



ST. AGATHA'S PARISH

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Thirty-Second Sunday in Ordinary Time *7/8 November 2020*

Parents and children in our church...

I heard from many that it is too troublesome to come to the church with children, children may make noise.... But when you come to the church with your children, you are doing something really, *very* important. I know it's not easy, may be tiring.

But it is true that when you are here, the church is filled with a joyful noise and the Body of Christ is more fully present. When you are here, I have hope that these pews won't be emptied when your kids are old enough to sit quietly and behave in the celebration of Holy Eucharist. I know that they are learning how and why we worship now, before it's too late. They are learning that worship is important.

I see them learning. In the midst of the cries, whines, and giggles, in the midst of the crinkling of papers, I see a little girl who insists on going two pews up to share peace with someone she's never met.

I watch a child excitedly colour a cross and point to the one in the front of the sanctuary. I hear the echoes of Amens just a few seconds after the rest of the community say it together.

I remember a little girl gave me a high five when I lifted up my hands to give a blessing.. so innocent.

I watch a boy just learning to read trying to sound out the words in the PowerPoint screen.

I know how hard it is to do what you're doing, but **I want you to know, *it matters. It matters to all. It matters to the community to know that families care about faith, to see young people....***

It matters that they learn that worship is what we do as a community of faith, that everyone is welcome, that *their* worship matters. When we teach children that their worship matters, we teach them that they are *present* right here and right now as members of the church community. They don't need to wait until they can believe, pray or worship a certain way to be welcome here. It matters that children learn that they are an integral part of this church, that their prayers, their songs, and even their cries and whines *are* a joyful noise because it means they are present.

I know it's hard, but **thank you for what you do when you bring your children to church. Please know that you are part of this parish family- with all of its noise, struggle, commotion and joy – you are a vital part of the community.**

“Now they were bringing even infants to him that he might bless them...Jesus called them to him, saying, “Let the children come to me...Truly, I say to you, whoever does not receive the kingdom of God like a child shall not enter it.” (Lk 18:15-17; See also Mt 19:13-15 and Mk 10:13-16)

When we have our children in the church celebrating with us, we not only benefit from having them with us, but we also give them something each time we gather. When we stand, sit, sing, pray, recite, confess, read, listen, watch, eat, and drink—our children witness us glorifying God.

They notice everything. They see our hearts emboldened with praise. They see when we delight in the God who made us and redeemed us. And they also notice when we're checked out - when we're disinterested and bored.

The distractions and noise of the children are also part of real life. And church should be the one place on this earth where God's people can be real with one another. God wants us to be real with him in prayer.

CONGRATULATIONS TO St Agatha's Calendar Competition Winners

January – Grace White
February – Allegra Pople
March – Isabella Burr
April – Edward McEwan
May – Isla Hartley
June – Bella Emery
July – Saben Buckley
August – Primrose Turnbull
September – Liliana Renfrey
October – Piper Mead
November – Emma Corrigan
December – Olivia Edwards

United in Divine...

Congratulations to our 88 children who made their first Holy Communion during these past weeks.

I am very grateful to the parents who have guided these children in their faith and who continue to share the gift of faith with them.

I gratefully thank the efforts taken by Jane Cameron and team in preparing the children for these great days. I gratefully acknowledge the help and co operation of the St Agatha's principal, Ms Anne-Marie Maw and the APRE Jake Knowles, to the families, musicians and all who made the celebration of faith possible, my sincere thanks.

Necessary matters of the church...

We are so grateful for your great financial support during this Pandemic time. But still we are going through the financial crisis. To overcome this crisis you may share your ideas with parish administration.

During these coming years, one of the important requirements for the Church is the renovation of the church roof and electrical wiring in the Church.

Let young people fill our church....

The Holy Mass at 5.30pm on Sundays is known as Youth Mass. The Youth Masses provide an environment where young people can lead and take ownership of the Mass. It encourages them to be an active member of their Parish and enables them to live out their faith with enthusiasm. It's exciting to see young people involved in many aspects of the Mass. They may be involved in roles such as being a Eucharistic Minister, Reader or Musician. Alternatively, they may assist by Altar Serving, bringing up the Offertory or by distributing bulletins.

Youth Masses are a time where young people can gather together to celebrate Jesus' Life, Death and Resurrection in a fun and uplifting atmosphere, so enjoy all that you can!

Every Sunday at 5.30pm we celebrate Holy Mass with the intentions of our young people. All the young people, please join the Holy Mass, and fill the church with your spirit. We thank Daniel and Gisselle for the wonderful choir and we appreciate all the young volunteers who are active for the Holy Mass. Our young people are planning to join again as the parish youth group after the covid 19 lock down season, and the evening tea after the Holy Mass will hopefully be starting again soon, and all other activities will also begin. Families - parents, grandparents and all are most welcome to join the Youth Mass. Please promote young people to join....

And also I have found that many of the Church items are out of date. The Church does not have proper Vestments. We need new Vestments for all the liturgical seasons, and also we are looking for three altar chairs for the Tabernacle side, and we need a new thurible, candle stands, altar cloths and other liturgical cloths. We have already started funding for a new Keyboard.

From last week's news letter....

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 15th 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.

In our prayers we remember

Those who have died recently:

Fergus Foley, Riet Snels, Ken McCleneghan, Dawn Lucas (nee McKenzie)

Those whose anniversaries occur about now:

Rosemary Ryan, Niel MacGinley

And those who are unwell:

Delphine Schulz, Nayland Pinkey, Mavis O'Brien, Anne Quinlan, 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.

Hour of Prayer:

Every Friday at St Agatha's Church immediately after the Holy Mass at 9 am.

Exposition of Holy Eucharist, Rosary, Silent Adoration and Benediction of the Blessed Sacrament.

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 9.30am, all are most welcome to join.

November is one of the most love-filled months.

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

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.**

Shalom World TV

The award-winning Catholic TV network, Shalom World TV, has launched an exciting new program, hosted by journalist, Jo Hayes (member of St Agatha's, Clayfield).

Airing on the first Sunday of each month, UNTOLD will investigate the biggest news stories from around the world, through the lens of catholic social and moral teaching.

The first episode, which aired last Sunday night, covered the imprisonment of an 83 year old Jesuit priest in India, on terror charges. The Catholic church in India has condemned the government pursuit of Fr Stan, who has spent five decades helping the poor and marginalised, and fighting cast discrimination.

Jo, who is also a reporter for 7News Brisbane, says, "I'm delighted to host this ground-breaking new program for Shalom World TV. This is a must-watch program for all Catholics, all Christians and all people passionate about the truth".

You can watch UNTOLD every Sunday night at 6.30pm AEST at www.shalomworld.org, or download the Shalom World TV app.



Weekend roster for Ministers of the word October 2020

DATE	5.00 p.m.	7.00 a.m.	9.00 a.m.
7/8 Nov	Annette Riba	Jeanine Bygott	Hannah Dalisay
	Edward Foley	Chris Maher	Wilma O'Connell
14/15 Nov	Tomos Walter	Andrew Douglas	Dan Butler
	Ann Goves	Marie Flynn	Carmen Gendle

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,

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/>

Eucharist Ministers, Readers, Welcomers (greeting people as they arrive).

With busy lives, it can be hard to find time to volunteer. If you are able to commit a small amount of time over the year in one of the above ministries at the Mass of your choice, please contact the Parish office on 3262859. All relevant paperwork and training will be provided. New rosters will commence soon. Please contact the parish office if you can assist in any way.

HAVE YOU LODGED YOUR ENROLMENT FORMS FOR PREP 2022?

If you have a child born between 1/7/16 - 30/06/17, they are eligible to commence Prep in 2022.

Any existing or new families who has a child ready for Prep in 2022 should complete an Online Enrolment Application Form. Go to: stagathasclayfield.qld.edu.au/enrolments to enrol. After submission please email pclaelenrolments@bne.catholic.edu.au the following details:-

1. Completed Criteria Form
2. Copy of Birth and Baptism
3. Information Access Permission
4. Enrolment Application Fee-proof

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 interview will take place for Non Siblings in April, 2021.

Sibling applications close for Prep 2022 on Friday 9th April and interviews will take place for Siblings in May 2021.

LIMITED VACANCIES - ST AGATHA'S CLAYFIELD

We are now accepting enrolments for boys and girls in our Co-Educational Catholic school. There are currently limited vacancies in Year 1, Year 4, Year 5 and Year 6.

If you are interested in enrolling your child at St Agatha's, please complete the application found at stagathasclayfield.qld.edu.au/enrolments. For enquiries, please contact the Enrolment Secretary pclayenrolments@bne.catholic.edu.au or phone 3326 9222.

THANK YOU...

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

The offerings last weekend 31 Oct/1 Nov:

1st Collection \$259.00

2nd Collection \$167.00

Loose \$765.75

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

Parish Administration

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

Family and Sacramental Ministry:
Mrs Jane Cameron

Finance Council Chair: Jodi Sutton

Community and Mission Council

Chair: Mrs Mary-Caroline van Paassen

Local Safeguarding Children and Vulnerable Adults Representative:
Georgia Allan (0456 441 717)

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School Principal: Ms Anne-Marie Maw

APRE: Mr Jake Knowles

**Outside School Hours Care
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