



ST. AGATHA'S PARISH

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Sixth Sunday of Easter 8/9 May 2021

A Mothers Day Reflection

When God created woman he was working late on the 6th day...
An angel came by and asked: "Why spend so much time on her?"
The Lord answered: "Have you seen all the specifications I have to meet to shape her?"

She must function in all kinds of situations,
She must be able to embrace several kids at the same time,
Have a hug that can heal anything from a bruised knee to a broken heart,
She must do all this with only two hands,"
She cures herself when sick and can work 18 hours a day"
The Angel was impressed. "Just two hands.....impossible!

The Angel came closer and touched the woman.
"But you have made her so soft, Lord".
"She is soft", said the Lord,
"But I have made her strong. You can't imagine what she can endure and overcome."

"Can she think?" the Angel asked...
The Lord answered: "Not only can she think, she can reason and negotiate."

The Angel touched her cheeks....
"Lord, it seems this creation is leaking! You have put too many burdens on her."

"She is not leaking...it is a tear" the Lord corrected the Angel...
"What's it for?" asked the Angel.....

The Lord said: "Tears are her way of expressing her grief, her doubts, her love, her loneliness, her suffering and her pride..."

This made a big impression on the Angel,
"Lord, A woman is indeed marvellous."

The Lord said: "Indeed she is.

She has strength that amazes a man.
She can handle trouble and carry heavy burdens.
She holds happiness, love and opinions.
She smiles when she feels like screaming.
She sings when she feels like crying, cries when happy and laughs when afraid.

She fights for what she believes in.

Her love is unconditional.

Her heart is broken when a next-of-kin or a friend dies but she finds strength to get on with life."

The Angel asked: "So she is a perfect being?"

The Lord replied: "No. She has just one drawback.
She often forgets what she is worth".

Whether you are a Mother, an Aunt, a Sister, a Grandmother, or have wonderful women around you, never forget how important you are, to all of us!

(Published in the news letter 2020, Mother's day)

First Holy Communion Masses

First Holy Communion Masses this year will be held on Saturday 29 May 5pm, Sunday 30 May 9am and Saturday 5 June 5pm. Let us offer our prayers and blessings to all the children who are preparing to receive this sacrament.

Please note that the front section of the Church will be reserved for the children and their families.

St Agatha's School

This week work started on the 'Fort' playground at St Agatha's Primary School. The children are very excited to have a new and refreshed playground including a parkour set and birds-nest swing.

St Agatha's school community acknowledged our mums, grandmas and the significant women in our lives with a beautiful Mother's Day liturgy on Friday 7th May.

Our mums had a special celebration of their own on Friday 30th April at Gusto da Gianni's restaurant, Portside. Over 100 mums attended the event which was a wonderful lunch filled with friendship, fun and laughter.

Mothers and Children's Holy Mass

We thank all who took the initiative to organise the celebration of the mothers and children's Holy Mass this Sunday. On this day we especially remember before the altar, all who are mothers and all who love and care for children like a mother. Mother's day falls on a weekend, but still our liturgy is focused on the celebration of the paschal Mystery of Jesus' death and resurrection.

Holy Mass on Saturday Morning

From July 3rd onwards Fr Biju will not be able to celebrate Holy Mass on Saturday mornings at 9.00 am.

Traditionally Saturday's are specially dedicated in honour of Blessed Mother Mary. Since we cannot continue the Saturday observance, let us specially remember and honour blessed mother on Thursdays. Your suggestions are most welcome.

Costings of upgrade to Church equipment

Sound System upgrade: \$13,449.00
Projector: \$14,560.40

Roster for May

DATE	5.00pm	7.00am	9.00am	5.30pm
8/9 May	Julie-Anne Gibson	Sr Cecily Foster	Children's Mass	Giselle Hossinger
	Graham Gibson	Paul Marshall		Jo Hayes
15/16 May	Alison Hall	Andrew Douglas	Wilma O'Connell	Max Van Balen
	Nik Kure	Chris Maher	Phill Ryan	Joel Perkins

In our prayers we remember

Those who have died recently:

Wendy Armstrong, Janice Moloney

Those whose anniversaries occur about now:

Ross McKenzie, Andrew Collier, Ray Logan, Bell Logan, Ethel Wallin, Vincent Delahunty, Dominco Adornato, Bill Bygott, Ben White

Publication of names for "those who are unwell".

We will only be publishing the names of "those who are unwell" for one month only. Please always ensure that the person is comfortable for their name to appear on the sick list. If you know anyone who would like to be prayed for during their illness, please contact the Parish Office.

New Liturgy Group

The parish requires a liturgical group to organise the liturgical celebration of important days like Christmas, Easter, St Agatha's feast, and other important days, it includes the planning of liturgy and decoration of the sanctuary. Your voluntarily help will be a blessing for the community, please contact office or Fr Biju.

Children's Liturgy: The next children's liturgy will be held on Sunday 16 May.

Planned Giving Envelopes: They are ready for collection at the entrance of the Church.

The Catholic Leader

The May edition of The Catholic Leader is now available in the church for \$4.

A Prayer for Mothers

All-loving God,
we give you thanks and praise for mothers
young and old.

We pray for young mothers, who give life
and count toes and tend to our every need;
May they be blessed with patience and
tenderness to care for their families and
themselves with great joy.

We pray for our own mothers who have
nurtured and cared for us...

We remember mothers who are separat-
ed from their children because of war, pov-
erty, or conflict; May they feel the loving em-
brace of our God who wipes every tear away.

We pray for women who are not mothers
but still love and shape us with motherly care
and compassion.

We remember mothers, grandmothers,
and great-grandmothers who are no longer
with us but who live forever in our memory
and nourish us with their love. Amen.

May all mothers know of Your loving
and gentle presence
and may they always turn towards You
in times of joy, sorrow and glory.
We ask this in Your Name. Amen.

Preparing for the next Sunday's Readings

The Ascension of the Lord

16 May 2021

Acts 1:1-11;

Ephesians 4:1-13; Mark 16:15-20

WEEKEND MASSES

Saturday 5.00pm
Sunday 7.00am
9.00am
5.30pm

WEEKDAY MASSES

Tuesday : 9.00am
Rosary: 9.30am
Wednesday: 9.00am
Thursday: 9.00am
Friday: 9.00am
Adoration: 9.30am

Support St. Agatha's Parish

Your financial support of St Agatha's Church is always appreciated. Ways to financially support your parish: Direct debit, Place your offerings in the collection plates during the Mass, Planned giving envelopes



The Parish Giving App. Hover the camera on your smart phone over the QR code and tap on the link to the Parish Giving facility.

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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