



ST. AGATHA'S PARISH

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Second Sunday in Ordinary Time 16/17 January 2021

Year of St Joseph

8 December 2020– 8 December 2021



Saint Joseph, Pray for us...

You were chosen by God to be the foster father of Jesus, the most pure spouse of Mary, and the head of the Holy Family.

You have been chosen by Christ's vicar as the heavenly patron and protector of the Church.

We ask your intercession...

Protect our Pope and all who labor for souls amid the trials and tribulations of this life, and grant that all peoples of the world may follow Christ.

Remove all fear from our hearts. Fill us with confidence.

Protect us from the disease present in our world.

Dear St. Joseph, accept the offering I make to you. Be my father, protector, and guide in the way of salvation.

Finally, pray for me that I may share in the peace and joy of your holy death. Amen.

**COVID UPDATE from 6.00pm on
Monday 11 January through
to 1:00am on**

Friday 22 January 2021

**The wearing of face
masks is mandatory in
the Church at all times.**

HOMILY by Fr Michael Tate (Second Sunday in ordinary time)

What's in a name?

A lot, if it is God who confers the name.

What is the name which God the Creator gives to human beings, to humanity, i.e. to you and me? It is 'Adam'.

In the beautiful imagery of the Jewish scriptures, in the book of Genesis, God breathes into the nostrils of a figure made of clay, and names the first human being, 'Adam', a name which means 'earth creature'.

So, there is something of the Divine breathed into each one of us, but the name 'Adam' is a reminder to stay grounded in our earthiness.

We are stardust, earth creatures, loved into existence as human beings filled with the Breath of God.

We are loved into existence, for what or for whom?

Each one of us has a unique and irreplaceable role in the unfolding history of the universe. And there is a name which sounds that role, which the Creator desires each one of us to fulfil.

Jesus of Nazareth knew the power of naming in relation to vocation and destiny.

So, when Andrew brought his brother to Jesus, Jesus exercised the divine prerogative. We read: "[Jesus] looked at him and said: "You are Simon, son of John. You are to be called Cephas." "Cephas" is the Hebrew word for rock which in Greek is 'Petros', which in English is 'Peter'.

At one level, Jesus may be having fun at Simon's expense. Here is a man of such violent mood changes, that he is like shifting sand. So, Jesus thinks of the polar opposite, rock solid, and nicknames him, 'Rocky'! Jesus would play on that nickname: 'You are Peter and on this rock I will build my church.' (Matt 16:18)

This disciple is to be the solid, secure, rock-like foundation on which the Christian community will be constructed by the Holy Spirit. Jesus knew the deep-down name of this man, 'Peter', and pronounced that name which in fact identified his future role. This tradition continues with the successor of Peter. So, Cardinal Jorge Bergoglio took the name 'Francis' which indicates that he believes that God chose him to be Pope to follow in the footsteps of St Francis of Assisi.

I love my name, 'Michael', no doubt because it was the name first heard from my parents. It comes with all those wonderful associations of parental love.

But, apparently I do have another name. We read in the Book of Revelations: The Spirit is saying to the churches: "to those who prove victorious [after persecution] I will give the hidden manna and a white stone – a stone with a new name written on it known only to the man who receives it." (Rev 2:17)

This is the secret name by which God has known and loved me since the moment of my conception. It is the name which will reveal my true identity as desired by God just as Simon's true identity was revealed by Jesus calling him 'Peter'.

Parish Matters

Anointing Mass

Every 4th Friday of the month we will have the anointing Mass at 9.00am.

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).*

5 March: World Day of Prayer.

This year St Agatha's parish is hosting the World Day of Prayer. All are most welcome. It will be held in our Church at 10 am.

Holy Mass on Saturdays

As many of our parishioners wish, we shall have a Holy Mass every Saturday at 9 am. But this is only temporary. This is an addition to our week day 9am Masses. This does not replace our weekend Masses.

St Agatha's Feast Day Mass and Celebrations

Sunday 7th February 2021

Mass at 9am followed by a Family Fun Day at the Presentation Centre, St. Agatha's School

WITH:

Sausage sizzle, French pastries, Fruit platters, Cold drinks, Jumping Castle, Face painting, Raffle, Cake, Craft and Lemonade Stall **AND** Ball games organised by **Brothers Rep Players**.

Entry Cost: \$5 per person (under age 3 free)

Coffee & Tea can be purchased via coffee van.

To book for the 9am Mass go to: <https://www.trybooking.com/BKFQD>

To book for the Feast Day celebrations following the Mass

go to: <https://www.trybooking.com/BNZGE>

For any enquiries contact the parish office 3262 2859

or email: clayfield@bne.catholic.net.au

Covid 19 safe plan-maximum number of attendees: 300 people

All other Covid 19 safe plan will be observed.



Baptismal Joy!!

This weekend we welcome with great joy six new members of Christ's faithful people: Sofia DeMarco, daughter of Robert DeMarco and Katia Zadarozhnaya; Penelope and Jonathan Tynan, children of Michael and Edwina Tynan; Elsie and Vivienne, daughters of Jason and Kellie Waterford, and Harriet Wilson, daughter of Andrew Wilson and Rebecca McDermott. May they always know God's love and the support of this Christian Community.

Parking

Parking is available up at the school for weekend Masses.

Boom gate times

Saturday - boom gate goes up at 4.30pm, down at 5.15pm

Sunday - boom gate goes up at 6.30am, down at 9.00am
boom gate 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.



St Agatha's Feast – Prayer

O Heavenly Father, who raised Agatha to the dignity of Sainthood, we implore Your Divine Majesty by her intercession to give us health of mind, body and soul. Free us from all those things which hold us bound to this earth, and let our spirit, like hers, rise to your heavenly courts. Through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You, forever. Amen.

St. Agatha, Intercede for our Parish Family.

In our prayers we remember

Those who have died recently:

Patricia Armstrong, Bishop Geoffrey Robinson, Sr Teresita Ahearn PBVM, Annie Quinlan

Those whose anniversaries occur about now:

Fr Hilary Doran OCD, Thomas Curtin, Ann Curtin, Kathleen Curtin, Mary Curtin, Craig Andrews, Ismael Limas, Restituta Limas, Vita Limas, Louie Limas, Criz Limas, Emily Pham, Eric O'Hagan, Dominican Tran Huu Duc, Arthur Brumpton, Myrtle Brumpton, Sr Marcella Claffey

And those who are unwell:

Robert Walker, Sr Maureen Martin FCJ, Delphine Schulz, 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.

Thank you St. Agatha's

It has been said that "God is the Reason for the Season and the Child of Christmas IS God." When people think of the real meaning of Christmas, they usually think of the birth of Jesus Christ in a manger long ago. While special and miraculous, let us think about the relationship between Jesus and God. Let's think about Christmas as God being born into the world into the fully human form of Jesus Christ. Let's view Christmas as God becoming man without diminishing His divine nature. Let's also view Christmas as a celebration of God's love for each and every person in the whole world.

Embracing that desire, prior to Christmas, families and individuals each received a beautiful hamper to brighten their Christmas – and it was all made possible by you.

SVDP Clayfield want to personally thank you for your donation to St Agatha's Christmas Hampers. We're blessed with your generosity. Donations like yours make a big difference in the work our church is doing in the community.

Families with a "special need" in some shape or form benefitted from your assistance. They carry the burden of one, or more, family members with a physical or emotional difficulty that requires more assistance and often specialised help.

Your acts of kindness provided hampers for 25 families, giving them a happier Christmas than they could have had before. You put smiles on all their faces!

Together, we can make a difference. God bless, SVDP Clayfield Conference

Sacrament of Reconciliation 2021

Enrolment Weekend: 27/28 February 2021 at any of the Holy Masses.

Children's Book Review: APAC Centre

20 March 2021 at 4.00-5.00pm

First Rite of Reconciliation:

22 March 2021 at 5.00 pm

23 March 2021 at 5.00 pm

Sacrament of First Holy Communion 2021

Parent Information Session: 10.00 am or 6.00 pm, on 27 April 2021.

Rite of Enrolment: 1/2 May 2021 at any of the Holy Masses.

Hour of Prayer:

Every Friday at 9.30am, (after the Holy Mass) we will have the Exposition of Holy Eucharist, Rosary, Silent Adoration and Benediction of the Blessed Sacrament.

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.

Sacrament of Baptism

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.

Sacrament of Reconciliation

Every Saturday at 4.15pm to 4.45pm or any time by request.

Readings - Third Sunday in Ordinary Time - 24 January 2021

1st Reading: Jonah 3:1-5, 10; 2nd Reading: 1 Corinthians 7:29-31; Gospel: Mark 1:14-20

Weekend roster for Ministers of the Word: January 2021

Readers

DATE	5.00pm	7.00am	9.00am	5.30pm
16/17 Jan	Ann Goves	Kirsty Stevens	Chanelle Simpson	Max Van Balen
	Annette Riba	Sr Cecily Foster	Erin Bledsoe	
23/24 Jan	Jenny Close	Andrew Douglas	Eileen Duncan	
	Nic Kure	Chris Maher	Dan Butler	
30/31 Jan	Annette Riba	Sr Cecily Foster	Chanelle Simpson	Max Van Balen
	Alison Hall	Marie Flynn	Carmen Gendle	
6/7 Feb	Nic Kure	Jeanine Bygott	Joseph Tan	
	Tomos Walters		Wilma O'Connell	

Eucharistic Ministers (Only those who are officially commissioned as extra ordinary ministers of communion)

DATE	5.00pm	7.00am	9.00am	5.30pm
16/17 Jan	Jenny Close			
23/24 Jan	Ann Goves			
30/31 Jan	Edward Foley			

Leaders/ Marshals

DATE	5.00pm	7.00am	9.00am	5.30pm
16/17 Jan	A Hall	C. Maher	D. MacGinley	Aggies
23/24 Jan		C. Maher	L. Crowe	J. Perkins
30/31 Jan	K. McEwan	M. Maher	S. Bledsoe	Aggies
6/7 Feb		M. Maher	P. Ryan	Aggies
13/14 Feb	A. Hall		L. Crowe	Aggies
20/21 Feb	A. Hall	M. Maher	S. Bledsoe	J. Perkins

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

The Parish secretary prepares the rosters for all the ministries.

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)

You are invited...

WEEKEND MASSES

Saturday 5.00pm
Reconciliation 4.15pm-4.45pm

Sunday 7.00am
9.00am
5.30pm

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

WEEKDAY MASSES

Monday 18th 9.00am
Tuesday 19th 9.00am
Rosary 9.30am
Wednesday 20th 9.00am
Friday 22nd 9.00am
Adoration 9.30am
Sacrament of Reconciliation 9.35am
Saturday 23rd 9.00am

THANK YOU...

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

The offerings from weekend 2/3 January 2021

1st Collection \$523.00 2nd Collection \$340.00

Loose \$446.30

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

St. Agatha's Catholic Primary School

6 Hunter Lane Clayfield Qld 4011.
Phone: 3326 9222

School Principal: Ms Anne-Marie Maw

APRE: Mr Jake Knowles

Outside School Hours Care

Coordinator: Roxanne Grogan