



# ST. AGATHA'S PARISH

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*Christmas comes once again, filled with great joy..  
We love Christmas, we love all the decorations  
and lights and the warmth of Christmas.*

*It is a time for children,  
who fill homes with energy, excitement,  
and sheer joy.*

*It is a time for the aged, who  
cherish Christmas memories, drawn from decades of Christmas celebrations.*

*Yes, Christmas is for everyone.*

People all over the world are with the joy of a beautiful Christmas with its humble and heavenly scenes bringing joy, warmth and hope to the hearts of young and old everywhere.

Actually, it is my fantasy about Christmas that the child Jesus is born in me ... and I see, whoever walks around me, praising God, singing the Gloria like angels:

*“Glory to God in the highest heaven,  
and peace to those who enjoy his favour”.*

At the same time, I have doubts about dreaming of a Christmas like this being celebrated in heaven ... I am aware that Christmas is also for those who grieve ...

It is the experience of the events that night in humble Bethlehem and those who followed Christ throughout his earthly ministry. The baby Jesus was born into a world of grief, suffering and loss. I am worried that there are so many people, who, even now, are suffering grief that feels very much like the shadow of death. *How can they celebrate Christmas, and how might we celebrate with them?* On the very evening of the celebration of Christ's birth, Christians are called to remember all the suffering people, otherwise we may miss the real Christmas.

*We all are praying for the protection from Covid19, and on this Christmas Day we specially pray, asking our Lord to look with favour on our dying people, on our suffering people, on young and old who lost their jobs and struggling to meet their livelihood. Sustain and give new heart to all ... We do not know whether corona virus is a mistake of human beings. However may we now ask, in God's loving providence to send abundant grace to survive this virus...*

*I pray with all my heart that wherever you are on Christmas Day, that you smile with great joy. I Pray you may have a very Blessed Christmas.*

*A beautiful new year is about to begin, and with it, so much hope!!  
May God bless you, keep you, protect you, shelter you,  
and help you at all times ...*

*Fr Biju*






# O come let us adore him

Our Christmas Crib is made for our children.

Little Charlotte invites all the children of the parish to come forward and have a glance of Baby Jesus, Joseph and Mary, shepherds and who else...!?



## ***It's awesome....***

*I remember the beautiful lines of Gary Schulz: "The Power of God's Grace is a flow of the power of God through his people to accomplish his will among us. It is about his life manifesting in and among us". Really I'm blessed to see God's Grace working through our people in our parish. Always I have found our people are selflessly ready to help, for the wellbeing of our parish. It is our marvellous efforts to keep our parish grace filled and wonderful.*

On this Christmas day I remember and thank all those who are helping our community by involving in different ministries for the perfect celebration of the Holy Eucharist; the parish Secretaries, Sacristan, Parish Finance council members, Community and Mission council members, the readers of the Word, the Special Ministers of Holy Communion, the servers, the choir, the collectors, those who clean and decorate the church and surroundings, those who help the parish financially, St Vincent De Paul members, all those who are visiting and helping the sick, and those who pray everyday for the parish community and all our neighbours and other volunteers. **Let us all thank God for being part of this parish family and part of the Holy Eucharist.**

I'm very impressed to see how wonderfully children's liturgies are done. I'm also happy to see all the activities of the church are going on in a marvellous way. We are still looking for more active participation from more people in different parish activities.

Thinking of all the goodness of our people, let us thank God.

## **Christmas Raffle**

Thank you to everyone who helped the parish financially through our Christmas Raffle. The raffle winners are **Lucy Crowe** No J 20 **and Andrew See** No L80.

## **Holy Communion for the sick**

Holy Communion can be taken to the sick and homebound people. If you know anybody that would like to receive Communion, please contact the parish office.

## **Date Claimers**

1. St Agatha's Feast Day Mass and Celebrations on Sunday 7 February 2021

Mass at 9.00am followed by Family Fun Day at Presentation Centre (St Agatha's School).

2. This year our parish church is hosting the inter-denominational World Day of Prayer on Friday 5th March.

## In our prayers we remember

### Those who have died recently:

Robert Gunthorpe

### Those whose anniversaries occur about now:

Douglas Munt, Stan McKenzie, Roman Pavlyshn, Bruce Woolnough, Hugh McBride, Bernie McBride, Eric Brumptom.

### And those who are unwell:

Andrea Frendo, Delphine Schulz, Nayland Pinkey, Mavis O'Brien, Anne Quinlan, Shelley Winter, 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.**

### A Christmas Prayer

Loving Father,  
Help us remember the birth of Jesus,  
that we may share in the song of the angels,  
the gladness of the shepherds,  
and worship of the wise men.

Close the door of hate  
and open the door of love all over the world.  
Let kindness come with every gift  
and good desires with every greeting.  
Deliver us from evil by the blessing  
which Christ brings,  
and teach us to be merry with clear hearts.

May the Christmas morning  
make us happy to be thy children,  
and Christmas evening bring us to our beds  
with grateful thoughts,  
forgiving and forgiven,  
for Jesus' sake. Amen ((Robert Louis Stevenson )

# Year 2021

## 1 January: New Year

On 1st January, we will begin the year with the celebration of Holy Mass at 9am.

## 24 January

Confirmation of Sarah and Isabelle at the 5.30pm Holy Mass. Isabelle will receive Holy Communion for the first time.

## 26 January: Australia day

Celebration of Holy Mass at 9am.

## 7 February: Parish Feast

St Agatha's Feast Day Celebrations will commence with Holy Mass at 9.00am followed by Family Fun Day at the Presentation Centre (St Agatha's School).

## 17 February: Ash Wednesday

## 5 March: World Day of Prayer

This year St Agatha's parish is hosting the World Day of Prayer.

## 26 March: Sacrament of Reconciliation - Second Rite.

## 3 April: Easter Vigil and Sacrament of initiation

## 4 April : Easter

## 17 April: 17th anniversary of Ordination of Fr Biju

All other important dates of the parish will be published in the news letter

## Anointing Mass

Every 4th Friday of the month we will have the anointing Mass at 9.am.

A Mass for healing does not have its own liturgy; the celebrating priest will incorporate Mass intentions that focus on healing. Fr Richmond observes that *Every Mass is a 'Healing Mass, because it is there, we encounter **Jesus the Divine Physician**. As we receive Holy Communion, we should bring to the Lord all those areas of our lives where there is need for healing (physical, emotional, and spiritual).*

## Hour of Prayer:

Every Friday at the Holy Mass at 9. 30am., we will have the Exposition of Holy Eucharist, Rosary, Silent Adoration and Benediction of the Blessed Sacrament.

### Readings - The Holy Family of Jesus, Mary and Joseph - 27 December 2020

1st Reading: Genesis 15:1-6, 21:1-3; 2nd Reading: Hebrews 11:8, 11-12, 17-19; Gospel: Luke 2:22-40

## Weekend roster for Ministers of the Word December/January 2020

### READERS

DATE	5.00pm	7.00am	9.00am	5.30pm
26/27 Dec	Jenny Close	Sr Cecily Foster	Eileen Duncan	Amelia Marino-Cebulski
	Tomos Walters	Chris Maher	Joseph Tan	Giselle Hossinger
2/3 Jan	Annette Riba	Jeanine Bygott	Joseph O'Brien	Max Van Balen
	Nik Kure	Marie Flynn	Phill Ryan	

### EUCHARISTIC MINISTERS

DATE	5.00pm	7.00am	9.00am	5.30pm
26/27 Dec	Ann Goves			
2/3 Jan	Jenny Close			

If you have any queries regarding volunteering in the church please contact the office.

The Parish secretary makes the rosters for all the ministries.

### WEEKEND MASSES

Saturday 5.00pm  
Sunday 7.00am  
9.00am  
5.30pm

The "Trybooking" link is:  
<https://www.trybooking.com/BKFQD>.

### WEEKDAY MASSES

**Monday 28th** No Mass  
**Tuesday 29th** No Mass  
**Wednesday 30th** No Mass  
**Thursday 31st** 9.00am  
**Friday 1st January** 9.00am  
No Adoration  
**Please sign-in when you enter.**

### THANK YOU...

Thank you so much for your generous contributions to the church.  
The offerings last weekend 19/20 December:

**1st Collection \$243.00**  
**2nd Collection \$232.00**  
**Loose \$844.60**

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

## Christmas Celebrations

### Vigil Mass

5.30 pm	Carols
5.50pm	Lighting the candles
6.00pm	Holy Mass, Nativity Scene



### Midnight Mass

11.30pm	Carols
12am	Midnight Mass

### Morning Mass

7 am	Holy Mass
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### 9.00am Mass

8.45	Carols
9 am	Holy Mass



### Parish Office Christmas/New Year Closure

The Parish Office will be closed from 12pm Wednesday 23 December and will re-open 8.30am Monday 4 January 2021.

For emergency contact Fr Biju Thomas: 0470212502, Email: thomasb@bne.catholic.net.au.

### End of Year Thanksgiving Mass on Thursday, 31 at 9.am

Let us join together and thank our almighty God for all the blessings he has showered upon us during this year, 2020 for ignoring God's grace and love...

**Sunday 27th December** Feast of the Holy Family.

### **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 and Mission Council**

**Chair:** Manus Maher

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

## St. Agatha's Catholic Primary School

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**School Principal:** Ms Anne-Marie Maw

**APRE:** Mr Jake Knowles

**Outside School Hours Care  
Coordinator:** Roxanne Grogan