



ST. AGATHA'S PARISH

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Fifteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time
12 July 2020

Welcome Home
Let us Celebrate together...

*The entire parish family of St Agatha's, warmly
invite you and look forward to seeing you...*

Let us make coming to church as part of our weekend routine and let us reach out to others and invite them along. We have a wonderful parish with many opportunities and blessings.

As the restrictions ease in Queensland we have been able to successfully implement the Qld Government COVID Safe Industrial Plan in our parish, so we can now attend in a bigger number for all the four regular weekend Holy Masses. At present we can accommodate 60 in our Church.

We are all really happy that weekday Masses have begun again and our church is functioning well at present. I congratulate and thank all those who have helped in the process and are following the plan well.

If you have any queries or comments please don't hesitate to direct them to Fr Biju or one of the parish staff. I look forward to welcoming you back to Sunday Eucharist over the coming weeks...

THE WORD

The readings this week are linked by images of nature, water, rain, growing crops and harvest. In the First Reading, the prophet Isaiah compares the word of God to the rain falling on the world, which ensures a good crop and thus feeds the people.

Continuing this agricultural theme, the Psalm gives thanks to the Lord for his care for the earth. The whole world rejoices and sings at the abundant harvest.

For Paul, in the Second Reading, the whole of creation still hopes to be freed. All of us have the responsibility to be its good stewards.

In the Holy Gospel, Jesus tells the crowds who follow him a parable. Here God acts as a sower, scattering seeds freely on ground which is not always ready or able to receive it.

This week, let us look at our environment, the Lord's creation. We might pray for those who care for it, but also for those who seem intent on destroying it.

Isaiah 55: 10-11; Psalm 64 (65); Romans 8: 18-23; Matthew 13: 1-23

Blessings and prayers to Brooke Gordon...

Next Sunday 19th July we will share in the joy with Brooke Gordon who will be fully initiated into the Church. Brooke will be receiving the sacraments of Initiation at the 9.00am Mass.



Thank you to those who have journeyed with Brooke and we continue to pray for her that the Spirit of New Life may grow ever-stronger.

Sunday July 19 at 9 am– Sacraments of initiation with Holy Mass.

NEW PLANNED GIVING ENVELOPES READY FOR COLLECTION

The new Planned Giving envelopes are ready and can be collected from the entrance of the church. Regular Planned Giving is a vital component to the existence of our Parish.

As you know, the Parish has lost collections over the last 3-4 months. If you don't use and support it, it will be a great crisis. We know people have this perception that the Church is wealthy - however our parish is not, but we can usually hold our own. We have a lot of ongoing expenses like insurance, parish levies, utilities, etc. We are also putting together a Focus Group to look at the issue if anyone would like to join.

Handling of Money - During Offertory

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...

Church Re opening requirements (from the news letter July 5/6)

From the weekend 11/12 July, Mass attendance numbers will increase and we will be returning to our normal **four** weekend Masses, Saturday (Vigil) 5pm, Sunday 7am, 9am and 5.30pm. Due to the complexities and restrictions in place, a booking system has been set up.

The "Trybooking" link is: <https://www.trybooking.com/BKFQD>.

If you have any problems with booking online, please contact the Parish Office by phone or email to book. Please note that the online bookings will close on Friday at 10.00am, prior to each weekend.

As of Monday 13 July, no bookings necessary for weekday Masses, just sign-in when you arrive. If you have not previously given your contact details in at the Parish office please give your contact details when you arrive.

CALL FOR VOLUNTEERS FOR MASS RE- OPENING

Your assistance is needed for our parish to celebrate Holy Mass. We all need to pull together to get St Agatha's Parish Church back up and running.

MASS MONITORS (Marshals) ARE REQUIRED

Please let the parish office know if you can be rostered for the key role of Monitor at one or more of our proposed Masses. This is an area of most need for us to re-open.

The help of Mass monitors

We need the help of monitors for both weekends and weekdays who are below the age of 70. On weekends we need 2-3 monitors.

- * Help the people to sign in the register at the entrance.
- * Assisting people to use the hand sanitizer.

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In our prayers we remember

Those who have died recently:

John Green, Frank Girgenti, Petroula Iliopoulos, Edward Chan, Michael Hogan

Those whose anniversaries occur about now:

Meriel Healy, Nell Treston, Alice Abercrombie

And those who are unwell:

Muriel Moran, Anthony Menezes, Margot Gooding, Duncan Pegg, Charlie Richards, Noreen Martin, Kateri Byrnes, Dhirend Akhil, Patrick (Paddy) Ryan, Nick Newton, 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.

Sea Sunday 12 July

Today is Sea Sunday, when the church prays for those who live and work on the sea. Stella Maris, Apostleship of the Sea is the official maritime welfare agency of the Catholic Church. The Appeal supports seafarers both practically and spiritually. During the COVID-19 pandemic, seafarers continue to bring products to sustain our population and economy, often at personal risk to their health. If you would like to support this ministry, please send your donations to: bit.ly/seasundayaustralia.



This week's special prayer...

We pray for all families of seafarers who struggle with many months of separation from their loved one. May they find comfort in the knowledge that Our Lady, Star of the Sea is watching over them.

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- * Monitoring and providing advice to attendees on maintaining social distancing
- * Arrive 1/2 hour before mass.

CLEANERS – (Can be any age in reasonable health) Ideally in teams of 3 but a minimum of 2 per Mass, to wipe down all surfaces commonly touched (pews, door handles, railings, toilets, etc.) immediately after each Mass is over.

LEADER:

- * Monitoring the readers and those who take the offertory.
- * Welcoming the community before Mass (reading the introduction to Mass).
- * Read Parish news, readings.
- * Distribute newsletter, if below the age of 70.

Please contact the Parish Office on 3262 2859 if you can commit to one or both of the above roles and indicate the Mass times in our new schedule that you can be available for.

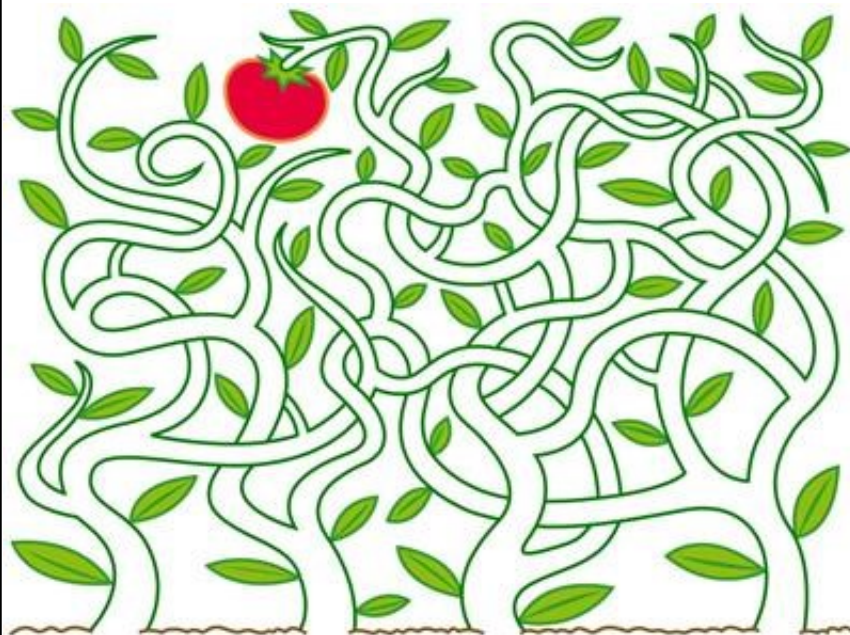
Thank you for your support

“The seed sown among thorns is the one who hears the word but then the cares of the world and the lure of riches choke the word and it bears no fruit.” (*Matthew 13:22*)

Readings - Sixteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time - 19 July 2020

1st Reading: Wisdom 12:13, 16-19; 2nd Reading: Romans 8:26-27; Gospel: Matthew 13:24-43

Children's Corner



Which of these four plants is the one bearing fruit?

Family Activity

You will need four small pots or containers, (one filled with gravel, one with rocks, one with weeds or thistles, and one with potting mix), and quick sprouting seeds.

Plant seeds in each of the pots, water the seeds, and make sure they get sunshine.

What happens to the seeds in each pot?

Which is the best 'ground' for the seed to grow in?

God wants us to be the 'good soil' that God's word grows in so it can be shared with others.

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.

Confirmation Ceremony dates:

Monday 7 September - 6pm

Tuesday 8 September - 6pm

Wednesday 9 September - 6pm

Thursday 10 September - 6pm

Special children's prayer

We pray that the Lord will bless and keep safe all children and that his face will shine upon them and be gracious to them.

Parish Administration

Parish Administrator: Fr. Biju Thomas (0470212502)
Parish Secretary: Mrs Rosemary Greer
Family and Sacramental Ministry: Mrs Jane Cameron
Finance Council Chair: Jodi Sutton
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](https://facebook.com/St.Agatha's+Catholic+Parish+Clayfield)

Aggies Youth: facebook.com/aggiesyouth

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