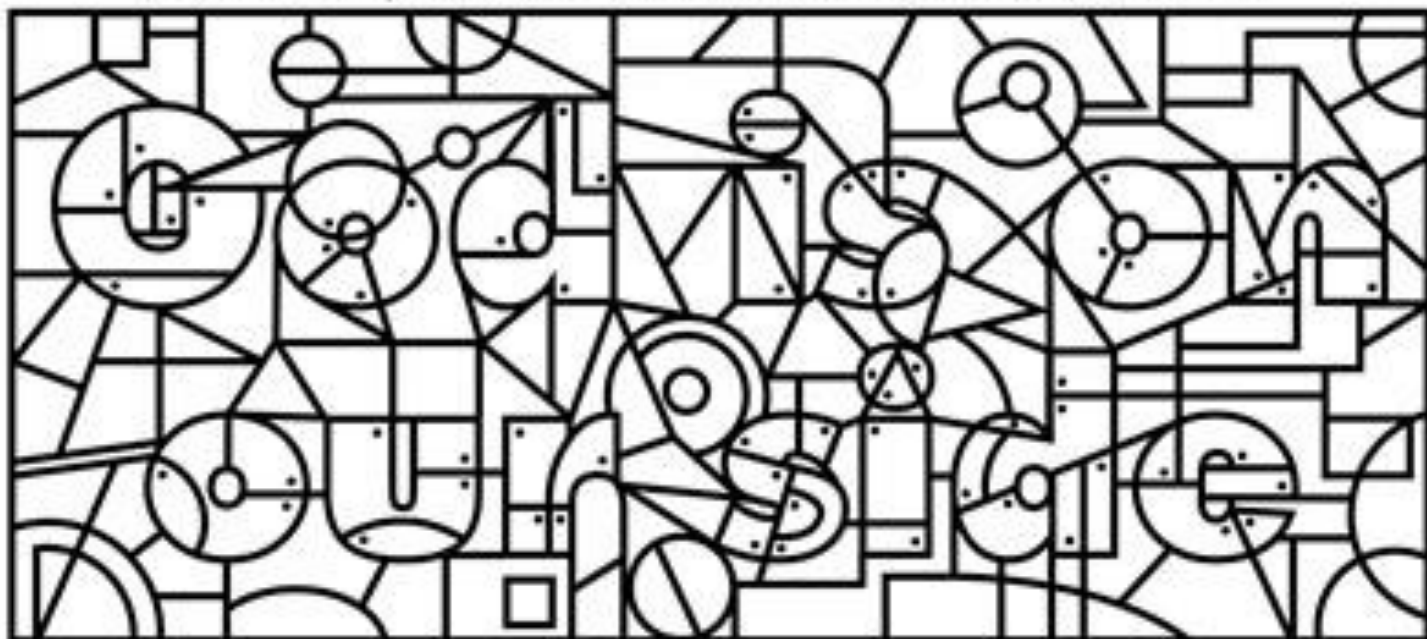
**St Agatha's is now accepting enrolments for**  
**boys and girls for Yr 5, 2021.**

Please contact the Enrolment Secretary on 3326 9222 or email: [pclayfield@bne.catholic.edu.au](mailto:pclayfield@bne.catholic.edu.au)



# Children's Corner

Color in the shapes that contain a dot • and discover the hidden message!



You might like to colour in the pictures and keep this prayer in your room.

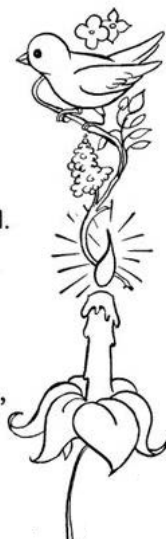


## The Lord's Prayer



Our Father, who art in heaven,  
Hallowed be thy Name.  
Thy kingdom come.  
Thy will be done,  
On earth as it is in heaven.  
Give us this day our daily bread.  
And forgive us our trespasses,  
As we forgive those  
who trespass against us.  
And lead us not into temptation,  
But deliver us from evil.

Amen.



### Family Activity

You will need pieces of paper for each person, pens, and a basket.

Gather the family together - it could be around the table, in a circle on the floor or at a park. Each person writes or draws ways that they need God's help for themselves, or for the family, or for someone else. Collect the pieces of paper in the basket. Remembering that God knows and loves us, someone takes a slip of paper from the basket, reads it to the family, and then all pray together for that need, "Loving God who knows and loves us, hear our prayer."

## Parish Administration

**Parish Administrator:** Fr. Biju Thomas (0470212502)  
**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

**Facebook:** facebook.com/St. Agatha's Catholic Parish Clayfield

**Aggies Youth:** facebook.com/aggiesyouth

**Local Safeguarding Children and Vulnerable Adults Representative:** Georgia Allan (0456 441 717) [lsr.clayfield@bne.catholic.net.au](mailto:lsr.clayfield@bne.catholic.net.au)

## St. Agatha's Catholic Primary School

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