



ST. AGATHA'S PARISH

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Eleventh Sunday in Ordinary Time 12/13 June 2021

The Sowing of the Seed, a reflection by Fr Michael Tate;

In Australia, so far as I know, a farmer ploughs the land and *then* plants the seed. In Galilee, the farmer scattered the seed on the old field and therefore on tracks which people made walking across it after cropping, on thorny areas, and also on what he hoped was good soil. He *then* ploughed in the seed.

It is a wonder that anything grew, and generally the return was about 7:1. In a previous parable Jesus had spoken of the Kingdom he was inaugurating as if it would turn out to be like a bumper harvest of up to a hundredfold.

What would such a harvest mean for a peasant tilling the rocky soil of Galilee? It would mean release from the endless servitude to a landlord, generation after generation. It would mean liberation, not only from hunger, but from the power structure which was quite content with a permanent underclass of subsistence farmers.

In other words, Jesus was telling his listeners that God's Kingdom would turn the world as they knew it 'upside down'. As Mary sang in the Magnificat: 'The hungry he has filled with good things, the rich sent empty away.' Power structures would be shattered by the impulses of the Gospel to create a society where there was a just distribution of the world's resources.

Naturally, the peasant farmers of Galilee wanted to know 'when' and 'how'. We want to know the 'when' and the 'how' of the fulfilment of the Kingdom of God.

Jesus' answer to them, and to us, is basically: 'It is not for you to know. Just get on with the sowing of the Gospel seed. Something will happen with the seed you sow, something out of all proportion to your part in the process.'

Our Lord pictured this by contrasting the tiny mustard seed and the mustard bush which he even exaggerates into a tree in which birds could find shelter!

In this parable Jesus says: 'Be patient, allow the creative power of God to work in the earth and the small seed will be "raised up".'

When did God's creative power work in the depths of the stony ground so that the Gospel Seed was raised up? The answer is, of course, in the Resurrection of Our Lord Jesus Christ.

Be an Eternal Guardian of your Faith

Do you want to ensure that the mission of the Catholic Church and your local parish continues well in to the future?

We need your support to sustain our faith and continue to provide parish facilities, programs and services for generations to come. Your gift, of any amount, will help carry forward the Gospel message to future generations. To find out how you can be an Eternal Guardian of your faith, please contact us on 07 3324 3632 or visit www.catholicfoundation.org.au

Message from Parish Priest

"As we look to sustain the future of our parish and our community, we must ensure that our parish ministries and programs continue to thrive. Therefore, it is with great enthusiasm that our parish to provide you more information about our Eternal Guardians Program.

When you decide to remember the Church in your Will, you become a member of our Eternal Guardians Program, which seeks to thank and honour all our benefactors during their lifetime. Leaving a gift of any size in your Will is a meaningful way to build and sustain our parish for generations to come. A gift in your Will can sustain the future of our parish facilities, programs and services so we continue to celebrate our Catholic faith in this corner of the world.

We invite all parishioners to become Eternal Guardians through gifts in your Wills to our parish endowment fund, or to an area of the Archdiocese that matters most to you. Thank you for your ongoing commitment and generosity."

Guess the Chocolates Competition Winners

Congratulations to Austen Cullen (255) and Jennifer Morton (257). The correct number of chocolates was 256. Well done!! Thank you to everyone who entered. A total of \$107.00 was raised.

Roster for June

DATE	5.00pm	7.00am	9.00am	5.30pm
12/13 June	Jack Williamson	Karen Birtles	Dan Butler	Alison Hall
	Ann Goves	Paul Marshall	Ellie Griffin	Joel Perkins
19/20 June	Annette Riba	Jeanine Bygott	Erin Bledsoe	Max Van Balen
	Edward Foley		Hannah Dalisay	Giselle Hossinger

In our prayers we remember

Those who have died recently:

Sir William Allen

Those whose anniversaries occur about now:

Concetta Zavaglia, Hugh McBride, Eileen

Brumpton, Lorraine Douglas

Those who are unwell:

Celso Limas

SVDP Winter Appeal 2021

The St Agatha's SVDP Conference are conducting its **Winter Appeal**. Envelopes are available at the front of the Church. A SVDP representative will be talking to you after the Mass this weekend. The Conference are always looking for new members. If you would like to find out more information about becoming a member, please contact John Fitzpatrick on 0408 985 709.

Welcome to Fr John Grace and Fr Tom Elich

As of 29 June to 12 July Fr Biju will be away.

Fr John Grace and Fr Tom Elich will be helping us in the celebration of Holy Masses as follows:

Tuesday 29 June: Fr John	Tuesday 6 June: Fr Tom
Wednesday 30 June: Fr John	Wednesday 7 July: Fr Tom
Thursday 1 July: Fr John	Thursday 8 July: Fr Tom
Weekend 3/4 July: Fr John	Friday 9 July: Fr Tom
	Weekend 10/11 July: Fr Tom

Please note that there will be no Holy Mass on Friday 2 July and Saturday mornings on 3 and 10 July.



IF YOUR CHILD IS IN YEAR 3 (AGE 8), OR OLDER AND IS BAPTISED CATHOLIC, this message is for you.

This journey is also open to young people in high school who have already been baptised Catholic. **The Sacrament of Confirmation will be celebrated on Friday 10 September, at 5pm & 7pm**

HERE ARE THE NECESSARY STEPS ON THE JOURNEY TO CONFIRMATION:

- Attend a compulsory Parent information session on Tuesday 3rd August at 10am or 6pm. Pickup children's pack and pay enrolment fee of \$60.00.
- Attend Rite of enrolment on Saturday 7th of August at 5.00pm Mass or Sunday 8th of August at 7.00am, 9.00am or 5.30pm Masses. **PLEASE NOTE:** Enrolments will be accepted during the Rite.
- Attend Book Review and workshop on Saturday 28 August at 4.00pm or Sunday 29 August at 10am. Each child to be accompanied by one parent or guardian. Be prepared to spend quality time with your child.
- Attend the Rehearsal in the Church. Child and at least one parent must attend on either 6 September or 7 September at 3.30pm.
- Come and Celebrate at the Sacrament of Confirmation Friday 10 September at 5 pm/7pm.

Please give serious consideration as to the readiness of your child to receive this sacrament. Are they mature enough to engage fruitfully on the journey for this sacrament? The ages given are the minimum for each sacrament and can be decided at the discretion of the parents. Are you as their parent/guardian able to support their journey at this time?

Next Children's Liturgy on Sunday, 20 June 9 am:

Catechists for Sunday 20 June are: Ewan McPherson and Renee Maunder

Preparing for the next Sunday's Readings

12th Sunday in Ordinary Time: 20 June 2021

Job 38:1, 8-11; 2 Corinthians 5:14-17; Mark 4:35-41

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School Principal: Ms Anne-Marie Maw

APRE: Mr Jake Knowles

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

Saturday: 9am

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