



# ST. AGATHA'S PARISH

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## *Our Lord Jesus Christ, King of the Universe* *21/22 November 2020*

The pandemic crisis has been with us for more than ten months now. Many millions of people continue to suffer throughout the world and we must pray for the mercy of God to protect all people from the complications this pandemic has created.

Doctors, nurses, scientists, and lots of people are working hard to save the people during this painful time... Of course, we, all of us also are helping them financially, or with our prayers and support.

We can see wherever there is a great need for help, people are generously ready to help each other, because the love of God is installed in all our hearts... without love we cannot live... without God we cannot live... and automatically we may share this love...

The love of God is installed in our heart and we all are related to God and each other, because Jesus is the king of every heart and every soul... He is the love.

People used to say that there is one particular sin that we are often tempted to do, and that is lying. Many used to lie very often. Some people asked if telling a white lie is a sin. Well, the short and straight answer to that is that a lie is a lie; the colour doesn't matter. From childhood onwards we have been taught to be honest and to tell the truth always.

We know that Jesus was nailed to the cross for all the truth that He taught and stood for, that was where He ended up. As He lay dying on the cross, the people watched Him; the leaders jeered at Him, the soldiers mocked Him, and even one of the condemned criminals abused Him.

For all the truth and the love that He stood for, it seemed like a sorry and sad ending for Jesus. It seemed that truth and love had failed; it seemed that Jesus had failed; and it seemed that lies, and that the devil, the "father of lies", had triumphed.

But I say, in the midst of all that noise of jeering and mocking, there was a silent witness. As the gospel described it, above Jesus there was an inscription: "This is the King of the Jews", nailed together with Jesus on the cross. It was what we have come to know as "INRI" which are the initials for the Latin inscription: "Iesus Nazarenus Rex Iudaeorum". That notice was nailed above Jesus by Pontius Pilate probably to state the crime for which Jesus was condemned, and also to ridicule Him.

But that notice was the profound silent witness to the truth of Jesus – that He is indeed the King, not just of the Jews, but the King of the universe. And that is what we celebrate this Sunday – Jesus Christ, the King of the universe...

We worship and honour Jesus as the King of kings,  
and the Lord of lords,  
the Beginning and the End,  
the Truth and Love.

Like the other condemned criminal, "the good thief", we also want to admit that we are sinners and liars and we can only ask Jesus to remember us and save us. As we repent of our sins and acknowledge Jesus to be our King and Saviour, he will redeem us...

## Finance Meeting

The next Finance meeting will be held on Tuesday 24 November at 6.30pm.

## The commissioning of new CMC members

The new CMC members will be commissioned on Tuesday 1 December at 7pm.

## Christmas Masses

Amid Covid 19 we are planning to have our Christmas Masses in our church as below:

6pm	Vigil Mass
12am	Midnight Mass
7 am	Holy Mass
9 am	Holy Mass

This year we may celebrate Christmas in a simple way. The details will be published soon.

Due to the present restrictions, numbers will be limited at all these Masses. A separate "Trybooking" link will be set up for all the Christmas Masses. **Bookings are essential.** The booking link will be advertised as soon as possible.

## Choir Practice for Christmas

Choir practice for our Christmas Masses has begun. New members are always welcome. If you would like to be a part of the choir, please contact Robyn Cuming on 0414 861 988

## A small break

Immediately after Christmas, Fr Biju will be taking a small break for three days. Therefore, there will be no Holy Mass on 28th, 29th and 30th of December. On Thursday 31st we will celebrate the year's end Holy Mass of thanksgiving and on 1st January, we will begin the year with the celebration of Holy Mass at 9am.

## Adore

Advent and Christmas Daily Reflections 2020 are for sale at the piety stall for \$5.00 each. Limited stock available. **Adore** is an 88-page pocket-size book containing short spiritually rich, yet accessible, daily reflections from the begin-

ning of Advent (29 November 2020) through to the Baptism of the Lord (10 January 2021).

## Columban Calendars

2021 Columban Calendars are for sale at the piety stall for \$9.00 each. Limited stock available. The Columban Art Calendar is an iconic Catholic Calendar, well-known for its traditional religious paintings and liturgical information. 2021 marks the 99<sup>th</sup> edition.

## 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.

## Holy Mass for the Youth

I am so happy to see that our young people are involved in many aspects of the Mass. They may participate in roles such as Eucharistic Minister, Reader or Musician, assisting at the Altar, bringing up the Offertory or by distributing newsletters.

## 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.

## Advent Adventures

We will be running Advent Adventures for the children during the 9am Masses on the 13<sup>th</sup> & 20<sup>th</sup> 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.



## Baptismal Joy!!

*This Sunday we welcome with great joy five new members of Christ's faithful people, Isla Francis, daughter of Daniel Francis and Jacinta Smith; Penelope and Eloise Pyers, daughters of Anthony and Elizabeth Pyers; Edward Walters, son of Archer and Sally Walters and Nicholas McCarthy, son of Thomas and Emily McCarthy. May they always know God's love and the support of this Christian Community.*

## **In our prayers we remember**

### **Those who have died recently:**

Peter Doyle, Michael O'Connor, Leslie Townsend

### **Those whose anniversaries occur about now:**

Joseph Riba, Nikolaj Kure Snr, Joe Majerle, Elizabeth Majerle, Rosalind Shun Wah, Reg Shun Wah Jnr

### **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.***

## **Annual Peter's Pence Collection this weekend 21/22 November**

The Peter's Pence Collection is an annual collection of the Catholic Church around the world. The collection allows the Holy Father to respond to the most needy throughout the world, to offer timely, effective emergency assistance to our suffering brothers and sisters. Please give to this worthy cause as a sign of our communion with the universal Church and an understanding of the many almsgiving needs requests made of the Pope.

***Envelopes are available at the back of the Church. Please feel free to take one home and return next weekend.***

### **Special prayer**

Lord Jesus, Master of both the light and the darkness, send your Holy Spirit upon our preparations for Christmas. We who have so much to do and seek quiet spaces to hear your voice each day, we who are anxious over many things look forward to your coming among us.

### **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.**

### **Remembrance Book**

Throughout November you are invited to inscribe the names of those who you want to remember in the Book of Remembrance, which helps us focus our prayers as we pray for our deceased sisters and brothers.

Parishioners and visitors may write the names of family and friends themselves or inform Fr Biju or the parish office so they can be remembered during November Masses. The action of writing their names is an important one as it ensures we are all active in how we remember others; we write their name in the book, we offer a prayer, or we ask for Mass to be offered. Please take a moment to write in the Remembrance Book.

May they all rest in peace. The Mass offerings we receive will be offered on weekdays.

### **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.

**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.**

### **Readings - First Sunday of Advent (Year B) - 29 November 2020**

1st Reading: Isaiah 63:16-17, 64:1, 3-8; 2nd Reading: 1 Corinthians 1:3-9; Gospel: Mark 13:33-37



## Weekend roster for Ministers of the Word November 2020

### READERS

DATE	5.00pm	7.00am	9.00am	5.30pm
21/22 Nov	Alison Hall	Chris Maher	Eileen Duncan	Jo Hayes
	Annette Riba	Kirsty Stevens	Luke Sutton	Max Van Balen
28/29 Nov	Nic Kure	Jeanine Bygott	Wilma O'Connell	
	Tomos Walters	Sr Cecily Foster	Joseph O'Brien	

**We seek the mercy of God**

Prayers during the time of pandemic are kept at the entrances. Let us all include this prayer for the mercy of God.

### EUCCHARISTIC MINISTERS

DATE	5.00pm	7.00am	9.00am	5.30pm
21/22 Nov	Jenny Close	Karen Birtles		Joel Perkins
28/29 Nov	Edward Foley			

#### WEEKEND MASSES

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

The "Trybooking" link is:

<https://www.trybooking.com/>

#### WEEKDAY MASSES

**Monday** 9.00am  
**Tuesday** 9.00am  
Rosary 9.30am  
**Wednesday** 9.00am  
**Friday** 9.00am,

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

#### THANK YOU...

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

The offerings last weekend 14/15 November:

**1st Collection** \$1,249.60

**2nd Collection** \$393.00

**Loose** \$780.45

### St Agatha's Catholic Primary School

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](http://stagathasclayfield.qld.edu.au/enrolments) to enrol. After submission please email [pclaenrolments@bne.catholic.edu.au](mailto:pclaenrolments@bne.catholic.edu.au) the following details:-

Completed Criteria Form

Copy of Birth and Baptism

Information Access Permission

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 Catholic Primary School, 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 and Year 5.

If you are interested in enrolling your child at St Agatha's, please complete the application at [stagathasclayfield.qld.edu.au/enrolments](http://stagathasclayfield.qld.edu.au/enrolments). For enquiries, please contact our Enrolment Secretary [pclaenrolments@bne.catholic.edu.au](mailto:pclaenrolments@bne.catholic.edu.au) or phone 3326 9222.

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  
(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:** Mrs Mary-Caroline van Paassen

**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