



# ST. AGATHA'S PARISH

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## *Twenty Sixth Sunday in Ordinary Time* *26/27 September 2020*

### **ARCHANGELS.**

September 29<sup>th</sup> is the feast of Sts. Michael, Gabriel, and Raphael—archangels. Angels in general, means servant or messenger of God. Angels are celestial or heavenly beings, on a higher order than human beings.

#### **St. Michael**

The name of the archangel Michael means, in Hebrew, “who is like unto God”. Michael was the archangel who fought against evil, defending all the friends of God. He is the protector of souls, and wields his powerful sword of truth and love against the poisonous and vindictive aspirations of the Father of Lies. He is the protector of all humanity from the snares of the devil.

He is usually pictured as a strong warrior, dressed in armour and wearing sandals. His name appears in Scripture four times, twice in the Book of Daniel, and once each in the Epistle of St. Jude and the Book of Revelation.

We invoke St. Michael to help us in our fight against evil; to rescue souls from Evil Spirit, especially at the hour of death.

#### **St. Gabriel**

St. Gabriel's name means "God is my strength". Biblically he appears three times as a messenger. He had been sent to Daniel to explain a vision concerning the Messiah. He appeared to Zachariah when he was offering incense in the Temple, to foretell the birth of his son, St. John the Baptist.

St. Gabriel is most known as the angel chosen by God to be the messenger of the Annunciation, to announce to mankind the mystery of the Incarnation.

The angel's salutation to our Lady, so simple and yet so full of meaning, “Hail Mary, full of grace”, has become our beautiful prayer reflecting the annunciation.

#### **St. Raphael**

Our knowledge of the Archangel Raphael comes to us from the book of Tobit. His mission as wonderful healer and fellow traveller with the youthful Tobias has caused him to be invoked for journeys and at critical moments in life. Tradition also holds that Raphael is the angel that stirred the waters at the healing sheep pool in Bethesda. His name means "God has healed".

### **Our children are getting ready to receive Jesus in Holy Communion**

Our 90 Children are preparing for their First Holy Communion and we are looking forward to welcoming many of these families to the weekend Masses. . Let us remember them all in our daily prayers. Let us pray that they may always experience the peace of Jesus, the light of his love, and the joy of his life within them, Amen.

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..



We are blessed at present having very low covid 19 cases in Queensland, let us thank God and continue praying for the protection. After the long lockdown, as we slowly enter back into normal life, let us also begin our active parish life step by step.

We all are so happy to see our church is blessed with so many people on weekends as well as weekdays and our generous volunteers make the church alive and active. We greatly appreciate the coordinators of the volunteers. The coordinators are the parish secretaries; Rosemary and Jane. I gratefully thank all of our volunteers and I would like to acknowledge them in the following list. If your name is missing, please feel free to inform the Parish office.

### Our Registered Volunteers and Helpers

#### Ministers of the word

5.00 pm Holy Mass (Saturday)	5.30 pm Holy Mass (Sunday)	EAST, Mariana	RYAN, Mel
KURE, Nikolaj	BROCK, Alexandra	FERRIS, Angela & Sofie	SCALIA, Michelle
FOLEY, Edward	HAYES, Jo	GORDON, Brooke	SOS, Lisa
GIBSON, Graham & Julie-Anne	PERKINS, Joel	HEYDON, Geoff	Assistant Sacristans
GOVES, Ann	O'CONNOR, Liz	LEE, Rupert & Gloria Plustwik, Peter	BARNES, Gerard
MURPHY, Katrina	Parish Counter	MENKENS, Sabrina	CRONIN, Anthony
WILLIAMSON, Jack	ANGUS, Nicole	MOSS, Amrita	STEGGALL, Grant
CLOSE, Jenny	CROWE, Lucy	TAYLOR, Adrian	SVDP
HALL, Alison	GOVES, Ann	WALTERS, Tomos	ABBOTT, Colleen
BARRETT, Cate	JOSEPHSON, Tamra	WICK, Kate	CLOSE, Jenny
7.00 am Holy Mass (Sunday)	PETRIE, Noelene	WILLE, Michelle	DAVIES, Evan SVDP Chair
BYGOTT, Jeanine	SCHIPPER, Melissa	Perkins, Joel	LILLICRAP, Mel
DOUGLAS, Andrew	TANNER, Bridget	7 am	TRESTON, Tom
EDEN, Nick & Dianne	Banker	COURT, Kevin	CLOSE, Jenny
FOSTER, Sister Cecily (PBVM)	FITZPATRICK, John	Choir	PowerPoint Operator
MAHER, Chris	O'GRADY, Mick	CUMING, Robyn	BIGG, Monica
STEVENS, Kirsty	Church Communion Minister	DOWD, Anne	COOK, Lara
9.00 am Holy Mass (Sunday)	ARCHER, Paulette	FIUMARA Paul & Louise	MARSHALL, Paul
ARKINSTALL, Jane	BLEDSON, Erin	GRAINGER, Carolyn	OLSZEWSKA, Larissa
BUTLER, Dan	GOVES, Ann	McKEON, James and Jenny	Collector
DUNCAN, Eileen	HALL, Deborah	PIODOS, Lolita	GOVES, Reg
O'BRIEN, Joseph	MOSS, Amrita	WARDA, Nicola	McFARLANE, Ross
O'CONNELL, Wilma	Home Communion Minister	5.30 pm	RUSSO, Ross
RYAN, Phil	ALLAN, Georgia	ALLEN, Daniel	General
SIMPSON, Chanelle	BIRTLES, Karen	HOSSINGER, Giselle	DORE, Amanda
SMETHURST, Ryan & Clare	CARTER, Lisa	Youth Ministry	Sacristan
SUTTON, Luke	SWINDELLS, Geraldine	ALLEN, Daniel	BOWDEN, Peter
DALISAY, Hannah	Hospitality/ Marshall	McPHERSON, Ewan	Local Safeguarding Representative
KORDIC, Julie	BUCKLEY, Fiona	O'CONNOR, Anne	ALLAN, Georgia
KURE, Nikolaj	COOREY, Giulia	O'CONNOR, Liz	Parish handyman
MARTIN, Paul		Children's Liturgy	RADA, Brian
TAN, Joseph		BLEDSON, Erin	Facebook Administrator
MACPHERSON, Ewan		BLEDSON, Sally	CRUTCHER, Michael
GENDLE, Carmen		COOREY, Giulia	RCIA
MOSS, Amrita		KORDIC, Julie	CLOSE, Jenny

We still follow the Covid 19 safe industry plan and must continue to follow the covid safety regulations. Only those who are under the age of 70 can be a marshal or a welcomer at the entrance. For the following weekends we may select four communion ministers who are less than 70 in age to help Fr Biju. When the restrictions are eased we can then allow everybody to help the church regardless of age.

#### Altar Servers

Little altar servers are seen as angels around the altar. They moved around Jesus as he told them, "Let the little children come to me, and do not hinder them." Mt 19 14. But after concerns raised and suggestions made, we have decided to go back to our previous system that only allows for those children who have received their first Holy Communion children to assist on the altar. It may help the community for the better participation of the Holy Eucharist.

#### Young Volunteers

Although we encourage our young parishioners to assist in the ministry of reading at the Holy Mass, we would ask that they be confident readers of 15+ in age. The exception of course are the monthly children's Masses where the children assist with all ministries.

**Looking forward for the best:** Your suggestions and feedback are blessings for the community development and I will give careful consideration to all suggestions. I encourage you to come to me with any suggestions you may have or place it in the suggestion box kept near the main entrance of the church.

# In our prayers we remember

**Those who have died recently:** Shirley Gardiner, John McAuliffe, Gloria Thorley., Lex Muirhead & Beatrice Anne Murphy

**Those whose anniversaries occur about now:** May Schuh. Albert Tesch, Henry Weld, Anne & Graham Hartley & Kath & Arthur Bassingthwaite

And those who are unwell:

Shelley Winter, Muriel Moran, 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, Peter Armstrong

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.

October

Month of the  
Holy Rosary



"If there were one million families praying the Rosary every day, the entire world would be saved."  
Pope St Pius X

The Holy Rosary has all the depth of the Gospel message in its entirety... Praying the rosary is meant to be a meditation upon the life of Christ and Mary in the scriptures.

*Say the Rosary every day...*

*Pray, pray a lot and offer sacrifices for sinners...*

*I'm Our Lady of the Rosary.*

*Only I will be able to help you.*

*...In the end My Immaculate Heart will triumph." Our Lady at Fatima*

"Every day I'm trying to be more humble and how do you do that? I guess, every day, we have Mass. Every day, I pray the rosary. That's what I do". Jim Caviezel

## Let us celebrate the Holy Rosary together.

On Every Tuesday, we will be reciting the Rosary in the Blessed Virgin Mary's Chapel at 9.30 am, all are most welcome to join.

## Adult Faith Education and The Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults (RCIA)

The Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults (RCIA) is a process developed by the Catholic Church for prospective converts to Catholicism who are above the age of infant baptism.

The RCIA is best described as a journey of faith which passes through a number of different phases and focuses in conversion of heart and mind to Christ.

More information about the RCIA programme may be gained by contacting the parish office on **3262 2859** or [clafield@bne.catholic.net.au](mailto:clafield@bne.catholic.net.au)

## Parish Diary

### Sacrament of First Holy Communion

First Communion Dates:

20, 21, 22 & 23 October, 6pm

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

### FEAST DAYS OF THE WEEK

#### 1 October: St. Therese of the Child Jesus

On October 1, we honour the life of St. Thérèse of the Child Jesus. she devoted herself to living a life of holiness, doing all things with love and childlike trust in God. She performed little acts of charity always, and little sacrifices not caring how unimportant they seemed. These acts helped her come to a deeper understanding of her vocation. Since her death, millions have been inspired by her 'little way' of loving God and neighbour.

#### 2 October: The Holy Guardian Angels

All of us have a Guardian Angel supporting us...

#### 4 October: St. Francis of Assisi

St. Francis of Assisi abandoned a life of luxury for a life devoted to Christianity after reportedly hearing the voice of God, who commanded him to rebuild the Christian church and live in poverty.

### PIETY STALL/PARISH LIBRARY

We have a variety of items for sale including Rosary Beads, Bracelets, Youth Bibles, Holy Picture Plaques and various cards for birthdays, sympathy and thank you.

Feel free to also browse the lending library before and after Mass. These books are available for LENDING ONLY and NOT for sale.

### 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.

### BAPTISMS

We hold a preparation session for baptism on the first Sunday of the month at 11.00am. 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.

**Readings - Twenty Seventh Sunday in Ordinary Time - 4 October 2020**

1st Reading: Is 5:1-7 2nd Reading: Phil 4:6-9 Gospel: Matthew 21:33-43

Weekend roster for Ministers of the word  
September/October/November 2020

DATE	5.00 p.m.	7.00 a.m.	9.00 a.m.
26/27Sept.	Jack Williamson Anne Goves	Kirsty Stevens Marie Flynn	Amrita Moss Hannah Dalisay
3/4 Oct.	Alison Hall Anne Goves	Sr. Cecily Volunteer please	Luke Sutton Joseph Tran
10/11 Oct.	Nic Kure Tomos Walters	Jeanine Bygott Marie Flynn	Hannah Dalisay Dan Butler
17/18 Oct.	Cate Barrett Edward Foley	Andrew Douglas Chris Maher	Phil Ryan Wilma O'Connell
24/25 Oct.	Annette Riba Anne Goves	Kirsty Stevens Sr Cecily	Chanelle Simpson Eileen Duncan
31 Oct./ 1 Nov.	Jenny Close Nic Kure	Jeanine Bygott Marie Flynn	Luke Sutton Alison Hall
7/8 Nov.	Annette Riba Edward Foley	Sr. Cecily Chris Maher	Hannah Dalisay Wilma O'Connell
14/15 Nov.	Tomos Walters Anne Goves	Andrew Douglas Marie Flynn	Dan Butler Phil Ryan

PLEASE NOTE: If you are unable to attend on your rostered date, please inform the office.

- \* We may follow our regular proceedings as we did before the lockdown
- \* The readings will be emailed to the ministers.
- \* The second Reader may read both the 2<sup>nd</sup> reading and the prayers of the faithful.
- \* The first Minister may join in the procession.
- \* three minutes before the Holy Mass all the ministers are most welcome to join in the short prayer.
- \* During the liturgy of the word, ministers may go up together to the ambo and during the first reading, the second reader may wait, sitting in the chair.

## 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 22/23 August:

1st Collection \$1589 2nd Collection \$ 325  
Loose \$ 454.75

### 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 the Covid Safe Industry Plan to look after the safety of all attendees and your contact details will need to be recorded on entry.

Of course, it is preferable for you to book online by 9am each Friday. If you need assistance booking, please contact the office early Friday Morning.

### WEEKEND MASSES

Saturday 5.00pm  
Sunday 7.00am,  
9.00am, 5.30pm

The "Trybooking"

link is: [https://](https://www.trybooking.com/BKFQD)

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### WEEKDAY MASSES

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

Please sign-in  
when you enter.

### 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)  
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### St. Agatha's Catholic Primary School

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

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