



# ST. AGATHA'S PARISH

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*Seventeenth Sunday in Ordinary Time*  
*26 July 2020*

## ***Joy of praying and celebrating together***

We are all so happy to see more people attending Mass. Last weekend many expressed their thanks saying, "It was an amazing feeling to be back in the Church with our neighbours to celebrate the Holy Eucharist together". Of course, this was a special joy for all our parishioners to reunite together.

A heartfelt and enthusiastic thanks to all our volunteers who have made it possible for us to re-open our church. It is so imperative that we have continued volunteer marshals and Mass cleaners for all Masses, to allow us to offer worship for increased numbers. If any of you are happy to help at the weekend Mass as a minister, marshal or with any other responsibilities please contact the Parish office or Fr Biju.

Last weekend, the Mass attendees according to the parish register were, Saturday 5 pm Mass - 50, 7am - 25, 9am - 72, 5.30pm - 33. If there are more than 30 people we need a minimum of 2 marshals and if there are more than 50 people a minimum of 3 marshals are required.

**We also greatly appreciate your cooperation, understanding and patience while we all get used to the new system of Covid19 safe plan. Let us look at this new beginning as an opportunity for growth, renewal and a recommitment to what we value most of all.**

### **A day of celebration and great joy (RCIA)**

Due to the COVID19 pandemic we were unable to celebrate the baptism/initiation for adults at Easter, therefore we celebrated it during the 9 am Mass last Sunday, 19 July. It was a spirit filled experience. The whole community participated and prayed for Brooke wholeheartedly.

### **Hearty welcome back to altar servers**

Last weekend Milla Fogg, Daniel Benjamin and Thomas Benjamin, helped at the altar with great enthusiasm. Our community was so happy to see the children back to help celebrate Mass and appreciated the children very much. Special thanks to Jane Cameron the Altar server's coordinator.

### **The Parish Finance Council Meeting**

The first meeting of the new finance council occurred on Tuesday, July 21 chaired by Jodi Sutton. The council discussed various important matters of parish administration. It reviewed the parish finance accounts, discussed various maintenance jobs of the Church and the presbytery buildings. The council recommended Brian Rada

To pray together, to celebrate together - weekend Mass  
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to take care of the responsibility of Church and presbytery maintenance. Fr Biju urged the council to take more care to overcome the financial crisis of the parish.

Our parish is nearing a series of major maintenance and electrical projects. In the coming years the roof tiles of the Church will require replacing.

Our school Principal Ms. Anne-Marie Maw presented the Parish Finance Committee with the financial report and other important matters of the school. The parish community would like to thank Anne-Marie, APRE Mr Jake Knowles and all the staff members of the school for supporting the parish, and for the formation of our children.

More details of the finance meeting will be published in the newsletter in the coming weekends.

The New Finance council members are: Finance Chair: Jodi Sutton, Finance Secretary: Lauren Mitchell and the members are Brian Rada, Bernard Power, Dan Butler, Joseph O'Brien and Karen Birtles.

**Students of our school joined in the celebration of Holy Mass with high spirit.**

The Year 5 students were so happy to come together for the Holy Mass on Friday 17 July. They were singing and praying joyfully while celebrating the Holy Mass. This term the students are learning about Blessed Virgin Mary's role in the Church community.

**Your support is much appreciated**

Sincere thanks to all who have continued to support the Parish during these difficult times.

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.

Those who have not yet collected their planned giving envelopes please collect them from the entrance of the church, or please contact the parish office.

**Parish Dairy**

**July**

Friday 24 Liturgy, Year 2

**August**

Saturday 1 Feast of St Ignatius Loyola

Friday 7 Feast of St Mary MacKillop (Special celebration for School Students, Holy Mass at 9 am)

Saturday 8 Feast of St Mary MacKillop

Saturday 15 Assumption (Holy day of obligation)

Friday 21 Holy Mass, Year 6

Thursday 27 Liturgy, Prep

**September**

Thursday 3 Father's day Liturgy for students.

Tuesday 8 The Nativity of BVM Liturgy year 3

Monday 14 Exaltation of the Holy Cross

Monday 21 Feast of St Mathew

Tuesday 29 Feast of Archangels

**October**

Friday 16 Holy Mass, year 4

Wednesday 28 Feast of Sts Simon and Jude

**November**

Sunday 1 All Saints Day

Monday 2 All Souls day

Friday 6 Liturgy, year 1

Friday 20 Presentation Mass

Sunday 22 Christ the King

Sunday 29 **New Liturgical Year B, weekdays cycle 1**

First Sunday of Advent

Monday 30 Feast of St Andrew

**December**

Tuesday 8 Feast, Immaculate conception of BVM

Friday 25 Christmas Day

**Sacrament of Confirmation**

**September**

Monday 7 6pm

Tuesday 8 6pm

Wednesday 9 6pm

Thursday 10 6pm

**Sacrament of Holy Communion**

**October**

Tuesday 20 6pm

Wednesday 21 6pm

Thursday 22 6pm

Friday 23 6pm

**November**

Monday 2 6pm

Wednesday 4 6pm

Thursday 5 6pm

Friday 6 6pm

# In our prayers we remember

## Those who have died recently:

Christine Harrison, Peter Bendixen, Margaret Cornwell, Kerry McDonough, Sr Kathleen Fanton

## Those whose anniversaries occur about now:

Peita Dodson, Mary Cooke, Nelson Cooke, Kath Bassingthwaighte, Arthur Bassingthwaighte, Robbie McCormick, Anna Crossley, Santo Catalano, Giuseppa Catalano

## 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.*

## Let us seek the mercy of God during this time of the Coronavirus Pandemic

Most Merciful and Triune God, we come to You in our weakness.

We come to You in our fear. We come to You with trust.

For You alone are our hope.

We place before You the disease present in our world.

We turn to You in our time of need.

Bring wisdom to doctors. Give understanding to scientists.

Endow caregivers with compassion and generosity.

Bring healing to those who are ill. Protect those who are most at risk.

Give comfort to those who have lost a loved one. Welcome those who have died into Your Eternal Home. Stabilize our communities.

Unite us in our compassion.

Remove all fear from our hearts. Fill us with confidence in Your care.

We make this prayer through our Lord Jesus Christ, Amen

## 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.

# THE GOSPEL

# MATTHEW

# 13:44-52



# 17<sup>TH</sup> SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

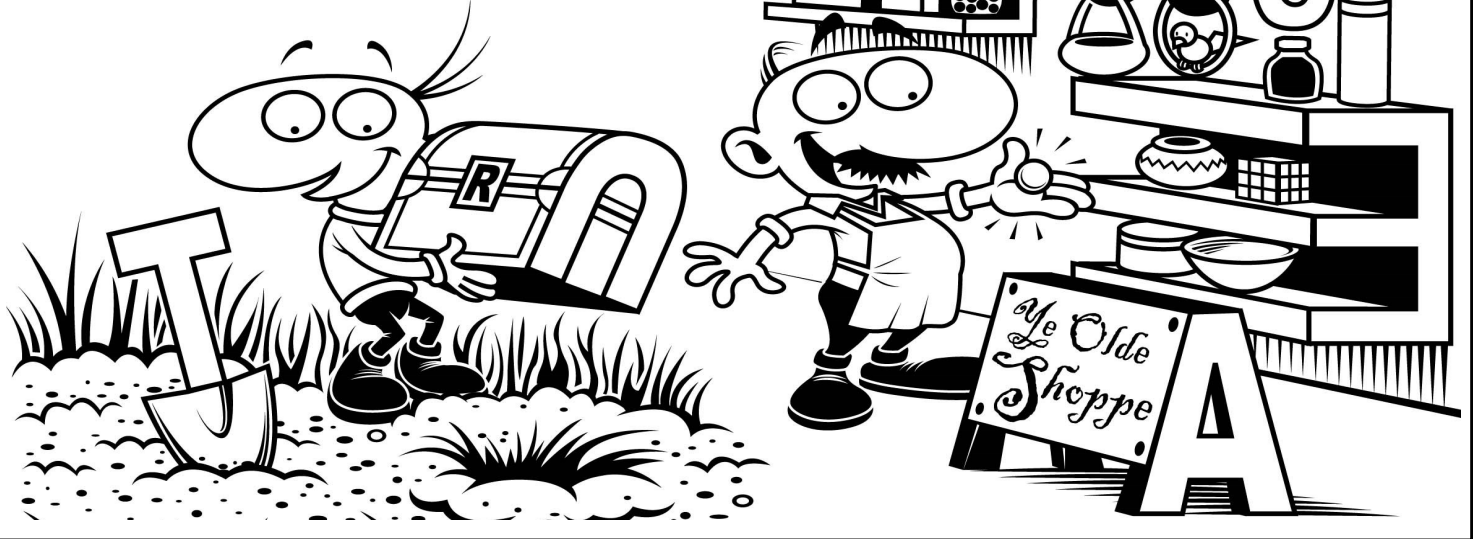
**Readings - Eighteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time - 2 August 2020**

1st Reading: Isaiah 55:1-3; 2nd Reading: Romans 8:35, 37-39; Gospel: Matthew 14:13-21

# Children's Corner

Can you find the letters that spell the word **TREASURE** hidden in the picture below?

"The kingdom of heaven is like treasure hidden in a field which someone has found; he hides it again, goes off happy, sells everything he owns and buys the field."



*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 prayer this week

May those who are sick through the Covid 19 pandemic and through many other illnesses, feel the comforting presence of God, be given all the help they need through the medical and nursing professions, and receive tenderness from family, friends and the Church.

## Handling of money as required for the Covid19 safe plan

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...

THANK YOU...

Thank you so much for your generous contributions to the church.

The offerings last weekend 18/19 July:

1st Collection \$845.00; 2nd Collection \$502.00; Loose \$436.00

## **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

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

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