

ST. AGATHA'S PARISH

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The Most Holy Trinity 7 June 2020

A popular story about St Augustine ...

St Augustine was trying to write his thesis about the Holy Trinity and he was stuck for words, so he went out for a walk on the beach. There he saw a child running up and down, scooping water from the sea and pouring the water into a hole in the sand.

When St Augustine asked the child what he was trying to do, the child replied:

I am trying to pour all the water of the ocean into this hole in the sand.

St Augustine laughed and said that it was impossible, to which the child answered:

Neither can you try to put into mere words the mystery of the Holy Trinity.

And with that, the child disappeared.

The Holy Trinity, whose feast we celebrate today, is **beyond the reach of time and the grasp of** human reasoning. It is a mystery of our faith.

The meaning of this Feast:

We are made in the image of a triune God. Our lives should reflect this great Trinity. We should be always creative like the Father, compassionate like the Son, and use our gifts in the service of others like the Holy Spirit.

"May the grace of the Lord Jesus Christ, and the love of God, and the fellowship of the **Holy Spirit** be with you all, Amen". 2 Cor 13: 14



Celebrating Pentecost

Children bringing forward the offertory on Pentecost Sunday



ST AGATHA'S SACRAMENT OF CONFIRMATION 2020 REGISTRATION

(For Children in Grade 3 and have been baptised)

Registrations are now open for the Sacrament of Confirmation which is currently booked in for September the 10th. Another date is yet to be set due to the restriction on numbers in attendance in the Church at any one given time. This date will be confirmed at a later stage. So that we can keep you up-to-date we would ask you to please register your child via email clayfield@bne.catholic.net.au.

Now we can have 20 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 14 June

Saturday 5pm (Vigil Mass)

Sunday 9am

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

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

Catholic Healthcare

"In these uncertain times it is good to know that Catholic Healthcare's Villa Maria in Fortitude Valley is still able to let potential new residents tour the Home before deciding whether Residential Aged Care is right for them. With a beautiful new wing and a dementia secure area with private courtyard, you'll be proud to call Villa Maria your home. Call Maddie on 1300 951 501 for more information."



Our special prayers this week

- 1. We pray for Pope Francis and all the bishops and priests of our church. May their ministry lead people to experience the Trinity as the source of the divine life we share.
- 2. We pray that our parish community may be true believers in the unity and love of our one Triune God.
- 3. We pray for all who are affected by coronavirus, through illness or isolation or anxiety, that they may find relief and recovery.
- 4. St Paul reminds us that by faith we are at peace with God. Let us pray for the growth of faith of all members of our community.
- 5.We pray for all the people of the world whose lives and livelihoods have been shattered by the corona virus pandemic. May the God of love respond to the prayers of these people.

Next Sunday we celebrate Corpus Christi, the Most Holy Body and Blood of Christ

We celebrate Corpus Christi, the Solemnity of the Most Holy Body and Blood of Christ, to give thanks for being able to receive Jesus in a very special way in Holy Communion.

In our prayers we remember

Those who have died recently:

Hilda Yu

Those whose anniversaries occur about now:

George Leutenegger, Mona Leutenegger, William Mahon

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.



ST AGATHA'S SCHOOL UPDATE

This year has certainly been an interesting one for students, teaching staff and parents alike at St Agatha's school. Students settled well into the year and were familiar with many of the routines and

rituals that make life in Catholic school community so rewarding. As a school we gathered and celebrated the Feast Day of St Agatha in term one. Shortly after this we welcomed Fr Biju to the school community, and it was great to have Father join us for Ash Wednesday and a few masses before things were shaken up with COVID19.

It has however been remarkable to see our community of students, parents and teaching staff work in collaboration to support student's learning in an alternate learning platform at home. Students have embraced the technology, but we have also been reminded that no online learning will ever replace the rich social, academic, cultural and spiritual learning that takes place in a face to face school setting.

As a school this year we have committed to developing our communities understanding of our Nano Nagle Charism and the Presentation Sisters' story. After a teacher professional development day lead by Sr Patricia Grundy of the Presentation Sisters, it was clear our theme for 2020 would be "ours to share". This message was drawn from reflections and words of Nano Nagle and resonated with our staff and students. As a school, we have also committed to a more systematic approach to engagement, partnership, research, and technology as well as stronger partnerships with neighbouring Catholic Schools.

Just as the St Agatha's Parish has been challenged by the current circumstance so has St Agatha's school. But through the adversity and in particular the season of Easter we were reminded of the hope that Jesus' resurrection can bring to us all. This current challenge has also reminded us as a school community of the compassion and strength of Nano Nagle and how we can be strong in character and compassionate in our words and actions every day.

As we have welcomed students back to face to face learning at school, it has been great to have Fr Biju welcome students of a morning at car doors. The spirit, joy and laughter in the school again as students reconnect is infectious and gives us hope for what the rest of 2020 holds.

Peace and Blessings,

Principal - Anne Marie Maw

APRE - Jake Knowles

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



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