



# ST. AGATHA'S PARISH

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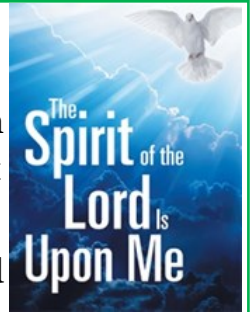
## *Twenty Third Sunday in Ordinary Time 6 September 2020*

### *Prayers and blessings to our Children...*

Our prayers and best wishes accompany the candidates for Confirmation and their families. This Monday, Tuesday, Wednesday and Thursday at St Agatha's, 75 children will be confirmed.

We hope that this will be a memorable time for them and that they and the parish will be renewed in the life and love of the Holy Spirit poured upon the Church at Pentecost and given now to these children in the Sacrament of Confirmation.

I gratefully acknowledge the efforts taken by Jane Cameron and team in preparing the children for this great day. I congratulate and thank parents for preparing the children for the reception of the Sacrament of Confirmation.



## Fathers' Day

We pay tribute to our Fathers today and we thank God for the gift of them, living or deceased.

Fathers, when your children, young or old, experience strength, love and compassion in you, they are taught a lesson about God that no teacher or textbook could give.

You are a revelation of God our Father to them, by your imitation of His love and compassion, and gracious and merciful forgiveness.

By being a strong and loving father, you have helped your children grow from fear to faith, from doubt to trust, and from despair to hope.

You have a wonderful privilege to demonstrate to your children, that love is not a sign of weakness, but a sign of strength; that resolving family conflicts with a deep care and sensitivity for each member of the family, is a model for all their relationships; that exercising restraint when we are emotionally distressed or upset, is a sign of maturity, courage and personal strength; that saying "I'm sorry. I was wrong" is testimony to a great character.

Your witness to all of this is the most powerful lesson they will ever receive.

When your children honour you and when our parish honours you, it is with a profound gratitude in our hearts, for the remarkable gift you have been to us, for the seeds of God's Kingdom you have planted in your children.

We know that you are not omnipotent and you may not be perfect. But you are an unspeakable blessing to us, and for that we celebrate you.

*Happy Father's Day!*

*"Dad, wherever you are, you are gone but you will never be forgotten".*



## Inside the Church

As you enter the church would you please come forward to sit closer to the altar, therefore those who arrive later can sit behind the church, keeping the social distance.

Please remember, if you are sick with flu like symptoms, please stay at home until the sickness passes.

**Pontifical Holy Land (Good Friday) Collection** – Rescheduled to September 13, 2020 due to the restrictions that were imposed around the world for COVID19 in mid-March this year the usual Pontifical Holy Land Collection that takes place as a retiring collection on Good Friday was displaced. The Pope has advised on its date being formally shifted this year to accommodate the changed circumstances.

**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 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.

**Annual Catholic Campaign** - This year will take place the weekend of 19th & 20th September. Our parish is supporting the Annual Catholic Campaign this year because we know how hard it has been for many in our community. Though prayer and action, we can be a blessing to those in real need.

## *Sacraments*

The liturgical life of the Catholic Church revolves around the Eucharistic sacrifice and the Sacraments.

The Latin word sacramentum means "a sign of the sacred." The seven sacraments are ceremonies that point to what is sacred, significant and important for our lives. According to the Catechism of the Catholic Church, "The sacraments are efficacious signs of grace, instituted by Christ and entrusted to the Church, by which divine life is dispensed to us" (#1131).

We believe that Sacraments point to and are channels of God's grace. They work as an effective means of communication between God and His people.

According to Catholic doctrine:

The Sacraments are instituted by Christ. Christ instituted all seven Sacraments as ways in which He could be present to His people even after His Ascension into Heaven.

The Sacraments are also entrusted to the Church. Christ gave the Sacraments to the Church so that the Church could dispense them to the faithful.

The Sacraments dispense divine life. People who receive the Sacraments actually share in the divine life of God. His presence enters into their souls, He helps them to live the Christian life, and He saves them so that they may reach eternal life.

According to our Faith, the Sacraments are a gift from God, given through the Church as an outpouring of His love. Through the Sacraments, God justifies and sanctifies His people (i.e., He saves them and makes them holy).

Jesus touches our lives through the Sacraments. Let our celebrations of the Sacraments be the signs of Jesus' presence in our lives and a means of receiving His grace.

# In our prayers we remember

## Those who have died recently:

Jovita Del Socorro, Johanna Gibson, Lila Marrinan, Beth Willis, Dominic Condon, Ilgo Antonangeli, Bob Nash, Michael Green,

## Those whose anniversaries occur about now:

Joseph Gibson, Joseph Gibson (jnr), Sarah Marley, Pat Killoran, Jim Duncan, Robert Maguire, Frank Maguire, Kathleen McVeigh, Jim Cuming.

## And those who are unwell:

Shelley Winter, 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.**

## Parish Diary

### Sacrament of Confirmation

#### September

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

#### September 8

### Nativity of the Blessed Virgin Mary

"In dangers, in doubts, in difficulties, think of Mary, call upon Mary. Let not her name depart from your lips...

So long as she is in your mind, you are safe from deception; while she holds your hand, you cannot fall; under her protection you have nothing to fear; if she walks before you, you shall not grow weary; if she shows you favour, you shall reach the goal." Saint Bernard of Clairvaux.

#### THANK YOU...

Thank you so much for your generous contributions to the church. The offerings last weekend 22/23 August:

1st Collection \$ 488.00 2nd Collection \$ 237.00  
Loose \$470.70

## 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.



## Hour of Prayer

On

Every Friday at St Agatha's church

9.30 – 10.30 am

Exposition of Holy Eucharist, Rosary, Silent Adoration  
And Benediction of the Blessed Sacrament



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 Fourth Sunday in Ordinary Time - 13 September 2020

1st Reading: Sirach 27:30-28:7 2nd Reading: Rom 14:7-9 Gospel: Matthew 18:21-35

## Want to get into Mass and haven't booked?

Right now, as Mass attendee numbers are at 50% of church capacity, you will still have a very good chance to 'drop-into' Holy Mass. So if you missed booking into your normal Mass, you are still welcome to attend.

All of our churches are operating under a Covid Safe Plan to look after the safety of all attendees and your contact details will need to be recorded on entry.

Whatever Mass it is, please make a booking online before Friday at 9 am.

The "Trybooking" link is: <https://www.trybooking.com/BKFQD>. If you cannot do the booking, please contact the office before Friday Morning.

### BAPTISMS

We celebrate baptisms on the 3rd and 4th Sundays of the month.

For bookings and further information, please phone the parish office on 3262 2859.

### 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.

**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 stools 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.**

## 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.

## Parish Administration

**Parish Administrator:**

Fr. Biju Thomas (thomasb@bne.catholic.net.au)

**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

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