



ST. AGATHA'S PARISH

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Twenty-Ninth Sunday in Ordinary Time *17/18 October 2020*

Prayers and congratulations to our children

These coming two weeks are so important to our parish. Our 90 children are going to receive their first Holy Communion. We, the whole parish community wish them all the blessings and prayers.

Normally, most of us never miss the Holy Eucharist on weekends, because we know that the Holy Eucharist is so important in our life. And also, receiving Holy Communion is one of the most important things we can do as a Catholic.

The bread and wine we receive at communion is the Body and Blood of Jesus Christ. Transubstantiation is the conversion of the substance of the Eucharistic elements into the Body and Blood of Christ at consecration, only the appearances of bread and wine still remain.

We participate in the sacrament of communion to commemorate all that Jesus did for us by suffering on the cross and rising again so we can be free from sin and have eternal life in heaven.

We know that the mode of Christ's presence under the Eucharistic species is unique. It raises the Eucharist above all the sacraments as "the perfection of the spiritual life and the end to which all sacraments tend." The CCC says that in the most blessed sacrament of the Eucharist "the Body and Blood, together with the soul and divinity, of our Lord Jesus Christ and, therefore, the whole Christ is truly, really, and substantially contained." "This presence is called 'real'". (The Catechism of the Catholic Church: p 1374)

We have a Celestial Tabernacle

Normally the consecrated bread and wine, as the Body and Blood of Christ, are meant to be consumed at that self-same liturgy. At the same time, we too reserve Holy Communion for those who are sick or home-bound and unable to attend the Holy Eucharist. The Eucharist is brought to them by the priest or ministers of the community.

It is for that purpose that some of the consecrated bread may be reserved, and this requires recognizing the dignity of Christ's Real Presence. It also, secondarily, allows for adoration of Christ in this enduring Presence.

We should always spend time in the church most reverently; we genuflect and respect a prayerful silence. We make the sign of the cross. This makes us joyful and blessed.

Catholic Mission Appeal

One of the constant messages that the team at Catholic Mission receive from missionaries around the world is 'thank you'. The people that we support, with the generosity of our donors, know how blessed they are by the Church here in Australia. That same note of gratitude is heard in today's second reading, where Paul, Silvanus and Timothy all acknowledge the other members of the Thessalonian faith community in their prayers and give thanks for each of them. Missionaries that we support and uphold express similar gratefulness. When you contribute to the Catholic Mission Appeal this weekend, you can be assured that you, your parish and others like it, will be remembered in prayer by those in places like Cambodia. Whether you donate online or give via the traditional appeal envelope, you are helping missionaries to reach out and bring life to some of the most needy people in the world. On behalf of all of them, we, like Paul, give thanks.

Catholic Mission Appeal envelopes are attached with the newsletter, If you would like to donate to Catholic Mission, please return the envelopes with donation placing it in the boxes kept at the entrance or beside the side doors. You are most welcome to donate it either this weekend or next weekend.

Message from Community and Mission Council Chairperson

As the Chairperson for the last two years and a member of the St. Agatha's Community & Mission Council (CMC) for four years, I would like to formally thank Geraldine Swindells, Amrita Moss and Liz O'Connor for their tireless work over the last 4 years. I would also like to thank Sally Bledsoe and Jenny Close who joined the team 2 years ago and have also worked so hard. We have worked with Fr Anthony Mellor, Fr Kevin Smith and now Fr Biju Thomas. The St Agatha's Parish has had many changes over the last 4 years with these 3 Parish priests – Thank you all for working with us.

I think it is fair to say that the St. Agatha's Centenary celebrations in 2018 were amongst our best times as we were able to come together freely as a community. We began with the Soiree, the launch of the Centenary year, in August 2017.

As a team we ran 5 events in 14 months from August 2017 to September 2018 with Erin Bledsoe as the Chairperson. We held the St. Agatha's Feast Day in February 2018 up at the school with approx. 400 people in attendance. The High Tea in May 2018 was another highlight as we worked cohesively with St. Rita's School who kindly donated the space. In August 2018, we had the Centenary Mass which was celebrated by the Archbishop Mark Coleridge followed by morning tea on Oriel Road which was closed to traffic. It was a huge success and so very memorable as 400 members of parish community joined together to celebrate the Centenary. The year culminated with a Ball in September.

Unfortunately, we were unable to achieve our goal as a committee to provide a community space between the Church and the Presbytery. However, we do have survey! So hopefully after COVID, a community space can be provided for people to use after weddings, funerals, baptisms and other sacraments.

The common theme during all these years, is the wonderful parishioners who continue to support and give of their time and their energy and their spirit with their thoughts, deeds and prayers to and for this parish. We wish Fr Biju Thomas well in all his endeavours for our beautiful St. Agatha's Parish here at Clayfield.

A huge thank you must also go to Jane Cameron, Rosemary Greer and Peter Bowden who are the heart and soul of the St. Agatha's Parish administration.

Personally, it has been a fulfilling experience to serve on the St. Agatha's Parish CMC. I would highly recommend a role on the CMC. Please do consider giving of your time. For it is in the giving, that actually, we do receive. I know I speak for the CMC team that we have all received much joy from being on the CMC committee. Thank you to the ladies again – Geraldine Swindells, Amrita Moss, Liz O'Connor, Sally Bledsoe and Jenny Close. It has been a pleasure.

Mary-Caroline van Paassen
Chairperson, St. Agatha's Community and Mission Council (CMC)

Parking

Always the space for parking the car is a big problem for us. It is so great that some of you park your car a little far away and walk to the church. Since we don't have particular parking lines in the street for each car, please adjust the space for others while you are parking.

There are spaces beside the church for the senior people to park, please make use of them. Those senior people who find difficulty in parking on weekends, please come on weekdays to attend the Holy Eucharist and receive the Holy Communion.

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.

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 share with me any suggestions you may have, or place them in the suggestion box kept near the main entrance of the church.

In our prayers we remember

Those who have died recently:

Sr Mary (Jacinta) McMahon, Kevin Howe,
Bill Hanley, Florence D'Costa

Those whose anniversaries occur about now:

Mick Treston, Honourable Bruce McPherson

And those who are unwell:

Nayland Pinkey, Anne Quinlan, 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 Reconciliation

For School Children 9.45am

Sacrament of First Holy Communion

First Holy Communion Dates:

20, 21, 22 & 23 October, 6pm

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

(Baptisms this Weekend)

Welcome to the Family of Faith !

Congratulations to

Harrison McKay

Harold Bax

Rudy Marshall

Heidi Diezel

on their baptism into the life of Christ.

**Please pray for them
and their families**

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.**

St Agatha's Church Clayfield...

Everybody says, "Our church is so celestial..."

And I found that most often people come to the church in advance spending some time in silence preparing for Holy Eucharist.

Our Lord Jesus, who is present in our tabernacles, rejoices to receive the personal prayers that we offer to Him. But there is no doubt that He also rejoices in the expressions of welcome and concern that we give to each other, the members of His body assembling for worship.

Actually it is necessary too that we all are being greeted and greet each other as we assemble, and the choir warms up, and other preparations are being made.

We all celebrate Holy Mass participating fully: we pray aloud, we sing with joy, and we listen. We listen to the words of the songs we sing, the words of the Scripture readings that we hear, the words of the prayers we pray together, but truly, it is silence that helps us discover the meaning and power of all these words. Really, I find that we are able to enjoy some moments of quiet prayer before Mass.

We all look for some quiet time before the liturgy begins. And I am so grateful that our prayerful silence before Holy Eucharist may help our fellow worshippers to enjoy the same.

ST AGATHA'S PREP 2022 ENROLMENT APPLICATIONS

If you have a child born between 1/7/16 – 30/6/17, they are eligible to commence Prep in 2022.

All enrolment applications are now submitted online via our school website

www.stagathasclayfield.qld.edu.au.

Please note only completed applications will be considered for a place in Prep 2022.

Non Sibling applications close for Prep 2022 on Friday 12th March 2021 and interviews will take place for Non Siblings in April 2021.

Sibling applications close for Prep 2022 on Friday 9th April and interviews for Siblings will be held in MAY, 2021.



Weekend roster for Ministers of the word October 2020

DATE	5.00 p.m.	7.00 a.m.	9.00 a.m.
17/18 Oct	Cate Barrett	Andrew Douglas	Phil Ryan
	Edward Foley	Chris Maher	Wilma O'Connell
24/25 Oct	Annette Riba	Kirsty Stevens	Chanelle Simpson
	Ann Goves	Sr Cecily Foster	Eileen Duncan

News Letter

A reminder that we are asking all parishioners with email to read their newsletter online or print their own copy. It is emailed each Friday. This will help us minimise costs and risks relating to printing and handing paper newsletters each week-end. It also ensures those who can't receive emails can get a paper copy at Mass. Thanks for your support and assistance with this.

Christmas Holy Mass

With Covid impacting our Easter celebrations this year, we are trying to ensure all parishioners are able to participate in our Christmas Liturgies.

This year let us have a simple celebration but in fullness of the Christmas spirit.

Weekend Masses - Lots of seats are available

While COVID has put a limit on the number of people in our churches, our overall numbers at Masses have dropped dramatically. If you and your family are only coming to Mass fortnightly or monthly to allow others to attend, please consider coming every week; there are still seats available. If you miss the booking cut-off, please still come along, we will have room to fit you in. If you are unwell please stay at home. Consider reaching out to others to let them know too.

BAPTISMS at St Agatha's are celebrated on the 3rd and 4th Sundays of the month. For bookings and further information, please contact the parish office, phone 3262 2859.

SVDP CLOTHING BIN located behind the Church with easy access.

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 10/11 Oct:

1st Collection \$1,889.00

2nd Collection \$1,148.00 Loose \$720.35

Readings - Thirtieth Sunday in Ordinary Time - 25 October 2020

1st Reading: Exodus 22:20-26; 2nd Reading: 1 Thessalonians 1:5-10; Gospel: Matthew 22:34-40

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

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.