



ST. AGATHA'S PARISH

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Thirtieth Sunday in Ordinary Time *24/25 October 2020*

(A copy of the statement of Archbishop Mark Coleridge published on 24 October 2020 in the Cathedral of St Stephen newsletter)

A couple of Sundays ago across Queensland we celebrated Dying Peacefully – No Euthanasia Sunday. Last Sunday, with impeccable timing, the Premier announced out of the blue that, if re-elected, the Labor government would rush euthanasia legislation before the parliament in February next year.

In May this year Annastacia Palaszczuk made a clear announcement to the parliament that she would refer the report of the parliamentary enquiry to the Queensland Law Reform Commission which would present its report to the Attorney General by 1 March 2021 for final consideration by the government before putting the proposed legislation to the parliament. She said in May that it was important to “get this right” and therefore not to rush the process.

So the question now is: Why the rush? The Premier says it's because so many people asked her to hasten the process – but that doesn't convince. It's more likely that the Premier has succumbed to political pressure of one kind or another, and one can only speculate as to what that might be.

But the larger question concerns the politicisation of what the Premier has acknowledged is a complex and delicate issue. Of course it was always going to be political, but to make it front and centre in the maelstrom of an electoral campaign makes it intensely political in a way that does no justice to the complexity and delicacy of the issue. Inevitably too it makes people like me and Anglican Archbishop Phillip Aspinall who joined me in a public statement seem partisan in the electoral context when neither of us wants to play the partisan game.

The question of euthanasia is quite literally a matter of life and death; and there are no issues more important for a community and for individuals than those that touch life and death. They matter even more than politics. But the Premier's decision suggests that politics trumps all else, that votes or support from key constituencies matter more than human life and human dignity.

The contradictions abound. A government which has set great political store on closing borders to protect life now pushes legislation which jeopardises life. At a time when suicide is a national problem – especially among youth and First Nations people – the government wants to sanction suicide in law, saying that suicide in some contexts is an acceptable solution. The government may also claim that they want both better palliative care and voluntary assisted dying. But the assumptions underlying palliative care and VAD are so utterly different that they are in the end incompatible. A choice has to be made, and the one really human choice is properly funded palliative care.



Baptismal Joy!!

This Sunday we welcome with great joy two new members of Christ's faithful people, Maxwell Maher, son of Christopher and Grace Maher and Miranda Hardy, daughter of Christopher and Tashoni Hardy. May they always know God's love and the support of this Christian Community.

Birthday Blessings

May goodness and mercy accompany you today and all the days of your beautiful life. Happy birthday, dear Dawn Collinson and Josepha Garnier.



Remember the importance of November...

December with all the wonders of Christmas is approaching and it is natural that our thoughts turn to those whom we have loved who are no longer with us.

The month of November is a special time when we remember all those who have 'fallen asleep in the peace of Christ'.

As we gather at each Mass throughout November, we hold in our hearts a special intention for all those who have died, in order to come into God's presence without fault. Our hearts are especially with those who have experienced the death of a loved one during these past months.

We know that all the departed will live again, they will live like angels (Lk 20:36) united with God. We believe that one day we too will reach heaven and live with them, and we all will be like angels, we all will be united with God, enjoying the love and life of God for ever... and those good times will never end. But it is necessary to assist all the departed souls by our prayers for their communion with all the saints. Therefore let us remember the importance of praying and attending Holy Mass for the departed ones.

During this month we especially remember all those who have passed from this life into the next. We remember all who have died, especially all our relatives and friends. And also let us remember and pray for all those who have nobody to remember them and pray for them.

We pray for those who taught us good things and made sacrifices for us.

We pray for those who prayed for us while they were on this earth.

We pray for the most forgotten souls.

We pray for those who had great responsibilities while they were on earth.

Let us all wish that these people are saved, having been purified, and they can be with God, face to face.

On Monday, November 2, we are celebrating the commemoration of all the faithful departed. All are invited to join the Holy Mass at 9 am.

If you wish for your deceased loved ones to be remembered during the Holy Mass everyday please write their names and give them to me, or email their names to (bjucmi@gmail.com). I'll be including their names in my Holy Mass diary, and will offer Holy Mass everyday for all of them. We can offer the sacrifice of the Mass and pray for those souls in order to hasten their journey to God.

Eternal rest, grant unto them, O Lord, and let perpetual light shine upon them.

May they rest in peace. Amen.

NOVEMBER MASS ENVELOPES are available from the table in the Church foyer and Parish Office. PLEASE PRINT the names of those who you wish to be remembered and place the envelope in the Mass offering box kept at the entrance of the church.

The names of your deceased will be written in a Remembrance Book that will be on the altar for all Masses during the month of November.

Planned Giving and Parish Contributions

Many thanks to those who have been supporting the parish through planned giving, either through envelopes, direct debit or credit card contributions. Thank you for your consideration and ongoing support. If you are not part of the Planned Giving Program and would like to contribute via online internet banking, details are as follows:

Account name: St Agatha's Parish. BSB number: 064 786 Account number: 0061 36002

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.

In our prayers we remember

Those who have died recently:

Nicla Bortolotti, Beverly Crowe, Sr Mary McMahon, Kevin Howe, Bill Hanley

Those whose anniversaries occur about now:

Hazel O'Hagan, Paul Luxton, Paula Witman, Doreen Haine, Albert Tesch

And those who are unwell:

Nayland Pinkey, Mavis O'Brien, 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.

From previous Newsletters...

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 Vigil Mass boom gate goes up at

4.30pm, down at 5.15pm

Sunday morning Masses boom gate goes up at

6.30am, down at 9.00am

Sunday 5.30pm Mass boom gates 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.

Readings - All Saints - 1 November 2020

1st Reading: Revelation 7:2-4, 9-14; 2nd Reading: 1 John 3:1-3;
Gospel: Matthew 5:1-12

Parish Diary

First Holy Communion Dates:

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

Hour of Prayer:

Next Friday 30 October, we will not have the Hour of Adoration. Year six students will be spending time for their sacrament of Reconciliation at that time.

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.

We are continuing Covid 19 safe plan in the church

The following guidelines remain in place:

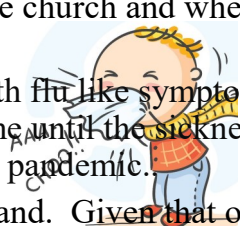
- ◆ Physical distancing of 1.5m whilst standing in the queue to check-in, during Mass and whilst in the Communion procession, is essential.
- ◆ Hand hygiene (sanitising your hands before entering the church and when exiting)
- ◆ If you are sick with flu like symptoms, please stay at home until the sickness passes during this pandemic.
- ◆ Communion in 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.
- ◆ 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.
- ◆ No shaking of hands at sign of peace. Clergy and parishioners should not touch each other by shaking hands at the sign of peace. A nod or a smile is appropriate with the words "Peace be with you".

Thank you for your co-operation.

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.

Sacrament of Reconciliation by appointment....



Weekend roster for Ministers of the word October 2020

DATE	5.00 p.m.	7.00 a.m.	9.00 a.m.
24/25 Oct	Annette Riba	Kirsty Stevens	Chanelle Simpson
	Ann Goves	Sr Cecily Foster	Eileen Duncan
31 Oct/ 1 Nov	Jenny Close	Jeanine Bygott	Luke Sutton
	Nic Kure	Marie Flynn	Alison Hall

THANK YOU...

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

The offerings last weekend 17/18 Oct:

1st Collection \$570.00

2nd Collection \$582.00 Loose \$819.00

World Mission Month—Brisbane, October 25, 2020 – 30th Sunday in Ordinary Time

Readings – Exodus 22: 20-26, 1 Thessalonians 1:5-10, Matthew 22:34-40

“You must love your neighbour as yourself...”

Last week, the Universal Church, including this parish, celebrated World Mission Sunday. It was a time in the liturgical calendar when Catholics acknowledge, and give thanks for, the selfless sacrifice made by priests, brothers and religious sisters around the world, as they look to serve people in need by bringing hope, faith and love. It is these people who model the compassion of Christ and the grace of God and who you are invited to support, by contributing to the Catholic Mission appeal campaign. If you have not yet made a donation, you can still do so, through the appeal envelopes that are still available from your church or online. To all those who did contribute, by donating or offering prayers, we thank you. May the Lord bless all of you and sustain your community at this challenging social time, just as you have sustained other communities around the world.

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.

Concert announcement: Brahms German Requiem - Brisbane Chorale - 7 and 8 November

Brisbane Chorale is delighted to announce two concert dates for their performance of the Brahms “A German Requiem” - Saturday 7th November at 4pm and Sunday 8th November at 3pm. With soloists Sarah Crane, soprano and Shaun Brown, baritone, the orchestra, Sinfonia of St Andrew's, and Emily Cox, conductor at: Kelvin Grove State College, Senior School Hall, 225 Victoria Park Road, cnr Tank Street, Kelvin Grove.

*Bookings are now open through TryBooking at <https://www.trybooking.com/BLNGQ>. Note that for this concert **online** is the only booking option. Due to the need for social distancing in the venue, seats for both performances are very limited so we encourage you to **book early** if you plan to attend. We have a COVID-safe plan in place and are compliant with all government requirements as regards seating, cleaning, ventilation and contact tracing. Please join us for this sublime work.*

PRE-ORDER of Advent and 2021 Individual Devotional Resources

The Parish Office is taking orders for the following Advent and 2021 Devotional resources, which will be available for pick up from the Piety Stall later this year.

Please let the office know if you want any of these publications.

Adore - Advent & Christmas Daily Reflections – \$5.00 each

God's Word 2021— Daily Reflections Liturgical Diary - \$20.00 each

Columban Catholic Art Calendar 2021 - \$9.00 each

Break Open the Word - \$25.00 each, Ordo 2021 - \$14.00 each

Daily Mass Book 2021 - \$25.00 each

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

No Adoration on this Friday 30 October.

Please sign-in when you enter.

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