

ST. AGATHA'S PARISH

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Twenty Seventh Sunday in Ordinary Time 3/4 October 2020

A Strong and Blessed Community

For the past seven and half months I have been experiencing a blessed parish community at Clayfield and I thank God every day for the spirit of unity, the spirit of love, the spirit of sharing and the spirit of togetherness in our community. I am fully aware that without the support of the generous volunteers and all the parishioners we cannot move forward; we need everybody's support.

Community and Mission Council

I really appreciate and thank Mary-Caroline van Paassen, the chairperson of Community and Mission Council, Elizabeth O'Connor, the deputy chairperson and the council members, Amrita Moss, Sally Bledsoe, Jenny Close and Geraldine Swindles for helping with the parish administration voluntarily during the past years.

This year, after my arrival on February 14, the Council has been helping and supporting me in different ways and I am so very grateful to them all for their guidance. I came to know many parish matters from the council and received so many positive suggestions which helped me to start anew. I would also like to acknowledge that the CMC members assisted me in dealing with different problematic situations.

I am so grateful to Mary-Caroline, the chairperson for helping me to meet many parents and children during the past months. Mary Caroline and the others helped to familiarise me with our local community including visitations to our local schools.

One of the important roles the CMC has undertaken during this time is responsibility for the Holy Mass. This is something new and much appreciated, fulfilling the wish of many parishioners to not be burdened with lots of jobs. We are blessed to have so many good people ready to help and to share the burdens.

I thank all the council members for their help and generosity.

New Community and Mission Council (CMC)

Since the present CMC members are completing their term, we need to form a new council and it is an advisory support for me on both pastoral and community matters.

The new CMC will be a re-formed committee and will work under a new set of guidelines made by the Parish Priest with the support and in consultation with the newly formed CMC members and in accordance with the handbook of parish pastoral council and resources from other parishes.

- 1. The CMC is a pastoral advisory council and a great help for the parish priest.
- 2. The CMC may help the parish priest to organize pastoral activities; communal and social activities and events. They will help the community in all important events of the parish such as Christmas and Easter celebrations, Parish feasts, spiritual and social events etc...

- Members need to be available for voluntary services. 3.
- The council will continue to meet once a month, however I would like to meet with 4. the executive members more frequently (The Executive members: Parish Priest, CMC) Chair, Deputy Chair).
- In any emergencies related to the parish and in time of importance, executive mem 5. bers may contact the parish priest.
- The agenda will be organised by the executive members by listening to other members of council and parishioners.
- The term of the CMC will be two years however in the event that the current parish 7. priest is transferred, this council can be suspended, therefore the new parish priest can begin with a new spirit.
- The yearly pastoral plan will be made... 8.
- The mission statement will be made.
- 10. After forming the new Community and Mission Council, there will be a joint meeting of CMC and Finance Council.

New Community and Mission Council Members

Parishioners are most welcome to nominate other parishioners for the new parish council and I will select new members based on your suggestions.

The Council will help and guide the Parish toward our mission of being disciples today in light of the teachings of the Catholic Church. Please keep the Council in your prayers as they begin their important work!

Updated Volunteers List

We are updating the Volunteers list, if your name is missing please contact the office or Fr Biju and it will be entered immediately.

Ministers of the word

5.00 pm Holy Mass (Sat) BARRETT, Cate CLOSE, Jenny FOLEY, Edward GIBSON, Graham & Julie-Anne GOVES, Ann HALL, Alison KURE, Nikolaj MURPHY, Katrina RIBA, Annette SEE, Morgan WILLIAMSON, Jack 7.00 am Holy Mass (Sun) BYGOTT, Jeanine DOUGLAS, Andrew EDEN, Nick & Dianne FLYNN, Marie FOSTER, Sister Cecily MAHER, Chris STEVENS, Kirsty 9.00 am Holy Mass (Sun) ARKINSTALL, Jane BLEDSOE, Erin BUTLER, Dan DALISAY, Hannah DUNCAN, Eileen GENDLE, Carmen

KORDIC, Julie

KURE, Nikolaj

MARTIN, Paul

MOSS, Amrita

O'BRIEN, Joseph

O'CONNELL, Wilma RYAN, Phil SIMPSON, Chanelle SMETHURST, Ryan & Clare SUTTON, Luke SWINDELLS, Geraldine TAN, Joseph 5.30 pm Holy Mass(Sun) BROCK, Alexandra HAYES, Jo O'CONNOR, Liz PERKINS, Joel Parish Counter ANGUS, Nicole CROWE, Lucy GOVES, Ann JOSEPHSON, Tamra PETRIE, Noelene SCHIPPER, Melissa TANNER, Bridget Banker FITZPATRICK, John O'GRADY, Mick **Church Communion** Minister ARCHER, Paulette BLEDSOE, Erin BIRTLES, Karen FOLEY, Edward GOVES, Ann

HALL, Deborah FIUMARA Paul & MOSS, Amrita Home Communion Minister ALLAN, Georgia BIRTLES, Karen CARTER, Lisa SWINDELLS, Geraldine TRESTON, Tom & Jeannine Hospitality/ Marshall BUCKLEY, Fiona COOREY, Giulia EAST, Mariana FERRIS, Angela & Sofie McPHERSON, Ewan GORDON, Brooke HEYDON, Geoff LEE, Rupert & Gloria Plustwik, Peter MENKENS, Sabrina MOSS, Amrita TAYLOR, Adrian WALTERS, Tomos WICK. Kate WILLE, Michelle Perkins, Joel 7 am COURT, Kevin Choir/Organists CUMING, Robyn

DOWD, Anne

DUNCAN, Eileen

Louise GRAINGER, Carolyn LEUNG, Mark McKEON, James & Jenny O'CONNELL, Wilma PIODOS, Lolita WARDA, Nicola 5.30 pm ALLEN, Daniel HOSSINGER, Giselle Youth Ministry ALLEN, Daniel O'CONNOR, Anne O'CONNOR, Liz Children's Liturgy BLEDSOE, Erin BLEDSOE, Sally COOREY, Giulia KORDIC, Julie McPHERSON, Ewan RYAN, Mel SCALIA, Michelle SOS, Lisa **Assistant Sacristans** BARNS, Gerard CRONIN, Anthony STEGGALL, Grant

ABBOTT, Colleen CARTER, Lisa CLOSE, Jenny DAVIES, Evan SVDP Chair DOUGLAS, Andrew FITZPATRICK, John LEE, Rupert LILLICRAP, Mel McKEON, James PowerPoint Operator BIGG, Monica COOK, Lara DORE, Amanda MARSHALL, Paul OLSZEWSKA, Larissa Collector GOVES, Reg McFARLANE, Ross RUSSO, Ross Sacristan BOWDEN, Peter Local Safeguarding Representative ALLAN, Georgia Property Maintenance RADA, Brian Facebook Administrator CRUTCHER, Michael **RCIA** CLOSE, Jenny

FOSTER, Sister Cecily

SVDP

In our prayers we remember

Those who have died recently:

Lex Muirhead, Beatrice Anne Murphy

Those whose anniversaries occur about now:

Agnes Power, Gerard Power, May Schuh, Anne & Graham Hartley, Kath & Arthur Bassingthwaite

And those who are unwell:

Florence D'Costa, Cajetan D'Costa, 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.

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

First Communion Dates:

20, 21,22 & 23 October, 6pm 2, 4, 5, & 6 November, 6pm

Family Workshop: 6, 7 & 8 October,

3.30-4.30pm Church

FEAST DAYS OF THE WEEK

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.

Rosary Month

Pope Francis says the rosary is the prayer of his heart...

October

Month of the

Holy Rosary



SUCCESTION

BOX

SUGGESTIONS

Once at his weekly general audience, Pope Francis reminded us that when Mary appeared to two young women in Gietrzwald, Poland, in 1877, she told them, "Pray the rosary every day" and, the pope said, "she assured them that the graces imparted by this prayer would be salvific and would lead people to happiness in heaven."

"Remember these words, especially now, in the month of October dedicated to the rosary," the pope continued. "Through the intercession of Mary, mediator of graces, we ask for peace for the world, wisdom for those who govern and for faith and unity for families."

DYING PEACEFULLY NO EUTHANASIA SUNDAY - October 11, 2020

Queensland dioceses are going to be observing 'Dying Peacefully - No Euthanasia' Sunday on the weekend of 10-11 October.

Celebrating the Holy Rosary together: 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.

From Last week's News Letter

We still follow the Covid19 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 in 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 to Altar serve. This may help the community to participate better at 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.

Suggestion Box: Your suggestions and feedbacks are blessings for the community development and we will give careful consideration to all suggestions. I encourage you to come to me with any suggestions you may have, or place them in the suggestion box kept near the main entrance of the church.

All the suggestions are most welcome for a glorious future for the parish.



Holy Hour

Next Friday, 9 September, there will be no Exposition of Holy Eucharist.

Weekend roster for Ministers of the word October 2020

DATE	5.00 p.m.	7.00 a.m.	9.00 a.m.
3/4 Oct.	Alison Hall	Sr. Cecily Foster	Luke Sutton
	Ann Goves	Annette Riba	Joseph Tran
10/11 Oct.	Nic Kure	Jeanine Bygott	Hannah Dalisay
	Tomos Walters	Marie Flynn	Dan Butler

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 2nd 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.

THANK YOU

Dear Parishioners, thank you all for your kind thoughts and prayers that helped me with my recovery.

Thank you also for the beautiful flowers... such beauty from God's garden.

I am so blessed to be part of such a wonderful Parish.

Take care everyone and always remember "Health is the greatest possession"

Love and warm regards, Rosemary (Parish Secretary)

Let us follow during the time of Pandemic- Covid 19



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.



NO HOLY WATER

Holy water should be removed from stoops at the doors of Churches.



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".



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.



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.

Sacrament of Reconciliation by appointment....

THANK YOU...

Thank you so much for your generous contributions to the church.

The offerings last weekend 26/27 Sept:

1st Collection \$511.00 **2nd Collection** \$337.00 **Loose** \$477.70

Prayer for children for the first Holy Communion

Lord, Bless the children coming forward to receive Holy Communion for the first time. May this day be an initial step into a life—long love of the Eucharist. Give them a hunger for this sacred food so that they turn to you for comfort, guidance, and wisdom as they grow into full discipleship.

Thank you for their innocence and goodness.

May their hands, extended in anticipation of your Body and Blood, inspire all of us to cherish this sacred sacrament.

Parish Administration

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

Parish Secretary: Mrs Rosemary Greer Family and Sacramental Ministry: Mrs Jane Cameron 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

6 Hunter Lane Clayfield Qld 4011. Phone: 3326 9222

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

Outside School Hours Care Coordinator: Roxanne Grogan

WEEKEND MASSES

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

The "Trybooking"

link is: https://

www.trybooking.com/BKFQD.

WEEKDAY MASSES

Monday 9.00am Tuesday 9.00am Rosary 9.30am

Wednesday 9.00am Friday 9.00am

No Adoration (Fr Biju is away for deanery meeting)

Please sign-in when you enter.