



# ST. AGATHA'S PARISH

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## *Twelfth Sunday in Ordinary Time 19/20 June 2021*

### **Gospel reflection by** Fr Michael Tate

According to St Paul 'the whole of creation... is yearning to share in the glory promised to the children of God.' (Romans 8)

In the meantime it is as though from the beginning every element of the universe is 'listening out' for the word which will bring it into harmony with that deepest yearning, listening so as to exist in a way which is never destructive of God's plan for humanity and all other creatures.

And that is what happens in this gospel episode. What is the situation of creation? One has a howling wind, shrieking against every timber of the boat, storm-tossed waves threatening to engulf and sink the boat.

What word is heard by these elements of the universe? A word which they hear even as they are at their most destructive.

'Quiet, be still.'

And there was a dead calm, Why?

Because this was a word spoken by the Lord of all creation, the Sovereign of the universe.

And what was the result? The disciples were able to make their way across the Sea of Galilee 'to the other side' in the company of Jesus. What does that mean?

They were able to go from the western Jewish side to the eastern Pagan side. That is from the side which they knew, from the side with which they were familiar, from the side where they were 'at home' to the side which they did not know, which was unfamiliar territory for them, where, far from being at home, they would feel dis-located, dis-placed.

That is why this gospel story is good news for us, for you and for me. There will be times, there have been times when, in the journey of life, suddenly chaos erupts. A tempest storms into our life. The wind is howling. We want to block our ears to the situation threatening us whether from the outside or from some part of our own person-

ality. We feel we are being swamped. Some part of us is facing death.

With the disciples we may cry out to Jesus 'Don't you care?' And the Lord of the Universe will ensure we are not submerged by chaotic, dark forces.

But, he will not turn us back to the situation as before. We must continue to 'the other side'. It will be unfamiliar territory. We will feel displaced, somewhat disoriented.

But we will also find that Our Lord has accompanied us in that journey through the chaos. He is our companion as we find our bearings in the new situation we have reached 'on the other side'.

We should pray that in the midst of dying we will hear Our Lord rebuking the Prince of Darkness and Death: 'Quiet, be still.' And Our Lord will accompany us, be our companion to the other side, to the Promised Land of Heaven.

### **Ordination to the Presbyterate**

The Ordination to the Presbyterate of Deacons Francis Fernandes, Jack Ho and William Iuliano will be celebrated at the Cathedral of St Stephen on Tuesday 29 June 2021. Deacon Luke Bulley from the Passionists Community will also be Ordained. Congratulations and prayers to all of them.

**Anointing Mass:** There will be an anointing Mass next Friday 25 June at 9.00am.

### **Safeguarding compliance**

If you volunteer for the Parish you may receive an email from Jane Cameron regarding Safeguarding Compliance in the next week or so. Jane is conducting a Parish audit and really appreciates your co-operation and understanding throughout the process. Thanking you all.

### **Celebrating with year 4 children**

On Thursday, 24 June, year 4 children will be leading the Holy Mass.

**Baptismal Joy!!** This weekend we welcome with great joy four new members of Christ's faithful people: Bobby George, son of Ben and Gemma George; Frankie and India Crock, children of William and Hannah Crock and Louis George, son of Michel George and Becky Lee. May they always know God's love and the support of this Christian Community.



## Roster for June

DATE	5.00pm	7.00am	9.00am	5.30pm
19/20 June	Annette Riba	Jeanine Bygott	Chanelle Simpson	Max Van Balen
	Ann Goves	Nick Eden	Hannah Dalisay	Giselle Hossinger
26/27 June	Julie-Anne Gibson	Chris Maher	Jane Arkinstall	Amelia Cebulski-Marino
	Graham Gibson	Sr Cecily Foster	Joseph O'Brien	Jo Hayes

### In our prayers we remember

#### Those who have died recently:

Duncan Pegg, Mila Hooley, Ray Pavey, John Reid, Geoffrey O'Donoghue, Beryl Hawney, Alan Hartland

#### Those whose anniversaries occur about now:

Anne Seymour, Elizabeth Payne, John Rego, Eileen Williamson, Joan Hinson, Brendon Cross, Concetta Zavaglia, Hugh McBride, Eileen Brumpton

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

**Total Income**, May: including Sunday offerings, liturgy offerings, Sacramental program: \$28,899.04

**Total Expense**, May: \$24,008.87

"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.

#### 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

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

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?

**Sacrament of Baptism:** 3<sup>rd</sup> and 4<sup>th</sup> Sundays of the month.

#### Becoming catholic as an adult

Each year our Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults (RCIA) program commences. If you are over 18 and are interested in exploring the Catholic faith this year, contact the Parish Office.

**Safeguarding:** Safeguarding is everyone's responsibility. All those who minister within the Archdiocese must adhere to the National Catholic Safeguarding Standards which serves to protect all children and vulnerable adults. For comprehensive information:

<http://www.brisbanecatholic.org.au/safeguarding/Covid19safePlan...>

If you are unwell, or have even minor symptoms, please remain at home. Please keep social distance.

### Children's Liturgy this Sunday, 20 June 9 am:

Catechists this Sunday are: Ewan McPherson and Jane Cameron

### Preparing for the next Sunday's Readings

### 13th Sunday in Ordinary Time: 27 June 2021

Wisdom 1:13-15; 2:23-24; 2 Corinthians 8:7, 9, 13-15; Mark 5:21-43

#### 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  
 Anointing Mass  
 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

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