



ST. AGATHA'S PARISH

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All Saints

31 October /1 November 2020

On the Feast of All Saints we remember those who are in the presence of God, who enjoy union with God. And also there are plenty of saints, known and unknown to us and to the church. Also we know many who lived among us as saints and died and may be with God. On 1st November, we specially remember and honour all of them.

What life lies in wait for us after our death is well beyond our knowledge, for "no eye has seen, no ear has heard" [1 Cor 2:9] and yet through many images the Bible gives a kind of foretaste of what awaits us beyond this life.

On All Saints' Day each of us would do well to think of the many good people who have crossed our path and enriched our lives – parents, classmates, parishioners and friends. They were not perfect, but they were in their own way great human beings.

November is a month traditionally dedicated to praying for the dead..

As we approach the feast days of All Saints and All Souls, all are encouraged to pray for deceased relatives, friends and members of the community. If you would like the names of your deceased loved ones placed in the Books of Remembrance as part of our prayerful intercession for their intentions during the month of November please email me - thomasb@bne.catholic.net.au or write the names on a piece of paper and give to me. **We will be celebrating Holy Mass on Monday 2 November at 9.00am as the Commemoration of all the faithful departed (All Souls' Day) .**

November, traditionally is a prayerful time to remember our deceased loved ones who have gone to share in the glory of the risen Christ.

According to the Catholic Encyclopedia, the clearest Bible reference about prayers for the dead is from the Second Book of Maccabees. When soldiers were preparing the bodies of their slain comrades for burial they discovered they were wearing amulets taken from a pagan temple which violated the law of Deuteronomy so they prayed that God would forgive the sin these men had committed.

The New Testament echoes this notion in the second letter of Timothy when Paul prays for someone who died named Onesiphorus, saying: "May the Lord grant him to find mercy from the Lord on that day."

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Parent & Child Retreat Room – Parent and children up to 5 years old

We would like to offer the use of our Children's Liturgy room, located on the tabernacle side of the Church, for parents with young children who may need a rest during Mass. We understand that sitting still and quietly for sometime can be challenging for very young ones, so this space will be provided for you to sit and relax with your child whilst mass is on. If you are unsure as to where the room is and how to access, please see Fr Biju before Mass for a tour.

Children's Liturgy

We are so happy to announce that Children's Liturgy will start up again from November the 8th during the 9am Mass. Fr Biju will call the children forward at the beginning of Mass and they will return to the Church in time to bring the gifts forward. Parents are most welcome to attend if their child is a little apprehensive.

Advent Adventures

We will be running Advent Adventures for the children during the 9am Masses on the 13th & 20th of December up in the O'Connell Centre. This is an interactive, activity based program with the aim of bringing meaning to the spirit of Christmas. Parents are most welcome to attend.

Our church needs your help...

During my homily last Sunday I spoke of the invaluable service of our volunteers whose commitment illustrates their love and devotion to this community. Your volunteer services are very much appreciated.

Extraordinary Ministers of Holy Communion

Due to Covid 19 restrictions we were not able to have Extraordinary Ministers of Holy Communion. However, I would now like to appoint some parishioners to assist me with this ministry. This would be for those who are below 70 years of age.

The Priest may be assisted in the distribution of Communion by other Priests who happen to be present. If such Priests are not present and there is a large number of communicants, the Priest may call upon extraordinary ministers to assist him, i.e., duly instituted acolytes or even other faithful who have been duly deputed for this purpose. In case of necessity, the Priest may depute suitable faithful for this single occasion. (GIRM #162)

The correct title for the role of these ministers who help distribute Communion is Extraordinary Ministers of Holy Communion. The word extraordinary (meaning "outside the ordinary") is used because the ordinary ministers of Communion are bishops, priests and deacons. Others are not ministers of the Eucharist or Eucharistic ministers. If there are sufficient ordinary ministers they should be used.

Ministry Authorisation

Before commencing duties, extraordinary ministers should be commissioned according to the rite found in the Book of Blessings. This should take place, preferably, at the Sunday liturgy. A candidate is commissioned as an Extraordinary Minister of Holy Communion once and is not required to be re-commissioned.

To serve as an extraordinary minister of Holy Communion, persons must:

1. Be at least 18 years old;
2. Have received the sacraments of Baptism, Confirmation, and Eucharist;
3. Demonstrate a deep reverence for and devotion to the holy Eucharist; please do not address the communicant with his/her Christian name and **do not exchange greetings with other people walking past.**
4. Dress modestly, be on time and preferably sit in the front rows of the Church so that disruption to other parishioners is minimal once you get up.
5. **As soon as the "Lamb of God" commences (do not wait until the 2nd verse!) and bring the Ciborium to the altar with reverence.**
6. Ensure that your hands are clean before Mass begins. Use the sanitiser before and after communion.
7. If somebody is not consuming the Consecrated Host after receiving it, please remind the person with love, humility and compassion to consume it.
8. Please allow the communicant time to make a sign of reverence before receiving the Body of Christ.
9. Extraordinary ministers should not take the sacred vessels from the altar themselves, but should be handed to them by the priest.

10. Extraordinary ministers should receive Holy Communion from the priest before being handed the sacred vessels for distributing Holy Communion to the people.
11. When ministering the Bread of Life, hold up the host as the communicant comes before you, address them with the words "The Body of Christ" and allow them to reply "Amen".
12. If the Holy Host is dropped, pick it up and consume it yourself or place it in your hand under the vessel containing Hosts and consume later. Give the communicant a new Host. The minister should also reverently pick up any particles that drop from the Host.
13. A person may come forward in the Communion procession with arms folded to indicate their desire for spiritual rather than sacramental Communion. While not recognised as part of the Communion Rite this has become common practice. Extend your hand towards the person and say... May God Bless You and Keep You. Because of Covid 19, please don't touch the head or body while blessing.
14. After distribution of Communion please bring the paten to the altar.
15. Father may entrust you to take the Ciborium back to the Tabernacle and then, he may entrust you to take Communion to the choir loft.
16. Use the purificator to wipe your hands while giving Communion.

Ministers of the Word (Readers)

1. If possible, please arrive 10 mins prior to the Holy Mass. It is very helpful for the leader to do the check in.
2. The Lectionary will be on a stand outside the Vestry so that ministers can check their readings.
3. Preparatory Prayer – three minutes before mass, all the ministers gather outside the vestry for a brief prayer with the presider.
4. Preferably sit in the front rows of the Church so that disruption to other parishioners is minimal once you get up.
5. Gathering Procession: The First Reader carries the Lectionary in the procession, and may carry it slightly elevated.
6. **The cross bearer may stand on the Tabernacle side and the Lectionary bearer may stand at the Ambo side to bow down in front of the altar.**
7. 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 on the chair.
8. The first reader reads the first reading and Responsorial Psalm, if the psalm is not sung.
9. The second reader reads both the second reading and the prayers of the faithful.
10. **While reading, stand close to the microphone and adjust it so that everybody will be able to hear.**
11. Traditionally we pause in between readings and prayers of the faithful, but now let us read without pausing in between.

In our prayers we remember

Those who have died recently:

Riet Snels, Ken McCleneghan, Dawn Lucas (nee McKenzie), Nicola Bortolotti, Beverly Crowe

Those whose anniversaries occur about now:

Niel MacGinley, 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.

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 also written in a Remembrance Book that will be on the altar for all Masses during the month of November.

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.

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.

Hour of Prayer:

Next Friday, 6 November we will not have the Hour of Adoration, as the year four students will be joining in the celebration of the 9am Holy Mass.

Readings - 32nd Sunday in Ordinary Time - 8 November 2020
1st Reading: Wisdom 6:12-16; 2nd Reading: 1 Thessalonians 4:13-18
Gospel: Matthew 25:1-13

Parish Diary

First Holy Communion Dates:

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

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The Catechism of the Catholic Church also has something to say about prayers for the dead, stating: "All who die in God's grace and friendship, but still imperfectly purified, are indeed assured of their eternal salvation; but after death they undergo purification, so as to achieve the holiness necessary to enter the joy of heaven" (1030).

Prayers for the dead

The Holy Mass is the highest form of prayer in the Church that could be said on behalf of those who have gone before us. In Masses for the dead, and especially funeral Masses, "the Church offers the Eucharistic sacrifice of Christ's Pasch for the dead so that, since all the members of Christ's Body are in communion with one another, what implores spiritual help for some, may bring comforting hope to others." ("General Instruction of the Roman Missal," 379)

Praying with the dying

As death approaches, the Church stays close to the one who is dying, to give comfort and support. The family should ask that Communion be brought to the dying (this is called "Viaticum, Latin for "food for the journey").

The following prayer may be recited with a dying person, alternating with times of silence. The Our Father, Hail Mary and Glory Be are also appropriate. The dying person may also be signed on the forehead with the cross, as was done at baptism.

Holy Mary, pray for me

St. Joseph, pray for me.

Jesus, Mary, and Joseph, assist me in my last agony.

Immediately after death

The following prayer may be recited immediately after death and may be repeated in the hours that follow:

* Eternal rest grant unto him /her, O Lord.

* And let perpetual light shine upon him /her.

* May he/she rest in peace. Amen.

* May his/her soul and the souls of all the faithful departed, through the mercy of God, rest in peace. Amen.

At the graveside

O God, by whose mercy the faithful departed find rest, send your holy Angel to watch over this grave. Through Christ our Lord. Amen.

Commemoration of all the faithful departed (All Souls' Day)

We will be celebrating Mass on Monday 2 November at 9.00am.

Weekend roster for Ministers of the word October 2020

DATE	5.00 p.m.	7.00 a.m.	9.00 a.m.
31 Oct/	Jenny Close	Sr Cecily Foster	Luke Sutton
1 Nov	Nic Kure	Marie Flynn	Alison Hall
7/8 Nov	Annette Riba	Jeanine Bygott	Hannah Dalisay
	Edward Foley	Chris Maher	Wilma O'Connell

WEEKEND MASSES

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

The "Trybooking" link is:

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

WEEKDAY MASSES

Monday 9.00am
Tuesday 9.00am
Rosary 9.30am
Wednesday 9.00am
Friday 9.00am, (No Ado-
ration on this Friday 6 November.)

**Please sign-in when you
enter.**

SPEND TIME WITH GOD EVERY MORNING

Sign up to receive the Daily Gospel Reflection. These reflections are mailed to your inbox at 6am each day (Monday to Friday) and are just a three minute read that could be done over breakfast, intended to invite you into prayer. Written by Catholic lay people (men and women from the team at Evangelisation Brisbane), for Catholic lay people about the gospel of the day to help you start your day with God. Subscribe via the Evangelisation Brisbane website <https://evangelisationbrisbane.org.au/dailyreflections/>

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.

THANK YOU...

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

The offerings last weekend 24/25 Oct:

1st Collection \$628.00

2nd Collection \$222.00

Loose \$579.60

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.

Parish Administration

Parish Administrator: Fr. Biju Thomas
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Parish Secretary: Mrs Rosemary Greer

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Mrs Jane Cameron

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Community and Mission Council

Chair: Mrs Mary-Caroline van Paassen

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