



# ST. AGATHA'S PARISH

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## *Twenty Fourth Sunday in Ordinary Time* *12/13 September 2020*

### *"Anointed with the Spirit of the Lord..."*

Congratulations to the 75 children confirmed during the week. I am very grateful to the parents who have guided these children in their faith and who continue to share the gift of faith with them.

I gratefully thank the efforts taken by Jane Cameron and team in preparing the children for this great day. I gratefully acknowledge the help and co operation of the St Agatha's principal, Ms Anne-Marie Maw and the APRE Jake Knowles, to the families, musicians and all who made the celebration of faith possible, my sincere thanks.

### *The strong Pillars of our parish*

I am sure that our generous volunteers are the pillars of our parish. Without you we cannot move forward.

A heartfelt and enthusiastic thanks to all our volunteers who make it possible for our church to function smoothly. It is so imperative that we have continuing volunteer marshals and Mass cleaners, readers and other helpers for all Masses, to allow us to offer worship for increased numbers. If any of you are happy to help at the weekend Mass with any of the responsibilities please contact the Parish office or Fr Biju.

**It is mandatory that all volunteers including leaders, marshals, readers, choir members, entrance welcomers, and all other volunteers to have your name registered and to complete other necessary documentation according to our safeguarding regulations. Our parish office and Fr Biju are ready to provide all the support to make the process simple and easy.**

**We work together looking for a glorious and spirit filled future of our parish...**

### *Feast of the Exaltation of the Holy Cross*

On Monday, September 14 we celebrate the Feast of the Exaltation of the Holy Cross. This day celebrates the cross as a sign of Christ's victory over sin and death for us. It is also called the Feast of the Triumph of the Cross. The cross is not a sign of defeat, but a sign of redemption. All are welcome to join in the celebration of the Holy Eucharist.

"For God so loved the world that he gave his only Son, so that everyone who believes in him might not perish but might have eternal life". *John 3:16*

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 during this pandemic..



## Message from the Custos of the Holy Land regarding the Pontifical Holy Land Collection, September 13<sup>th</sup> 2020

This year, due to the pandemic caused by the Corona virus, it was not possible to take up the Good Friday Collection dedicated to supporting Christians living here in the Land of Jesus. This is why Pope Francis has accepted the request to move this gesture of sharing that concerns the whole Church to September 13<sup>th</sup>.

Why September 13<sup>th</sup>, you may ask? Because it is the Sunday closest to the Feast of the Exaltation of the Holy Cross, which we celebrate here with particular solemnity in Jerusalem. On this feast we remember how far the love of the Son of God has come for us: giving His life on the Cross for our salvation and reconciling us to the Father and to each other. This gives birth to a new humanity founded on solidarity and love.

The Cross still characterizes and accompanies the journey of the small Christian community that lives in the Holy Land and throughout the Middle East. A small community that carries the Cross in the midst of situations of conflict on the one hand and indifference on the other. It is a small community that this year suffers even more because of this pandemic that has hit the whole world; for here now, there are no pilgrims or any of the work linked to their reception, which allows many Christians to work with dignity and feed their families. Yet despite this, our small Christian community continues to resist, continues to be evangelical salt, leaven and light in a context that absolutely needs it.

The collection in favour of the Holy Land is a small gesture of solidarity that the whole Church is called to make in order to support through the Custody of the Holy Land, the Christian communities that are in the Holy Land and feel the weight and also the glory of the Cross of Jesus on their shoulders.

It is thanks to you Christians throughout the whole world, who give so generously, that we will be able to continue taking care of the Holy Places of Christianity, from the Holy Sepulcher to the Basilica of the Nativity and to the lesser known sanctuaries. We will be able to support the pastoral action of the parishes entrusted to us. We will be able to guarantee quality education and learning to more than 10,000 students attending our schools. We can help young families find a home. We will be able to assist Christian migrant workers to feel welcomed even though they are far from their homeland. We will be able to stay close to the populations affected by the war in Syria and the refugees now scattered in the various countries in which we find ourselves living our mission.

This is what we have tried to do during an eight centuries long history in the Holy Land and this is thanks to the help of Christians from all over the world. This is what we hope to be able to continue to do thanks to the help of each of you on the 13<sup>th</sup> September.

Fr. Francesco Patton OFM  
*Custos of the Holy Land*

### LINKS:

<https://cmc-terrasanta.org/en/media/terra-santa-news/20756/to-revive-the-memory-of-our-christian-roots>

<https://youtu.be/4euHEsiXKf4>

### 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**



# In our prayers we remember

## Those who have died recently:

Jovita Del Socorro, Johanna Gibson, Lila Marrinan, Beth Willis, Dominic Condon, Sister Ruth Hall

## Those whose anniversaries occur about now:

Joseph Gibson, Joseph Gibson (jnr), Sarah Marley, Jim Duncan, Robert Maguire, Frank Maguire, 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 First Holy Communion

September 15th—Parent Information Session

10am or 6pm in the Church

First Communion Dates:

20, 21, 22 & 23 October, 6pm

2, 4, 5, & 6 November, 6pm

## 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.

Our church is 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.

## Feast of our Lady of sorrows—September 15, Tuesday

The title, Our Lady of Sorrows, given to our Blessed Mother focuses on her intense suffering and grief during the passion and death of our Lord. Traditionally, this suffering was not limited to the passion and death event; rather, it comprised the seven dolors or seven sorrows of Mary.

1. At the prophecy of Simeon: "You yourself shall be pierced with a sword - so that the thoughts of many hearts may be laid bare." (Luke 2:35).
2. At the flight into Egypt; "Get up, take the child and his mother, and flee to Egypt." (Mt 2:13).
3. Having lost the Holy Child at Jerusalem; "You see that your father and I have been searching for you in sorrow." (Luke 2:48).
4. Meeting Jesus on his way to Calvary;
5. Standing at the foot of the Cross; "Near the cross of Jesus there stood His mother." (John 19:25).
6. Jesus being taken from the Cross;
7. At the burial of Christ.

## What is RCIA?

- A process of Evangelization
- A process to help people learn about Jesus and to explore the great faith and tradition of the catholic church.
- A process to help people who are not catholic to enter the church at Easter Vigil  
Both baptized in other faith communities and never baptized.

Over the past few weeks we have received many enquiries regarding RCIA. 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.

## Readings - Twenty Fifth Sunday in Ordinary Time - 20 September 2020

1st Reading: Is 55:6-9 2nd Reading: Phil 1:20-24, 27 Gospel: Matthew 20:1-16

**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.

Your gift will be a blessing to struggling local families; to seminarians and retired priests; and children in our community in dire need of the love and care of a Catholic community.

### 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.

### THANK YOU...

Thank you so much for your generous contributions to the church. The offerings last weekend 22/23 August:  
1st Collection \$ 1052.00 2nd Collection \$ 284.50  
Loose \$ 665.65

## 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>.

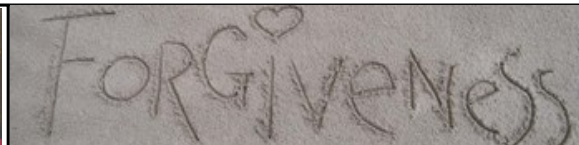
### WEEKDAY MASSES

Monday 9.00am  
Tuesday 9.00am  
Wednesday 9.00am  
Friday 9.00am  
Adoration 9.30am

**Please sign-in when you enter.**

### 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 by Friday 11 September to order.



## 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

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

## St. Agatha's Catholic Primary School

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**School Principal:**  
**APRE:**

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Mr Jake Knowles

**Outside School Hours Care Coordinator:** Roxanne Grogan