



ST. AGATHA'S PARISH

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Eighteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time
2 August 2020

Feeding of the Hungry Crowd

(A reflection for Eighteenth Sunday in Ordinary time by Fr Michael Tate)

Note the disciples' reaction to the plight of the hungry crowd: 'Send the people away so that *they can buy.*' The disciples have gone for the fix which puts no responsibility on them. They are willing to entrust the hungry crowd to market forces. Those with money can eat: those without, can't. For the disciples, money and commerce are the answers to hunger.

Jesus rejects that solution. 'There is no need for them to go; *give* them something to eat yourselves.' The solution to the hunger of that crowd was to give generously what little the disciples had. What they could have kept for themselves was to become gift. Once the disciples were in Jesus' frame of mind, the hunger of the crowd was satisfied. How did this come about? The answer lay in human cooperation with the impulse of Divine generosity which knows no limits. The story simply says that Jesus blessed and broke the loaves 'and handed them to his disciples who gave them to the crowd.' Jesus depended on the disciples to obey him: 'Give them something to eat yourselves'.

Jesus still looks with gut-wrenching compassion on those who are hungry in our own society and throughout the world. If we answer that market forces will suffice, Jesus will reject our answer as decisively as he rejected the answer of his earliest disciples. We have to take responsibility to share what we have, to be generous with what we have. After all, Jesus, Our Lord and Master, *commands* us: 'Give them something to eat yourselves'. Note how Jesus blessed those loaves and broke them before they were distributed, which reminds us of the words of Pedro Arrupe, former General of the Jesuits, 'Eucharist will never be complete so long as people still go hungry in the world.'

We could pause for a moment at Mass to ask: Who are those hungry people crowding in on us, and then pray that we may respond to them as our Lord commanded, so that the hungers of the crowd, and our hunger to really follow our Lord, *will be satisfied.*

© Fr Michael Tate. (***Michael Carter Tate** is a legal academic and former Australian Labor Party politician who later became an ambassador and then a Catholic priest.)

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

Moving Forward...

The Masses last weekend were so wonderfully blessed with so many people. Weekend Mass numbers were 5pm 75; 7am 26; 9am 64; 5.30pm 32. This weekend we hope to see more parishioners in attendance.

A big thank you to all those who have stepped up to be Mass entry monitors and post-Mass Church cleaners! We do need more new people to put their hand up so we can roster our volunteers to share the load.

It is important to know that our church is being safely operated under the requirements on the State Government approved Industry Covid 19 Safe Plan for places of worship; so come along!

A big Thank you to our Community and Mission Council members

During this difficult time of Covid 19 and its safety regulations, we have been looking for leaders for helping the parish priest and community for the harmonious and pleasant celebration of Holy Eucharist. The Community and Mission Council members (CMC) have come forward with love and high spirit to help the community with the role of leaders during Holy Eucharist.

The role of Leaders consist of:

- * Open the Holy Mass by welcoming the community to the celebration.
- * Reading the Parish news.
- * Monitoring the readers and those who take the offertory.
- * Helping to distribute the newsletter.
- * Helping as marshal if there are not sufficient marshals in attendance.

The CMC members may continue helping the community with the responsibility of leaders after the time of Covid 19.

I thank all the council members for taking this great responsibility wholeheartedly.

Feast Of Mary Mackillop

On Saturday 8 August at 9am, we will be celebrating Holy Mass for the feast day of St Mary Mackillop. All are most welcome to celebrate the feast of our Saint of Australia.

Your offerings

For the time being, the boxes for your offerings and contributions to the parish are kept near the middle and entrance doors of our Church, to minimise the handling of money and passing around the collection plate. A "Suggestion Box" has also been set up at the entrance of the Church. Any suggestions welcome.

The planned giving envelopes

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.

Thanks, Remain blessed, Fr Biju

In our prayers we remember

Those who have died recently:

Marina Rada, Fay Burton, Robert Delahunty, Margaret Chinn, Christine Harrison, Peter Bendixen, Margaret Cornwell, Kerry McDonough

Those whose anniversaries occur about now:

May McKenzie, Peita Dodson, Mary Cooke, Nelson Cooke, Kath Bassingthwaighe, Arthur Bassingthwaighe, 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

QUIET AFTERNOON

ST MARK'S ANGLICAN CHURCH

Cnr Bellevue Terrace and Bonney Avenue, Clayfield
Sunday 2 August 2020, 2pm – 3.30pm (approx.) conducted by the Rector, Rev Nicole Colledge and sponsored by the North East Brisbane Inter Church Council. All are welcome. For more information please phone St Mark's 3862 2221 or Rev Iain Moore 3268 3092.

Parish Dairy

August

Saturday	1	Feast of St Ignatius Loyola
Thursday	6	The Transfiguration of the Lord
Saturday	8	Feast of St Mary MacKillop 9am Holy Mass
Saturday	15	Assumption 9am Holy Mass (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
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

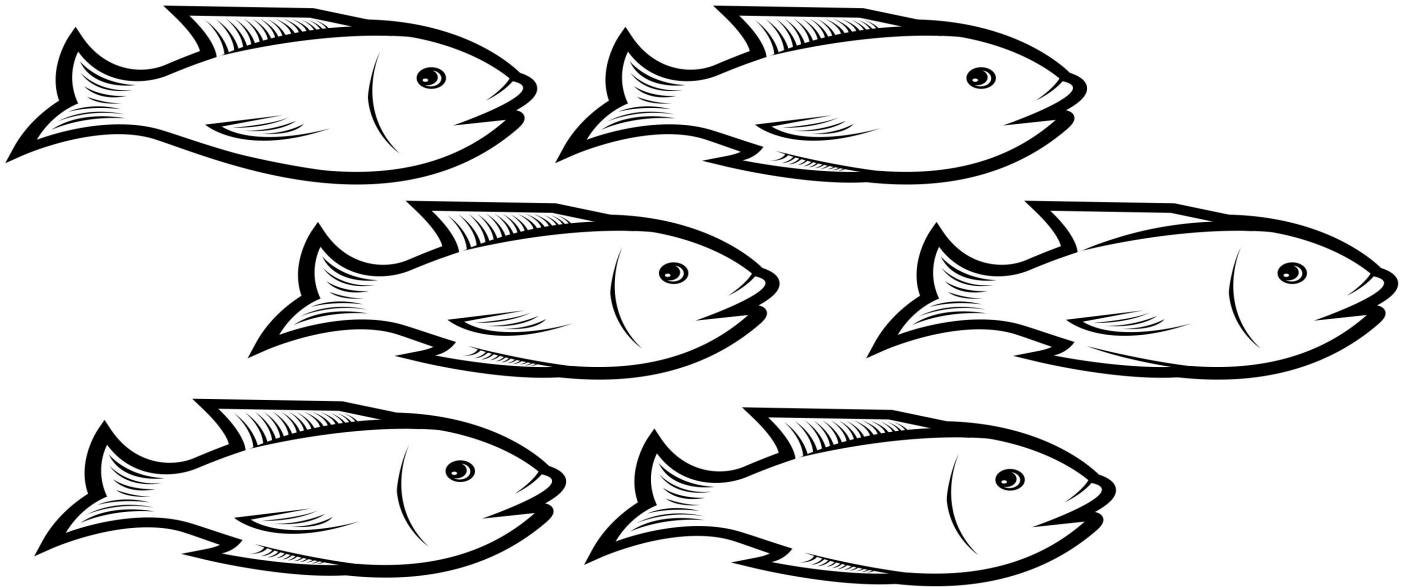
Monday	2	6pm
Wednesday	4	6pm
Thursday	5	6pm
Friday	6	6pm

Readings - Nineteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time - 9 August 2020

1st Reading: 1 Kings 19:9, 11-13; 2nd Reading: Romans 9:1-5; Gospel: Matthew 14:22-23

Children's Corner

Jesus managed to feed thousands of people with just five loaves of bread and two fish.
Can you find two of the fish which are the same?



*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.**

PRIVACY ACT

The privacy of all individuals with whom the St Agatha's Parish interacts is very important to us and we are committed to protecting all personal information. As part of the Archdiocese of Brisbane we must abide by and adhere to the requirements of the privacy act, the Australian privacy principles 7.

Policy available at:
<https://brisbanecatholic.org.au/privacy-policy/> or on request.

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.

THANK YOU...

Thank you so much for your generous contributions to the church. The offerings last weekend 25/26 July:
1st Collection \$349.00; 2nd Collection \$273.00;
Loose \$102.25.

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

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

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School Principal: Ms Anne-Marie Maw
APRE: Mr Jake Knowles

Outside School Hours Care Coordinator: Roxanne Grogan