



ST. AGATHA'S PARISH

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The Most Holy Trinity 29/30 May 2021

Have you noticed that in our baptistery in St. Mary Mackillop's chapel there is a bowl in the shape of a shell to pour water during baptism. When I saw that shell for the first time I remembered the popular story of St. Augustine.

The story is that St. Augustine was trying to write his thesis about the Holy Trinity and he was stuck for words, so he went out for a walk on the beach.

There, he saw a child running up and down, scooping water from the sea and pouring the water into a hole in the sand.

When St. Augustine asked the child what he was trying to do, the child replied: I am trying to pour all the water of the ocean into this hole in the sand.

St. Augustine laughed and said that it was impossible, to which the child answered: Neither can you try to put into mere words the mystery of the Holy Trinity.

And with that, the child disappeared, leaving behind the shell. So the shell has become a symbol of the mystery of faith, and the mystery of the Holy Trinity.



The Holy Trinity, whose feast we celebrate today, is beyond the reach of time and the grasp of human reasoning. It is a mystery of our faith.

The meaning of this Feast: We are made in the image of a triune God. Our lives should reflect this great Trinity. We should be always creative like the Father, compassionate like the Son, and use our gifts in the service of others like the Holy Spirit.

"May the grace of the Lord Jesus Christ, and the love of God, and the fellowship of the Holy Spirit be with you all, Amen". 2 Cor 13:14

Prayers and congratulations to our children

These coming two weeks are so important to our parish. 72 of our children are going to receive their First Holy Communion. We, the whole parish community wish them all the blessings and prayers.

Normally, most of us never miss the Holy Eucharist on weekends, because we know that the Holy Eucharist is so important in our life. And also, receiving Holy Communion is one of the most important things we can do as a Catholic.

The bread and wine we receive at communion is the Body and Blood of Jesus Christ. Transubstantiation is the conversion of the substance of the Eucharistic elements into the Body and Blood of Christ at consecration, only the appearances of bread and wine still remain.

We participate in the sacrament of communion to commemorate all that Jesus did for us by suffering on the cross and rising again so we can be free from sin and have eternal life in heaven.

We know that the mode of Christ's presence under the Eucharistic species is unique. It raises the Eucharist above all the sacraments as "the perfection of the spiritual life and the end to which all sacraments tend." The CCC says that in the most blessed sacrament of the Eucharist "the Body and Blood, together with the soul and divinity, of our Lord Jesus Christ and, therefore, the whole Christ is truly, really, and substantially contained." "This presence is called 'real'". (The Catechism of the Catholic Church: p 1374)

Why do we have a Celestial Tabernacle

Normally the consecrated bread and wine, as the Body and Blood of Christ, are meant to be consumed at that self-same liturgy. At the same time, we too reserve Holy Communion for those who are sick or home-

Roster for May

DATE	5.00pm	7.00am	9.00am	5.30pm
29/30 May	First Communion	Paul Marshall	First Communion	Giselle Hossinger
		Karen Birtles		Joel Perkins
5/6 June	First Communion	Kirsty Stevens	Eileen Duncan	Max Van Balen
		Sr Cecily Foster	Carmen Gendle	Jo Hayes

In our prayers we remember

Those who have died recently:

Olga Welch, Br Terry Kingston, Alan Hartland

Those whose anniversaries occur about now:

Bill Kirby, Carmelo Di Salvo, Gloria McKenzie, Maurice Griffin, Terry Boyle

Those who are unwell:

Celso Limas

Can You Guess...

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!

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bound and unable to attend the Holy Eucharist. The Eucharist is brought to them by the priest or ministers of the community.

It is for that purpose that some of the consecrated bread may be reserved, and this requires recognizing the dignity of Christ's Real Presence. It also, secondarily, allows for adoration of Christ in this enduring Presence.

We should always spend time in the church most reverently; we genuflect and respect a prayerful silence. We make the sign of the cross. This makes us joyful and blessed.

Parking

Parking is available up at the school for weekend Masses.

Boom gate times

Saturday Vigil Mass boom gate goes up at 4.30pm, down at 5.15pm

Sunday morning Masses boom gate goes up at 6.30am, down at 9.00am

Sunday 5.30pm Mass boom gates 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.

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

Total Income, April: including Sunday offerings, liturgy offerings : \$23,336.93

Total Expense, April: \$27,939.64

"Thank you to everyone who contributes to our Parish financially. Your generosity is important and essential for our parish to carry out its mission." For more information please contact the Parish.

SVDP Winter Appeal 2021

The St Agatha's SVDP Conference are conducting its **Winter Appeal** starting next weekend 5/6 June. Envelopes will be available at the front of the Church.

Children's Liturgy:

Next Children's Liturgy will be held on Sunday 6 June 9am.

Preparing for the next Sunday's Readings

The Most Holy Body and Blood of Christ: 6 June 2021

Exodus 24:3-8, Hebrews 9:11-15; Mark 14:12-16, 22-26

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
 Year 5 attending
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**

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



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