



# ST. AGATHA'S PARISH

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## *Sixth Sunday in Ordinary Time, 13/14 February 2021*

It was so blessed to have so many little children with parents last Sunday in the Church.

Once it was written in the newsletter that often people say, "it is too troublesome to come to Church with children, children may make noise..." But, remember, the distractions and noise of the little children are also part of real life, and the Church should be the one place on this earth where God's people can be real with one another.

When our kids go to Mass, they are physically in the presence of Christ. Even if they refuse to concentrate in the liturgy, they are there, and being there is different from being anywhere else in the world.

The Holy Spirit will quietly work on our children's hearts, laying foundations for a strong adult faith.

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.

**We cannot force our children to have a relationship with God. God Himself never forces anyone to do anything; he merely invites. It is our job, as parents, to make sure our children are present for that invitation.** *Continue on second page....*

### *Thank You...*

A huge thank you to the CMC Committee, school staff and parish community who helped in any way to make our feast day such a success. It was great to see such good team work come together to organise such a smooth running event. A big thanks to Jane Cameron for coordinating it. Thank you to everyone who attended. A great day was had by all.

Congratulations to Sarah McGuire who was the lucky winner of our raffle. Congratulations also to Christopher Flack, Maja Tan and Oliver Heydon for guessing the number of jelly beans in the jar. An amazing total of \$1,525.00 was raised from the raffle and the cake and craft stall. This will be donated to the McGrath Foundation.

### *Ash Wednesday - 17 February*

**6.30am Ash Wednesday Holy Mass**

**9.00am Ash Wednesday Holy Mass with the school students**

**St Agatha's School:** Years 4-6 will be joining the 9.00am Holy Mass. There will be an Ash Wednesday liturgy at 11 am in the school for the rest of students.

This year due to Covid 19, there is no marking with ashes on the forehead, instead we will be sprinkling the ashes over each person's head.

### *Archbishop's Message*

After the Gospel reading today, we will listen to the Archbishop's message. It was suppose to be given on last Sunday 7 February - the Word of God Sunday. Since it was the parish feast the message was postponed.



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### **9 am Holy Mass on weekends**

During 9 am Holy Mass every Sunday we have children's liturgy. Children's liturgy is coordinated by Jane Cameron, the assistant Parish secretary.

The instructors for this weekend are: Ewan McPherson and Sally Bledsoe.

Children's liturgy helps the children to know more about Jesus as well as encouraging them to come to Church. As in previous years, the custom at St Agatha's, before the Lord's Prayer, was that children may be invited to the sanctuary, and they will stand around the altar, joining the altar servers and pray the Our Father. Before communion they will all receive the blessing from Father from the sanctuary and return to their seats.

**All the families with children are most welcome to attend 9 am Holy Mass.**

### **5.30 pm Holy Mass**

The 5.30pm Holy Mass is known as Aggies Youth Mass. Holy Mass is celebrated with beautiful music by Daniel Allen and team. Our young people are the special ministers for the Holy Mass. All young people are most welcome to join in the celebration and help the ministries. As of March, every 1st and 3rd Sunday there will be refreshments after the Mass. Aggies youth leader is Ewan McPherson.

### **Have a cup of tea with the Parish Priest**

As I complete one year of my life in this parish as the parish priest, I am so happy to have a cuppa with you. I feel it is so great that I already have been invited to have a cuppa with some of our parishioners and have been able to listen to various stories of Clayfield.

Fr Biju

### **St Agatha's School Open Day**

St Agatha's School Open Day will be held on Friday 5 March from 8.45-10.30am. You are invited to visit them on their Open Day for a personal tour! Please RSVP by Friday 26 February, to [pclaenrolments@bne.catholic.edu.au](mailto:pclaenrolments@bne.catholic.edu.au) or call 3326 9222.

### **Projection Compassion**



Please take home a Project Compassion box and/or a set of donation envelopes and support Caritas Australia this Lenten season themed "**Be More**". Through your generosity and by aspiring to be more, you are assisting some of the world's most vulnerable people build better futures for themselves, their families and their communities.

You can donate through Parish boxes and envelopes, or by visiting [www.caritas.org.au/projectcompassion](http://www.caritas.org.au/projectcompassion) or phoning 1800 024 413.

### **Welcome to our Community**

This Sunday during 5.30 Holy Mass we welcome six new members to our community of faith. They will receive the sacraments of initiation during Easter Vigil Mass.

### **Philippino Spiritual Gathering**

There will be a spiritual gathering on this Thursday 6.30pm, including Rosary, Novena and Holy Mass, hosted by the Philippine community.

### **All Catholics**

During this time the Archdiocese of Brisbane is inviting all baptised Catholics to reflect upon what it means to be baptised Catholic.

We're looking for your help to:

- ♦ Pray for the opening of hearts
- ♦ Accompany those who are seeking
- ♦ Welcome new faces

Fliers are available with the news letter that you can give to family, friends, or colleagues who might be interested.

To sign up to be an accompanier or join the prayer, or to find out more, go to:

[www.evangelisationbrisbane.org.au/baptisedcatholic](http://www.evangelisationbrisbane.org.au/baptisedcatholic)

### **Word Day of Prayer 2021 – Vanuatu**

10.00 am Friday, 5<sup>th</sup> March

Our Lady Help of Christians Church, 9 Bowman St, Hendra

**You are invited to join us for prayer  
followed by morning tea**

**Contacts for further information:**

Jenny Close m. 0447647090

Mary Nicholls m. 0408080723

**Registration:**

OLHC Parish Office - email [hendra@bne.catholic.net.au](mailto:hendra@bne.catholic.net.au)

- phone 3268 3040

The World Day of Prayer is a global ecumenical movement. It is run under the motto "Informed Prayer and Prayerful Action," and is celebrated annually in over 170 countries on the first Friday in March. The movement aims to bring together people of various races, cultures and traditions in a yearly common Day of Prayer, as well as in closer fellowship, understanding and action.

# In our prayers we remember

## Those who have died recently:

Anne Richards

## Those whose anniversaries occur about now:

Thomas McVeigh, Pat Gallagher, Veronica Gallagher, René Ramaekers, Jean Moran, Sarina Caruso

## 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.*

## 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.

## 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.

**As of March, you will no longer need to book for any weekend Masses.** 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.



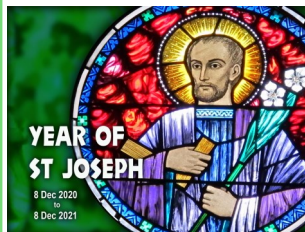
## Parking

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.



## 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.

## Holy Thursday 1 April

6.30pm Mass of the Lord's Supper

## Good Friday 2 April

10.00am Stations of the Cross

3.00pm Celebration of the Lord's Passion

## EASTER

Saturday 3 April

6.00pm Easter Vigil

Easter Sunday 4 April

7.00am and 9.00am Mass

**Please Note: NO 5.30pm Mass**

**You will be required to book online for the Easter Vigil and Easter Sunday Masses**

## Via Sacra

**Stations of the Cross** will be prayed every Friday during Lent after the 9am Mass (there will be no adoration during Lent) starting next Friday, 19 February.

## 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.

## Readings - First Sunday of Lent - 21 February 2021

1st Reading: Genesis 9:8-15; 2nd Reading: 1 Peter 3:18-22; Gospel: Mark 1:12-15



## Weekend roster for Ministers of the Word: February 2021

### Readers

DATE	5.00pm	7.00am	9.00am	5.30pm
13/14 Feb	Ann Goves	Kirsty Stevens	Phill Ryan	Max Van Balen
	Edward Foley	Karen Birtles	Luke Sutton	Amelia Cebulski-Marino
20/21 Feb	Jenny Close	Andrew Douglas	Jane Arkinstall	
	Annette Riba		Chanelle Simpson	
27/28 Feb	Jack Williamson	Sr Cecily Foster	Erin Bledsoe	Max Van Balen
	Ann Goves	Marie Flynn	Dan Butler	
6/7 Mar	To be confirmed	To be confirmed	To be confirmed	To be confirmed

### Leaders/ Marshals

DATE	5.00pm	7.00am	9.00am	5.30pm
13/14 Feb	A. Hall		S. Bledsoe	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	
13/14 Mar				
20/21 Mar				

*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 15th** 9.00am  
**Tuesday 16th** 9.00am  
Rosary 9.30am  
**Wednesday 17th** Ash Wednesday  
6.30am  
9.00am  
Years 4 to 6 will be attending the 9.00am Mass  
**Friday 19th** 9.00am  
Stations of the Cross 9.30am  
No Adoration during Lent  
**Saturday 20th** 9.00am

### THANK YOU...

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

The offerings from weekend 6/7 February 2021

**1st Collection \$1,182.00**

**2nd Collection \$255.20**

If you are not part of the Planned Giving Program and would like to contribute via online internet banking, details are as follows: **PLEASE NOTE NEW BANK DETAILS**

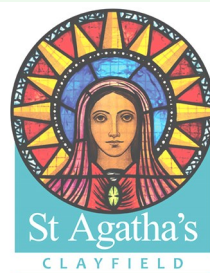
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BSB number: 064 786 Account number: 100006157

**New parishioners** are encouraged to complete the census form, which is included in the New Parishioner Pack, located 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.

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

The Parish secretary prepares the rosters for all the ministries.



*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