



ST. AGATHA'S PARISH

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Sixteen Sunday in Ordinary Time *19 July 2020*

The front door of the church...

After a long time the front door of the Church was opened again to welcome so many of you back to celebrate the Eucharist together last weekend. We can now accommodate 70 people in our Church for the celebration of Holy Mass.

The Saturday 5 pm Vigil and Sunday morning Masses were celebrated with great joy and gratitude. On Sunday at 9am, many young families with children and grandparents attended to celebrate the Holy Mass. The Choir group: Robyn, James, Jenny, Mark, Eileen and Wilma lead the community to sing the songs of praise and worship. During the 5.30 pm Mass on Sunday, Daniel with his music and voice elevated the community to a transcendent spiritual experience.

We are very impressed and thankful for your patience with the many temporary but necessary changes in place to keep you all safe and well.

A special thank-you to all our new and existing volunteers who have faithfully and enthusiastically stepped up to support the re-opening of our church under the Covid-19 government protocols, assisting as monitors, cleaners, and the regular mass ministers. Church isn't possible without you! Spiritually and practically.

We are reunited again as God's family to come together in prayer. We look forward to seeing you again soon at Mass. Please remember that you still need to book for weekend Masses. On weekdays, just sign-in when you arrive. If you have not previously given your contact details in at the Parish office please give you details when you arrive. If you need any assistance please contact the parish office.

To pray together, to celebrate together - weekend Mass
booking link: <https://www.trybooking.com/BKFQD>.

"The kingdom of heaven may be likened to a man who sowed good seed in his field...He who sows good seed is the Son of Man, the field is the world, the good seed the children of the kingdom." (Matthew 13:24, 37-38)

Congratulations and welcome

Congratulations and welcome to Brooke Gordon who will be fully initiated into the Church this Sunday at the 9am Mass. May you be blessed on your faith journey as you continue to grow in God's mercy and love. Thank you to those who have journeyed with Brooke and in particular her sponsor who has been a companion for her. Particular thanks to Jenny Close, Sr Cecily Foster and Alexandra Brock who have been faithful participants in our RCIA gatherings. Let us pray that the Holy Spirit may continue to guide them on their path of knowledge and wisdom.

Finance Council meeting

Tuesday 21 July there will be a finance meeting, welcoming our new members and discussing different finance matters of the parish.

Home visits

If you know of anyone who is housebound or sick, Fr Biju is available to visit and take Communion to them. Please contact the Parish Office or Fr Biju directly 0470 212 502.

New Planned Giving envelopes

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

The Parish has lost collections over the last 3-4 months. We encourage you to support our Planned Giving program. 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. Many thanks to those who have collected their envelopes and have been contributing either via envelopes or direct debit/credit card. Your contributions have helped immensely over the last couple of months.

Handling of Money - During Offertory

For the time being we will have collection boxes near the middle and entrance doors of our Church as people leave, to minimise the handling of money and passing around the collection plate. Your suggestions are most welcome...

PREVENTING THE SPREAD OF CORONAVIRUS



1 COMMUNION UNDER ONE KIND

In those parishes (schools) where Communion is distributed under both kinds, the practice of distributing the precious blood will cease except for the celebrant only.



2 COMMUNION IN THE HAND

Given that one of the easiest ways to transmit a virus is by the transmission of saliva, Communion will be received only in the hand.



3 NO HOLY WATER

Holy water should be removed from stoops at the doors of Churches.



4 NO TOUCH AT SIGN OF PEACE

Clergy and parishioners should not touch each other by shaking hands at the kiss of peace. A nod or a smile is appropriate with the words "Peace be with you".



5 MINISTERS WASH HANDS

All ministers of Holy Communion (both ordinary and extraordinary) are to wash their hands with soap and hot water or alcohol-based sanitiser before distribution of Holy Communion.



6 IF SICK, STAY HOME

People who are sick with flu like symptoms are to stay at home and not come to Mass until their sickness passes.

In our prayers we remember

Those who have died recently:

Sr Kathleen Fanton, John Green, Frank Girgenti, Petroula Iliopoulos, Michael Hogan

Those whose anniversaries occur about now:

Meriel Healy

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.

Prayer from a Parishioner

Day by day

Week by week

We get through together

I am humble enough to realise

I can't do it without Jesus

Life is too tough

But I know Jesus is our reality ...

If you can help the parish with volunteering in any of the following roles, please complete and hand in to Father or the Parish Office.

	Name	Phone No.	Email
Reader			
Marshal			
Leader			

This week's special prayer...

We pray for our troubled world, still grappling with the consequences of the coronavirus pandemic. May we all reach out to care for each other in whatever way possible.

Reflection...

Today we hear how the Spirit of God dwells in all of us, helping us in our weakness. The first disciples had Jesus to explain the parables; we have the Spirit to enlighten us. It is the Spirit who helps us to interpret the teaching of Jesus and to be receptive to the challenges that they pose.

The presence of sinners in the kingdom of God is often a stumbling block to good people. There will be a time for separation and judgment, but the time is not now. This means that the righteous will have to live with the sinner and, even more challengingly, show them the same kind of concern that they show to others. The presence of sinners does not necessarily erode the quality of the kingdom. Rather, it provides disciples an opportunity to rise to the occasion of generosity and forgiveness.

There are two images of judgment in the readings. The one in the gospel is terrifying and decisive. The wicked are bound together into bundles and readied for burning. We must remember that this is a parable. In the first reading and in the psalm response the justice of God is said to be lenient, clement and kind. The power of God is demonstrated not in retribution but in mercy. God is said to be 'merciful and gracious, slow to anger and abounding in kindness and fidelity', and repentance is a very real possibility. This is the image that gives us hope...© Dianne Bergant CSA

Readings - Seventeenth Sunday in Ordinary Time - 26 July 2020

1st Reading: 1 Kings 3:5, 7-12; 2nd Reading: Romans 8:28-30; Gospel: Matthew 13:44-52

Children's Corner

Prayer

We can ask our guardian angel for help in guiding us to make good choices. This is a good prayer to say in the morning, or at any time of day. You might like to colour in the picture.



Family Discussion

Talk together about what makes a plant a weed. When you are weeding the garden, how do you tell which plants you want to keep and which plants are weeds? In last week's gospel when Jesus was talking about seeds, he was really talking about us. What does Jesus mean in this reading when he is talking about good seed and weed seed? Why didn't the farmer want the weeds pulled up as they were growing? What would happen to the wheat?

We welcome you back to be part of the celebrations...

WEEKEND MASSES

Saturday 5.00pm
Sunday 7.00am
9.00am
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>.

WEEKDAY MASSES

Monday 9.00am
Tuesday 9.00am
Wednesday 9.00am
Friday 9.00am

Please sign-in when you enter.

Special children's prayer

We pray for all students, that they might all grow in knowledge as well as in our Faith in order to grow up and give glory to God in all that we do.

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

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