



ST. AGATHA'S PARISH

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Fourth Sunday in Ordinary Time *30/31 January 2021*

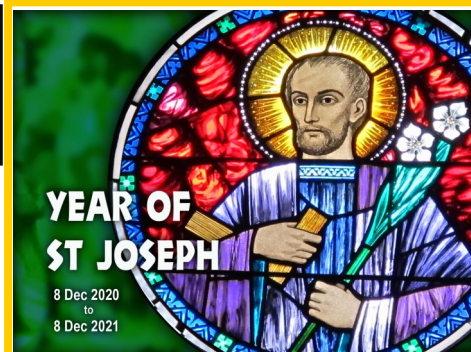
Last week the students and teachers of our school returned to their classrooms and staff rooms, beginning another scholastic year with high spirits. This coming Friday 5th February, the whole school is planning to attend the Holy Mass and begin the new academic year focusing on their 2021 goals and directions. We all wish them an excellent academic year.

We celebrated Christmas and now Ash Wednesday and the Lenten journey is the next big thing. In between we have what we call Ordinary Time where we, are just waiting for the next big event!

However for us, each week of Ordinary Time can be extraordinary as we experience and worship the risen Lord. What makes our life extraordinary is the cumulative effect of living day-in and day-out with Christ. Each weekend when we faithfully gather to celebrate the Eucharist we are nourished by Christ and united with Christ, which helps us make sense of the lives we are living and the choices we are making.

It is this conscious awareness of Christ's presence that changes the ordinary into the extraordinary. Christ's abiding presence affects the way we think and act toward others and toward the changing circumstances of our life.

May God Bless us all...



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.

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.

Protect us from the disease present in our world.

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

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

Amen.

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)

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>

or via the QR Code above.



For any enquiries contact the parish office 3262 2859 or email: clayfield@bne.catholic.net.au

Covid19 safe plan-maximum number of attendees: 300 people

All other Covid 19 safe plan will be observed.

Your safety is always our first priority and we need to keep everyone COVID-safe

The real Crisis of the Parish

What is the real crisis of the church? The real crisis, according to many parishioners is financial hardship. **But often I think the real crisis in the parish is the decline of church attendance.** The parish register shows this statistic of the last two weeks' church attendance.

Date	Vigil Mass	7.00am	9.00am	5.30pm
17/1/2021	37	32	58	39
24/1/2021	59	55	56	45

The COVID-19 challenge is unprecedented. It has caused enormous trauma, disrupted economies, social life, mass transportation, work and employment, supply chains, leisure, sport, international relations, academic programmes; literally everything.

Our parish has not been spared; it has been severely affected. A good number of people are likely to avoid the crowd in the church.

To have a sustainable parish we need more attendance on weekdays as well as weekends. Now is the time to think how we can overcome the impact of the coronavirus in our parish life...

The hope is that we can slowly overcome the crisis and re-emerge from it. We as Christians have the tradition of love and courage. "We need to rise up".

We are all fully aware that in the Church we experience the body of Christ - the community, the proclamation of the Word and the administration of the Lord's Supper. From the Holy Eucharist, the grace flows into the members and through the members into the world.

Parish Finance Council Meeting

There will be a Parish Finance Council meeting on Tuesday 2 February. The 2021 St Agatha's School and Parish Budgets will be presented.

During the meeting, the council will discuss parish finance and administrative matters. Normally the Finance Council meetings are held on the 3rd Tuesday of every 2nd month at 6:30pm. The dates of forthcoming meetings are: 16th March 2021, 18th May 2021, 20th July 2021.

If anybody has any concerns about finance

matters to discuss during the meeting, please contact the office.

Philippino spiritual gathering

All are welcome to join the Philippino prayer hours on Wednesday 3rd February at 6.30 pm. There will be Rosary, Novena and Holy Mass. Holy Mass will be in English. For more information please contact Terry Manso 0422 437 461.

St Agatha's feast and whole School Mass

On Friday 5th February, the feast day of St. Agatha, there will be a whole School Mass. On that day there will be no Adoration of the Holy Eucharist or Sacrament of Reconciliation.

Aggies Youth Mass, snacks and chats

Last Sunday, we commenced the snacks and chats gathering after the Holy Mass at 5.30pm. Aggies Youth chairperson Ewan McPherson took the leadership and Anne O'Conner together with many others organized the tea gathering. Dates for February are 14th and 28th. We will then return to the usual first and third Sundays of each month. Your help and co-operation are mostly needed. All are welcome to join the tea after the Holy Mass.

Australia Day

We gathered on Australia day with the solemn celebration of Holy Mass. Many people joined in the celebration of gratitude. Special thanks to the wonderful choir members: Robyn Cuming, James McKeon, Jenny McKeon, Eileen Duncan and Nicola Warda who made the Holy Mass so celestial.

Shall we have a cuppa together

As I am going to complete one year of parish life in our wonderful parish, I would like to have a cuppa with you / your family at your home, at a coffee shop or at the presbytery. This would enable us to have a chat together, so that we can grow as a parish family.

From last week...

Singers/Musicians

If you love to sing or can play an instrument, why not join our Choir. We are always looking for new members. If you are interested please contact the Parish Office (3262 2859 or email: clayfield@bne.catholic.net.au) and we can get you started. Rehearsals are held before the Easter and Christmas Masses and any other major Church event. Please come along... we would like to see you.

Lenten Studies The 2021 Lenten program, is a six session resource for groups or individuals. It provides a process for reflection and discussion on the Sunday Scriptures during Lent. Please contact the parish office if you would like to join or lead these discussions.

In our prayers we remember

Those who have died recently:

Michael Bryce

Those whose anniversaries occur about now:

Peter Howard, Helen Richards

And those who are unwell:

Lorraine Mary Lamond, 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,

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.

Don't wanna book online...?!

When can we go to Church without booking...?!

Fortunately, we can accommodate 250 people in our Church for the Holy Mass. If you forget to book online you can register at the entrance of the church.

When you arrive, just write your name and phone number in the folder kept at the entrance of the Church (there will be marshals to help you), and then, please move to the front or centre of the Church, therefore those who are late may get a seat easily. At the same time, if you book online it is very easy and helpful to us.

Please remember to book for the Parish feast day Holy Mass on Sunday 7 February.

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 and 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.



Parish Feast Prayer

God our Father,

We thank you for our parish of St. Agatha.

Baptised we are gifted and called to show your unconditional love for all your people.

We gather to praise and worship you and are nourished by the Word and the Eucharist for our faith journey.

Make our parish a family of one heart and mind in love towards you. Send your Holy Spirit upon the people of this parish.

Give us a greater love for all.

Be with us as we strive to see the face of Christ in all we meet and may we share our unique gifts in love and service, as we grow together as one.

Help each one of us to know what we ought to do, and give us strength and courage faithfully to do it, through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

St. Agatha, Intercede for our Parish Family.

Feast day of the week

31 JANUARY: St. John Bosco (Don Bosco)

St. John Bosco led Young People to Meet Christ by means of his educational style and pastoral practice, based on reason, religion and loving kindness. He led young people to reflect, to meet Christ and their brothers and sisters, to the study of the faith and to the apostolic, civil and professional commitment. St. Dominic Savio stands out among the most outstanding fruits of his work.

2 FEBRUARY: The Presentation of the Lord

Celebrated forty days after Christmas, commemorating the prescribed Mosaic ritual following the birth of a child, and recalling the encounter of Jesus with Simeon and Anna in the temple.

In fulfilling the Law (Lev 12:1-5; Lk 2:22-40) Joseph and Mary presented Jesus to the temple where they met Simeon and Anna. Both of them received a revelation from God concerning Jesus and they witnessed to His identity as Messiah in order to give a new sanctity to human existence

5 FEBRUARY: St Agatha, virgin, martyr

Died in Sicily, perhaps during the persecutions of the third century. Venerated as a virgin martyr on this day since the sixth century and included by name in Eucharistic Prayer I (The Roman Canon). Remembered in legend for her faith and for remaining resolute under torture.

Sacrament of Reconciliation 2021

Enrolment Weekend: 27/28 February 2021

Children's Book Review: 20 March 2021

First Rite of Reconciliation:

22 /23 March 2021

Sacrament of First Holy Communion 2021

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

Readings - Fifth Sunday in Ordinary Time - 7 February 2021

1st Reading: Job 7:1-4, 6-7; 2nd Reading: 1 Corinthians 9:16-19, 22-23; Gospel: Mark 1:29-39

Weekend roster for Ministers of the Word: January/February 2021

Readers

DATE	5.00pm	7.00am	9.00am	5.30pm
30/31 Jan	Annette Riba	Jeanine Bygott	Chanelle Simpson	Max Van Balen
	Alison Hall	Marie Flynn	Carmen Gendle	
6/7 Feb	Nic Kure	Martin Beckmann	Joseph Tan	
	Tomos Walters		Wilma O'Connell	
13/14 Feb	Ann Goves	Kirsty Stevens	Phill Ryan	Max Van Balen
	Edward Foley		Luke Sutton	
20/21 Feb	Jenny Close	Andrew Douglas	Jane Arkinstall	
	Annette Riba		Chanelle Simpson	

Leaders/ Marshals

DATE	5.00pm	7.00am	9.00am	5.30pm
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	K. McEwan	M. Maher	S. Bledsoe	J. Perkins
27/28 Feb	L. Crowe	K. McEwan	H. Dalisay	Aggies
6/7 Mar		M. Maher	D. MacGinley	

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

The Parish secretary prepares the rosters for all the ministries.

You are invited to celebrate...

WEEKEND MASSES

Saturday 5.00pm
Reconciliation 4.15pm-4.45pm

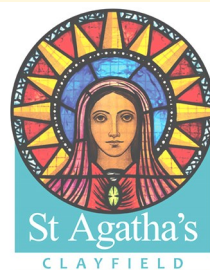
Sunday 7.00am
9.00am
5.30pm

The "Trybooking" link is:

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

WEEKDAY MASSES

Monday 1st 9.00am
Tuesday 2nd 9.00am
Rosary 9.30am
Wednesday 3rd 9.00am
Friday 5th 9.00am
Whole school Mass
No Adoration
Saturday 6th 9.00am



*A warm,
open and
welcoming
Church*

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

Aggies Youth: Ewan McPherson

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

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

THANK YOU...

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

The offerings from weekend 23/24 January 2021

1st Collection \$1,350.00 2nd Collection \$1,059.00

Loose \$736.50

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

New parishioners are encouraged to complete the census form, which is included in the welcomer's pack, kept at the entrance of the Church. Once completed please submit it to the parish office, so that we can enter your details in the parish register.