



ST. AGATHA'S PARISH

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Twenty Second Sunday in Ordinary Time *30 August 2020*

Spending time in peace...

In an old monastery at Vagamon in my home state of Kerala in India, I came across so many young monks sitting before the Holy Eucharist, worshipping the Lord. Seeing those young monks at prayer, some people commented that these young people are wasting their time. Instead of sitting here, they could go out into the world, and do some good work for the public. However, the real truth is that what the young monks are doing is most precious for the whole world. Their time spent in front of the Eucharist, in adoration in front of the Holy Eucharist may even help the world to keep up its equilibrium.

I recall a few lines from a priest's homily, "I firmly believe that in Eucharistic adoration, your hour of Eucharistic power, your hour of conference with the Lord of Lords, really, truly can and will change the world. I firmly believe that if every one of the billion plus Catholics in the world spent an hour one day a week before the Blessed Sacrament, every major crisis, every major scandal, and acts of international terrorism would stop".

Jesus told the Apostles, "Could you not spend one hour with me?" in the garden of Gethsemane during His passion. Today we ourselves must ask, "Could I not spend one hour with the Lord," in this time of the world's passion, this time of Pandemic- Covid 19, international terrorism, poverty, scandal, dissensions, and divisions.

Spending time in silence...

The whole of my priestly life never I ignored the exposition of Holy Eucharist and spend time in adoration. From the first day of my life in Clayfield I have been urged to do the worshipping of our lord in the holy Eucharist. This week onwards every Friday I would like to do the exposition of Holy Eucharist and to spend one hour in adoration. Our Rosary group may join the adoration spending sometime reciting the rosary. On Fridays, all are most welcome to stay after the Holy Mass at 9 am for the adoration. Adoration will start at 9.30.

Let us all come together in worshipping our Lord in the Holy Eucharist in our church. Let us listen to the words of Pope Francis, "The Church urgently needs the deep breath of prayer... the perpetual adoration of the Eucharist..." (Evangelii Gaudium, 262). Let us experience the words of Mother Teresa, "Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament is the best time you will spend on earth."

CHANGE TO MASS TIME ON WEDNESDAY: The Holy Mass will be celebrated at 8am on Wednesday 2nd of September .

Adoration

As mentioned above all are welcomed to join in adoration on every Fridays at 9.30 am

We began the Sunday collections.

Due to the lockdown and Covid 19 restrictions the parish has been going through a tough time. All the expenses have been met by our sinking fund. To overcome the financial crisis we have started the collection of offerings during the Holy Mass. Thank you to our generous volunteers who are help us with this task. Peter Bowden has organised covid 19 safe collection boxes with a stick to follow the safety regulations . The financial report of the parish will be published soon.

Celebrating the liturgy with children.

Last Thursday there was a joyful celebration of liturgy of the word by the school children. By singing and praying they made it a very spirit filled celebration. Thanks to the school staff for preparing them very well.

Community and Mission Council Meeting

On Monday 31 August, at 7 pm, there will be a Community and Mission Council Meeting at the parish office.

Invitation repeated...

Come, let us fill the church on weekdays with our prayers. Since we have the opportunity to celebrate the holy Mass on weekdays, please come and join the Holy Mass at least once in a week, if possible.

HEALING MASS

ARE YOU IN NEED OF HEALING? DO YOU NEED PRAYER? Come to a healing Mass at St. Mary Magdalene's Church, Cecil Road, Bardon on Friday, 4th September 2020, at 7.30pm. Celebrant will be Fr. Neville Yun. Sponsored by CCR Bardon. Enquiries : Len 0421977849.

Golden Wedding Anniversary Mass at Cathedral

COVID restrictions are preventing the celebration of the Golden Wedding Anniversary Mass, held each year at the Cathedral of St Stephen, in the usual way.

However, on **Saturday 26th September at the 11.30am Mass**, Archbishop Mark will celebrate Mass for the special intentions of all couples celebrating 50 years or more of marriage. Attendance of Mass at the Cathedral is restricted to 132, if however, any couple celebrating their Golden Wedding Anniversary are in good health and wish to attend the Mass in person, please contact the Cathedral office on 3324 3030 or register on-line via the Cathedral website: <https://www.cathedralofststephen.org.au/mass--reconciliation-times.html> . The Mass will be live streamed via the cathedral website for those unable to attend.

Why should we pray for others... ?

We Should Pray for Others Because Prayer Really Helps People.

There are many examples of intercession in the Bible and many reasons the Scriptures give for why we should pray for one another. But perhaps the most obvious reason we should intercede in prayer for one another is because prayer really works.

According to Scripture, praying for other people is massively important to their success in ministry, life, and walk with God (Jn 17:9, 15, 20-21, Mt 5:44, Gal 5:16, 2 Cor 1:11, Jas 5: 16-18...).

If you have some special prayer intensions please let me know or place your request in the suggestion box kept at the frond door of the church... I may include it in my private intentions during the Holy Eucharist.

In our prayers we remember

Those who have died recently:

Ilgo Antonangeli, Bob Nash, Michael Green,
Rev Fr Humphrey Joseph McGeehan,

Those whose anniversaries occur about now:

Pat Killoran, Jim Duncan, Robert Maguire,
Frank Maguire, Kathleen McVeigh

And those who are unwell:

Shelley Winter, 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.**

Parish Diary

Monday	31 Aug, CMC meeting, 7pm
Monday	31 Aug, 3.30pm, Confirmation Practice
Tuesday	1 Sept, 3.30pm, Confirmation Practice
Wed	2 Sept, 3.30pm, Confirmation practice
Thursday	3 Sept, 3.30pm, Confirmation practice

Sacrament of Confirmation

September

Monday	7	6pm
Tuesday	8	6pm
Wednesday	9	6pm
Thursday	10	6pm

THANK YOU...

Thank you so much for your generous
contributions to the church. The offerings last
weekend 22/23 August:
1st Collection \$389.00
2nd Collection \$234.00;
Loose \$323.30

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.

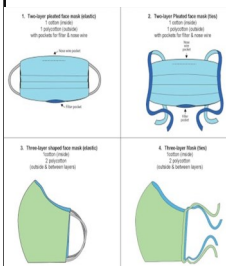
RITE OF CHRISTIAN INITIATION OF ADULTS (RCIA)

Becoming Catholic - Over the past few weeks we have
received many enquiries regarding initiation into the Catholic
church as an adult. Do you know anyone who is exploring the
idea of faith, or are you not Catholic and interested in taking the
next step? Please Contact the Parish Office 32622859



Face masks made by St Agatha's

A couple of parish ladies are making reusable face masks to raise money for the
parish. They will be on sale after each Mass in the undercover area outside the
Church. A big thank you to Jenny Close who took care of this initiative. You can
view the styles online at : <https://photos.app.goo.gl/pY8EpCqqcYuxcfde6> and
order by contacting Jenny : jeclose18@gmail.com \$500 has been raised so far!!!



New monthly roster

Thankyou so much to all of those who have volunteered to read over the past few months. We
would now like to draft up a readers roster to cover all Masses until Christmas. If you would like to be
added to the roster, please contact the Parish office. For those who have been in contact with the office
this week, it is not necessary for you to fill in form.

We give praise and thanks for blessings given and prayers answered. We pray for all our family
members, parishioners and benefactors who are in need of prayer and for all those who are facing
difficult times. We pray for them and for those who have asked for our prayers.

Readings - Twenty Third Sunday in Ordinary Time - 6 September 2020

1st Reading: Ezek 33:7-9 2nd Reading: Rom 13:8-10 Gospel: Matthew 18:15-20

We pray for our children...

We pray that the children preparing for the Sacrament of Confirmation and their families will listen openly to the wisdom of the Holy Spirit as they grow in their knowledge and love of God.

Don't forget the Sacrament of Reconciliation...

In the Sacrament of Reconciliation we express sorrow for our sins and promise to do our best not to repeat this sin again, we acknowledge our sins before God, we receive pardon (absolution), and we perform an act of penance or reconciliation as directed by the priest.

The grace we receive from the reception of the sacrament helps us grow stronger in our faith and our ability to live a Christ-centered life.

“Even I go to Confession every 15 days, because the Pope is also a sinner. And the confessor advises me and absolves me, because we are all in need of this

Sacrament of Reconciliation

Everyday before or after the Holy Mass or by appointment any time.

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.

You are invited to celebrate

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
Adoration 9.30am

Please sign-in when you enter.

Parish Administration

Parish Administrator: Fr. Biju Thomas
Parish Secretary: Mrs Rosemary Greer
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Finance Council Chair: Jodi Sutton
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