



ST. AGATHA'S PARISH

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Nineteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time *9 August 2020*

Keep Rowing!

(Gospel reflection by Greg Sunter)

The disciples had started off from the Jewish side of the Sea of Galilee, familiar territory. Jesus guided them through the stormy situation to 'the other side', the pagan side, unfamiliar territory where they would not have felt at home.

Buffeted by storms, the Church is in the midst of a journey from familiar to unfamiliar territory.

Some of the storms include a new attitude to authority, to gender roles. There is anger and suspicion at sexual abuse and its cover up. In all these situations and many more, Our Lord will not allow us the indulgence of nostalgic yearning for the safety of the past country inhabited by the Church. We must make our way to the other shore.

We could pause for a moment, resolving to row with courage because we know we are in the same boat as Peter whom our Risen Lord assures:

'Do not be afraid.'

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The Assumption of Blessed Virgin Mary- August 15

It is amazing and inspiring to see the crowds attend Saturday Novena sessions at different Churches.

Equally amazing and intriguing is that the crowds come Saturday after Saturday in so many places.

Why is this so? Maybe because prayers and petitions were answered.

Maybe there is an ambience of prayer and tranquillity.

Maybe there is this sense of familiarity of the Marian hymns that brings about comfort and peace.

Maybe also after the Novena session, there is this feeling of a quiet hope, this little uplifting that gives us the courage to go on in life.

We can still lift up our heads in the midst of disappointments, worries, anxieties and fears.

On 15 August, as we celebrate the Assumption of The Blessed Virgin Mary, we give thanks to God as He "lifted" Mary up into heaven.

Just as God lifted Mary up, God will also lift us up from our human weaknesses, frailty and sinfulness.

Just as God gave Mary hope and courage to fulfil her mission in life, God will also give us hope and courage to live out our Christian calling in life.

And just as Mary glorified and exalted the Lord, let us also on this feast of the Assumption glorify, exalt, and give thanks to the Lord.

Just as God has come for Mary, God will also do great things for us, as well as through us.

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

The Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary

On Saturday 15 August at 9am, there will be a Holy Mass for the Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary. All are most welcome to attend.

Mass Intentions

When you offer Mass intentions, if you have any preferred dates, please mention the date. According to availability, your intention will be offered on the preferred date.

Our Parish SVDP Conference is keeping in touch:

At all times and in all places, Christians are people of hope, living our lives in the light of the Risen Lord. Undoubtedly, we all have considered how this might translate into our day to day approaches during the time of the COVID-19 (Coronavirus) pandemic. As a community of faith, we are called to be aware of those around us. Although Government has provided extra benefits, Our parish's Vinnies Conference has continued tackling poverty and disadvantage by providing assistance to anyone in need.

Clayfield Vinnies keep in touch with the needy and are particularly mindful of people who may be on their own. In the last three months SVDP Clayfield Conference has:

- **made 32 home visitations**
- **assisted 53 people (of all ages)**
- **provided \$2,715.00 worth of assistance (by way of food, rent, utilities etc.)**

The volunteer members, and donors like you, have enabled the good works to continue for the past 126 years. There is a lot more to be done. Come and share this rewarding ministry.

ST AGATHA'S OUTSIDE SCHOOL HOURS CARE CLAYFIELD

Before School Care 6.45am - 8.45am After School Care 2.45pm - 6.00pm
Vacation Care 7.00am - 6.00pm

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Welcome to St Agatha's Outside School Hours Care. Please feel free to come in and meet the team. We offer Before School Care, After School Care and Vacation Care.

We are dedicated to providing quality care and look forward to working closely with you and your family to ensure we cater for all the needs of children in our care. We aim to achieve this by providing a caring, safe, supportive, warm, happy and stimulating environment. We

encourage all children to actively explore their environment and support them to form and develop trusting relationships with other children and educators. We also strive to provide a nurturing environment that supports children's social and emotional wellbeing.

We believe play is valuable in every aspect of a child's development and recognise the importance of children being actively involved and engaged in a variety of learning experiences. We believe it is essential to provide an inclusive environment that acknowledges and appreciates diversity and multiculturalism within the community in which we live. We believe that all children should be treated with equitably, and their cultural diversity embraced and acknowledged. We also strive to perform in all areas of what we do to continue to provide high-quality care for children.

Before School Care

We open at 6:45am – 8:45am. We offer all children a healthy and delicious breakfast to help keep their tummies full for the school day ahead we have a variety of cereals, toast, fruit toast, yoghurt, fruit and some mornings we have pancakes as a special treat. The morning program offers the children free choice play and programmed activities.

After School Care

We open at 2:45pm – 6:00pm. We collect our Prep children from their class room and walk preps to our OSHC room, our older children confidently walk to OSHC at the end of the school day. We offer afternoon tea each day and cater for all dietary requirements. Fresh seasonal fruit is offered alongside a variety of snacks including some favourites such as fruit toast, crackers, cheese and dips, popcorn, trail mix, wraps and cooking experiences. Our afternoon program is jam packed with fun activities including arts and crafts, construction, outside group games, sport as well as the opportunity to chill out after a big day at school.

Vacation Care

We open at 7.00am – 6.00pm. Vacation care is offered to our school community and extended to our wider community including neighbours, friends and relatives. We welcome children currently enrolled in prep to year 6 from all schools. During Vacation care we offer breakfast options and afternoon tea. Vacation care is a time to explore our community with many planned excursions to children's favourite places and new and exciting adventures for us to discover. Incursions during vacation care are based on children's interests and we welcome many different experiences into our program. We look forward to welcoming you into our St Agatha's OSHC family.

In our prayers we remember

Those who have died recently:

Dhirend Akhil, Peter Rebgetz, Marina Rada, Fay Burton, Robert Delahunty, Margaret Chinn

Those whose anniversaries occur about now:

Rory Schuh, John Collins, Claire Collins, Mick Statham, Gloria Statham, Frank York, Jean York, Margaret (Bobby) Tynan, Fulvia Antonangeli, Pat Strofield, Bill Wilson, Sally Tesch, May McKenzie

And those who are unwell:

Muriel Moran, Anthony Menezes, Margot Gooding, Duncan Pegg, Charlie Richards, Noreen Martin, Kateri Byrnes, 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



2021 COLUMBAN ART CALENDAR

Orders are being taken for the 2021 Columban Calendar. If you would like a copy please email or call the Parish Office to place your order. Calendars are \$9.00 each.

Please place your order in by Friday 11 September.

Welcome to the Family of Faith!
Congratulations to Ronald Thompson on his baptism into the life of Christ.
Please pray for him and his family!

Parish Dairy

August

Saturday 15 Assumption 9am Holy Mass

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 - Twentieth Sunday in Ordinary Time - 16 August 2020

1st Reading: Isaiah 56:1, 6-7; 2nd Reading: Romans 11:13-15, 29-32; Gospel: Matthew 15:21-28

Children's Corner

Help Jesus find his way across the water and onto the boat.
Be sure to pick up St Peter along the way!



*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.**

Dear Lord,
teach me to
trust in You
so that when
the
unexpected
storms of life
come, I will
expect peace
in the midst
of those
storms,
knowing that
You are near,
You hear my
cries, and
You are with
me and for
me.

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 1/2 August:

1st Collection ; 2nd Collection ;
Loose

Parish Administration

Parish Administrator: Fr. Biju Thomas (0470212502)
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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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