



# ST. AGATHA'S PARISH

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## *The Ascension of the Lord 15/16 May 2021*

Today is the 7th and the last Sunday of Easter Season. The feast of "The Ascension of the Lord" that we celebrate today was actually last Thursday – exactly 40 days after Easter, but because of its importance and for pastoral reasons we are allowed to move it to this Sunday, as we have done today.

"The Ascension of the Lord" is a special event in the life of Jesus and an important feast in the Church. What actually is the meaning of Ascension and what is its significance for us today?

Ascension is a glorification of Our Lord Jesus Christ. The feast of "The Ascension of the Lord" is the hope of our glorification and a guarantee to meet our Lord in heaven. It is a reminder of our salvation, a reminder that our true home is in heaven.

Today, as we celebrate the Feast of the Ascension of the Lord, we rejoice because Jesus has returned to eternal heaven, our real homeland. Heaven is the place, where we experience Jesus, with God the Father, and the Holy Spirit. And it is the ultimate end of our life.

The purpose of Jesus coming down to earth and becoming man is to remind us of our eternal home.

Really, Jesus mission while in this world was to tell about our eternal life with God. Jesus just had to tell people that there is a heaven and they will get there after they die if they are justified.

Next Sunday we celebrate the feast of Pentecost and, we are to wait and keep watch in prayer for the promise of God – the gift of the Holy Spirit. The Holy Spirit will also help us to live our lives

here on earth so as to prepare for our lives in heaven. So these coming days of prayer are meant for us to renew and reinforce our prayer life as we let our lives be directed by the Holy Spirit. Let us also specially meditate on the Descent of the Holy Spirit in the 3rd Glorious Mystery of the Rosary.

*"Lord Jesus, you have ascended to be with the Father and that the real meaning of today's feast is that each of us has been given the status in our Church to be your witnesses throughout the world. Give us your powerful Holy Spirit to enable us to be effective witnesses of your loving concern for all".*

### **Sacrament of Initiation on Pentecost Sunday**

Next Sunday 23 May at the 9am Mass, Jon Sharpe will receive the Sacrament of Initiation. Let us offer Jon our prayers during his time of preparation.

### **Pentecost Party on Pentecost Sunday at St Agatha's.**

Next Sunday 23 May during the 9am Mass, preschool to year 4 children are invited to join us for our Pentecost party in the Children's Liturgy Room. Wear something red, yellow or orange. Starts 9am sharp... don't be late!!

### **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.

### **The Catholic Leader**

The May edition of The Catholic Leader is now available in the church.



### **Baptismal Joy!!**

This weekend we welcome with great joy two new members of Christ's faithful people: Harvey Mitchell, son for Duncan Mitchell and Tia Di Camillo; and Cooper Triggell, son of Ethan and Stacey Triggell.

May they always know God's love and the support of this Christian Community.



## Roster for May

DATE	5.00pm	7.00am	9.00am	5.30pm
15/16 May	Alison Hall	Karen Birtles	Wilma O'Connell	Amelia Marino-Cebulski
	Nik Kure	Chris Maher	Phill Ryan	Joel Perkins
22/23 May	Annette Riba	Jeanine Bygott	Dan Butler	Max Van Balen
	Tomos Walters	Chris Maher	Luke Sutton	

### 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

**Those who are unwell:**

Celso Limas

**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.

### *National Volunteer Week*

*17-23 May 2021*

A huge thank you to all our wonderful volunteers: Peter Bowden our sacristan and those who assist him, Community and Mission Council members, Finance members, Readers, Communion Ministers, Youth Ministry; Music team and Choir, RCIA team, Counters and Bankers, Children's Liturgy team, SVDP members, Hospitality team, Care and Concern team, Altar servers and to all those who fill in at a moments notice and assist us with odd jobs around the Church and Presbytery... thank you!!! We hope we haven't missed anyone.

A huge thank you also to all our parishioners who participate in our planned giving program and help us out financially.

Thank you all for everything you do and for helping St Agatha's Parish keep the community spirit alive.

### **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.

*Can You Guess...*

*How Many Are In The Jar!?!?*

**HAVE A GO!**

**The CMC is running a guess how many chocolates competition at the 5pm, 9am, and 5.30pm Masses**

**Entry is \$0.50 or 5 guesses for \$2**

**Come along to any of these Masses to enter Good Luck!**

**Preparing for the next Sunday's Readings**  
**Pentecost Sunday**  
**23 May 2021**  
 Acts 2:1-11  
 Galatians 5:16-25; John 15:26-27; 16:12-15

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**WEEKEND MASSES**


Saturday	5.00pm
Sunday	7.00am
	9.00am
	5.30pm

**WEEKDAY MASSES**

<b>Tuesday</b>	: 9.00am
	Rosary: 9.30am
<b>Wednesday</b>	: 9.00am
<b>Thursday</b>	: 9.00am
<b>Friday</b>	: 9.00am
Adoration:	9.30am

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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**  
 Account name: St Agatha's Parish Clayfield  
 BSB number: 064 786      Account number: 100006157

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