



ST. AGATHA'S PARISH

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Twenty-Eighth Sunday in Ordinary Time *10/11 October 2020*

The Month of October...

The month of October is dedicated to the Holy Rosary. October includes the Feast of Our Lady of the Rosary (October 7). The best way to celebrate the month is, of course, to pray the Rosary.

The Rosary draws its mysteries from the New Testament and is centred on the great events of the Incarnation and Redemption with each decade referring to an event in the life of Jesus and Mary.

The Joyful Mysteries are taken mostly from Saint Luke's Gospel in the New Testament. They involve the joyful events of Jesus' childhood.

The Luminous Mysteries bring a deeper understanding to the public life of Jesus. They fill in the blanks between the childhood of Jesus and His suffering and death on the cross.

The Sorrowful Mysteries remind us of how much Jesus loves us. They recall how He suffered and died just for us.

The Glorious Mysteries tell us what happened after Jesus died - His Resurrection, the descent of the Holy Spirit and the love Jesus had for his Mother.



Where Did the Rosary Come from?

The origins of the rosary in the form we pray it today are a bit mysterious.

Praying the Rosary beads goes back to the Desert Fathers in the 3rd and early 4th centuries. These counting devices were used for prayers such as the Jesus prayer in Christian monasticism.

St. Dominic (d. 1221) is often credited with its institution, since the first definite historical reference to the rosary as we know it today comes from his life and preaching. Some traditions hold that St. Dominic was asked by Our Lady herself to pray the rosary in his efforts to defeat the Albigensian Heresy in France.

The word rosary comes from Latin and means a garland of roses, the rose being one of the flowers used to symbolize the Virgin Mary.

Why do we Pray the Rosary?

The foundations of Catholic devotion to Mary can be found in both Scripture and Tradition. The rosary is just one of the beautiful devotions to Mary that we practice.

Pope Pius XII once said, "The Rosary is the compendium of the entire Gospel." That is to say, that each decade is dedicated to a single and significant

salvation history.

The structure of the rosary, with its well-known, repetitious prayer should not be mistaken for the meaningless repetition denounced by Christ in the gospel of Matthew. It is instead a format that cultivates mental peace and interior space for meditation on these moments in the life of Christ that encapsulate the mystery of the Incarnation, the person of Christ, and the beautiful relationship that has been built between our God and his creation. So, although the prayers of the rosary are Marian, the devotion is very Christocentric and nourishes our interior and spiritual life in a way that non-meditative prayer does not.

The Rosary is the Church's spiritual weapon that puts "demons to flight."

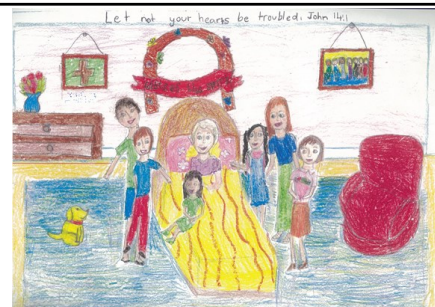
Since the 12th century, the Church has turned toward the Rosary in times of trouble and tribulation. In 1569, St. Pius V officially consecrated the Rosary, attributing to its recitation the destruction of heresy and the conversion of many peoples. He urged the faithful to pray the Rosary in those times of "so many heresies, and grievously troubled and afflicted by so many wars, and by the deprave morals of men."

To sum up, the rosary is a prayer highly recommended by the Blessed Mother herself as well as popes and saints. It has very many levels from vocal prayer, to meditation and is also a pathway to contemplation. The goal is a greater love for God and union with God.

2021 Calendar Competition

Theme - "Every Day is a New Beginning"

The St Agatha's Parish Calendar competition for 2021 is up and running again. All parish children are invited to submit a drawing illustrating where they see God's love breathing new life into the world and where they can see that it is bringing joy and peace to those around them.



Format: Drawings to be done on **A4 Landscape**.

Write name and grade on the drawing.

Due date: Friday 16 October 2020 to the Parish Office.

Parking

Parking is available up at the school for weekend Masses.

Boom gate times

Saturday - boom gate goes up at 4.30pm, down at 5.15pm

Sunday - boom gate goes up at 6.30am, down at 9.00am
goes up at 4.30pm, down at 5.45pm.

Please note that when you are ready to leave the boom gate will **automatically** come up as you approach it.

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WORSHIP SERVICE

A worship service will be held at

The Clayfield, Aveo Retirement

Living on Wednesday 14 October at

10.30am. The service will be held in the Whytecliffe House.

469 Sandgate Road, Albion

Care first

DYING PEACEFULLY - NO EUTHANASIA SUNDAY OCTOBER 11

When it comes to end of life, it's important for everyone to discuss their wishes in terms of care and their desire for interventions and to have this documented in an advanced care plan. Everyone should have access to quality palliative care.

To explore a Catholic perspective on end-of- life and the need for quality palliative care, rather than 'assisting dying' visit lovetotheend/archbne.

In our prayers we remember

Those who have died recently:

Florence D'Costa,

Those whose anniversaries occur about now:

Mick Treston, Honourable Bruce McPherson, Agnes Power, Gerard Power

And those who are unwell:

Anne Quinlan, Mavis O'Brien, 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.

Special prayer...

Father of all compassion, please lift the spirits of those who are suffering today, from physical weakness, pain, depression and tiredness. May they have the desire and humility to search for Your truth, love and light in the midst of the darkness. Amen.

DYING PEACEFULLY NO EUTHANASIA SUNDAY - October 11, 2020

Queensland dioceses are going to be observing 'Dying Peacefully - No Euthanasia' this weekend.

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 Newsletter

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.



Parish Diary

Sacrament of First Holy Communion

Liturgy of God's Mercy & Practice Dates:

13 Oct 3.30pm for 20 Oct candidates

13 Oct 4.30pm for 21 Oct candidates

14 Oct 3.30pm for 22 Oct candidates

14 Oct 4.30pm for 23 Oct candidates

Child and one parent to attend

First Communion Dates:

20, 21, 22 & 23 October, 6pm

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

Catholic Mission



Next weekend 17/18

October our parish will be holding the annual Catholic Mission Church Appeal. This year we are invited to partner with the Church in Cambodia, which is reaching out to those who have been affected by disability and giving them hope and support to live a fulfilling life. Envelopes will be available next weekend.

Freecall: 1800 257 296

catholicmission.org.au/cambodia



Readings - Twenty-Ninth Sunday in Ordinary Time - 18 October 2020

1st Reading: Isaiah 45:1, 4-6; 2nd Reading: 1 Thessalonians 1:1-5; Gospel: Matthew 22:15-21

Weekend roster for Ministers of the word October 2020

DATE	5.00 p.m.	7.00 a.m.	9.00 a.m.
10/11 Oct	Nic Kure	Jeanine Bygott	Hannah Dalisay
	Tomos Walters	Andrew Douglas	Dan Butler
17/18 Oct	Cate Barrett	Andrew Douglas	Phil Ryan
	Edward Foley	Chris Maher	Wilma O'Connell

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.



OCTOBER BREAST CANCER AWARENESS MONTH

Breast Cancer Awareness Month
October, Australia's Breast Cancer Awareness Month, provides an opportunity for us all to focus on breast cancer and its impact on those affected by the disease in our community.

Breast cancer remains the most common cancer among Australian women (excluding non-melanoma skin cancer). Survival rates continue to improve in Australia with 89 out of every 100 women diagnosed with invasive breast cancer now surviving five or more years beyond diagnosis.

Take the time this month to find out what you need to know about breast awareness and share this important information with your family, friends and colleagues.

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
Finance Council Chair: Jodi Sutton
Community & Mission Council Chair: Mrs Mary-Caroline van Paassen
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School Principal: Ms Anne-Marie Maw
APRE: Mr Jake Knowles

Outside School Hours Care Coordinator: Roxanne Grogan

Let us follow during the time of Pandemic- Covid 19



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.

Sacrament of Reconciliation by appointment....

THANK YOU...

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

The offerings last weekend 3/4 Oct:

1st Collection \$525.00

2nd Collection \$215.00 Loose \$389.40

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
 Adoration 9.30am

Please sign-in when you enter.