



# ST. AGATHA'S PARISH

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## *Thirteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time 26/27 June 2021*

### **Feast of Sts Peter and Paul, Apostles**

On 29 June, the Church celebrates the feast day of Sts Peter and Paul. Together, the two saints are the founders of the See of Rome, through their preaching, ministry and martyrdom there.

Peter, who was named Simon, was a fisherman of Galilee and was introduced to the Lord Jesus by his brother Andrew, also a fisherman. Jesus gave him the name Cephas (*Petrus* in Latin), which means 'Rock,' because he was to become the rock upon which Christ would build His Church.

Peter was a bold follower of the Lord. He was the first to recognize that Jesus was "the Messiah, the Son of the living God," and eagerly pledged his fidelity until death. In his boldness, he also made many mistakes, however, such as losing faith when walking on water with Christ and betraying the Lord on the night of His passion.

Yet despite his human weaknesses, Peter was chosen to shepherd God's flock. The Acts of the Apostles illustrates his role as head of the Church after the Resurrection and Ascension of Christ. Peter led the Apostles as the first Pope and ensured that the disciples kept the true faith.

Peter spent his last years in Rome, leading the Church through persecution and eventually being martyred in the year 64. He was crucified upside-down at his own request, because he claimed he was not worthy to die as his Lord.

He was buried on Vatican hill, and St. Peter's Basilica is built over his tomb.

St Paul was the Apostle of the Gentiles. From his letters we learn much about his life and the faith of the early Church.

Before receiving the name Paul, he was Saul, a Jewish Pharisee who zealously persecuted Christians in Jerusalem. Saul's conversion took place as he was on his way to Damascus to persecute the Christian community there. He took the name Paul and spent the remainder of his life preaching the Gospel tirelessly to the Gentiles of the Mediterranean world.

Paul was imprisoned and taken to Rome, where he was beheaded in the year 67. He is buried in Rome in the Basilica of St Paul Outside the Walls.

In a sermon in the year 395, St Augustine of Hippo said of Sts Peter and Paul: "Both apostles share the same feast day, for these two were one... we celebrate this day made holy for us by the apostles' blood. Let us embrace what they believed, their life, their labours, their sufferings, their preaching, and their confession of faith."

### *Baptismal Joy!!*

This weekend we welcome with great joy five new members of Christ's faithful people: Leo Martin, son of Tony and Kate Martin; Scott Alers, son of Craig and Sarah Alers; Ellaria Larden, daughter of Rob and Karina Larden; Harvey Stewart, son of Mitchell and Jessica Stewart; Ayla Hagell, daughter of Chris Hagell and Madeleine Hunt. May they always know God's love and the support of this Christian Community.



## Your Generous Support...

Each year parishes in the Archdiocese of Brisbane take up the Peter's Pence collection as a **retiring collection**. The collection is to be taken at the Masses the weekend after the Feast of Sts Peter and Paul. Therefore, this year's collection will be taken up on the 3 and 4 July 2021 (14th Sunday of Ordinary Time).

Would you, as members of St Agatha's Clayfield, please make a small contribution to Peter's Pence next weekend, as Catholics in Australia, to join in communion with the Catholic faithful throughout the world, in support of the charitable works of the Holy See.

The collection allows the Holy Father to respond to the neediest throughout the world, to offer timely, effective, emergency assistance to our suffering brothers and sisters. I would like to thank everyone for your generous support.

## St Agatha's School News

St Agatha's Primary School are excited to announce an additional Prep class for 2022.

For many years, St Agatha's has been a school of choice for families in the region due to our excellent academic standards, welcoming community and strong Catholic identity. This enrolment demand has increased significantly over the last few years with the Prep 2022 enrolment demand being the largest we have received.

In addition to the additional Prep class, there are limited vacancies in some year levels for the 2022 school year. If you are interested in enrolling your child at our wonderful school, please visit the school website and fill in an application form: [www.stagathasclayfield.qld.edu.au/Pages/default.aspx](http://www.stagathasclayfield.qld.edu.au/Pages/default.aspx)

## Be an Eternal Guardian of your faith

Do you want to ensure that the mission of the Catholic Church and St. Agatha's 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](http://www.catholicfoundation.org.au)

## Holy Mass celebrated with year 4 students

Last Thursday there was a joyful celebration of Holy Mass organized by year 4 children. With

singing and praying together they made it a very spirit filled celebration. Thanks to the school staff for preparing them very well.

## Ordination to the Presbyterate:

The Ordination to the Presbyterate of Deacons Francis Fernandes, Jack Ho and William Aupito Iuliano will be celebrated at the Cathedral of St Stephen on Tuesday 29 June 2021, commencing at 7.00pm. The Cathedral is fully booked, however, the ceremony will be live-streamed and can be accessed here <https://brisbanecatholic.org.au/multimedia/web-cast/>

## 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.

## Queensland health— some covid 19 restriction modifications effective from this Friday

As a reminder, Queensland Health has modified some COVID-19 restrictions which becomes effective on Friday, 25 June.

**Capacity restrictions have been lifted to 3 people per 4 square metres** (previously 1 person per 2sq metres), this applies to Masses, weddings, funerals, and other faith-based activities.

**The restriction on self-service food has been removed.** People may make their own cup of tea or coffee and plates of food can be set out on the table for people to help themselves at morning teas or gatherings after Masses. Please ensure that people are able to take a food or drink item without coming into contact with other items or shared utensils.

**Effective 9 July the 'Check in QLD App' is required at all Mass centres.** All visitors, employees and volunteers will be required to use the QLD App to check-in at all Places of Worship from 9 July.

The government has updated their advice regarding the use of the Check-in QLD App. While our advice to parishes indicated that they could keep paper contact details for parishioners who did not have a smart phone or were not able to log on, the updated information today indicates that: If a visitor does not have a smart phone or is unwilling to use the Check In Qld App, then the parish are to use the business mode of the app to enter in details on their behalf. The app offers the ability for parishes to enter parishioner contact details via 'Check In Qld Business Profile mode' listed in the profile section of the app.

Alternatively, if an accompanying person has a smartphone, they can add them as a guest on check in.

## St Thomas is a Hero

St Thomas is a hero who, even though doubted Jesus, did many things for many people. He was believed to have been a Galilean fisherman, similar to Peter, James and John (other apostles). When Jesus called to Thomas, he followed with faith and trust.

He is also known as Doubting Thomas because doubted Jesus came back to life. That is what he was most known for, but he did many good and brave things with Jesus. He is the patron saint of doubting people, architects, the blind, and India.

One of St. Thomas the Apostle's traits was stubbornness. He was very stubborn and once he decided on something, you could not change his mind. For example, when he thought the Apostles would die by following Jesus to Bethany, he still followed Jesus because he loved and respected him.

During the Last Supper, Jesus said he would prepare a place for the Apostles. The place was unknown to Thomas which confused him. He asked what this meant and was told that Christ was the Way, the Truth, and the Life.

Later, when risen, Jesus appeared to the apostles, but Thomas was not with them. When the rest of the apostles told him, Thomas did not believe. He said "Except I shall see in his hands the print of the nails, put my finger in the place of the nails, and put my hand into his side, I will not believe". When risen Jesus appeared to Thomas, he was shocked, and he begged for forgiveness.

Some of the tradition says that as the apostles started to travel the world Thomas had to preach in India. Thomas tried to evade going to India, but Jesus appeared and told Thomas to a man named Addan. He was then taken to the land of Andrapolis, India, to be a carpenter for Gundafor. St. Thomas had to build a castle for him, but he gave the money to build the castle to the poor. After, Gundafor threw him in jail. Later, St. Thomas miraculously escaped the jail and converted Gundafor. After leaving Gundafor's city, he

came across King Misdai's city. St. Thomas when he got there converted King Misdai's wife and son. King Misdai got angry and sentenced St. Thomas to death. The soldiers led him to a hill outside of the city and stabbed him with a spear.

St. Thomas is great saint because he was brave and willing to die for Jesus. Even though his persistence led him to doubting that Jesus had risen, and that gave him the bad name of Doubting Thomas, Thomas still did many great things. His stubbornness made him a strong follower of Jesus, and he would follow Jesus anywhere. St. Thomas risked his life doing things for other people like when he gave the king's money to the poor. He followed Jesus in his teachings making him a hero.

Tradition says that this saint was sent to evangelize to the Parthians, Medes, and Persians until He reached India, carrying the Faith to Kerala coast, which still boasts a large native population calling themselves "Christians of St. Thomas." he was martyred in Mylapore, India in 72 A.D.

**On July 3rd, we celebrate the feast of St Thomas.**

## Don't forget the Sacrament of Reconciliation...

In the Sacrament of Reconciliation we express sorrow for our sins and promise to do our best not to repeat this sin again, we acknowledge our sins before God, we receive pardon (absolution), and we perform an act of penance or reconciliation as directed by the priest.

The grace we receive from the reception of the sacrament helps us grow stronger in our faith and our ability to live a Christ-centered life.

"Even I go to Confession every 15 days, because the Pope is also a sinner. And the confessor advises me and absolves me, because we are all in need of this forgiveness".  
— Pope Francis

## Continued Invitation

Come, let us fill the church on weekdays with our prayers. Since we have the opportunity to celebrate the Holy Mass on weekdays, please come and join the Holy Mass at least once a week, if possible.

## Roster for June/July

DATE	5.00pm	7.00am	9.00am	5.30pm
26/27 June	Julie-Anne Gibson	Chris Maher	Jane Arkinstall	
	Graham Gibson	Sr Cecily Foster	Joseph O'Brien	Jo Hayes
3/4 July		Dianne Eden	Wilma O'Connell	Max Van Balen
	Tomos Walters	Nick Eden	Phill Ryan	Joel Perkins

### In our prayers we remember

#### Those who have died recently:

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

#### Those whose anniversaries occur about now:

Luis Palmares, Edward Chan, Anne Seymour, Elizabeth Payne, John Rego, Eileen Williamson, Joan Hinson, Brendon Cross

#### 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

Wednesday 30 June: Fr John

Thursday 1 July: Fr John

Weekend 3/4 July: Fr John

Tuesday 6 June: Fr Tom

Wednesday 7 July: Fr Tom

Thursday 8 July: Fr Tom

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**

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? Please visit our website: [www.clayfieldparish.org.au/confirmation](http://www.clayfieldparish.org.au/confirmation) for more information.

#### 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/>

#### Covid 19 safe Plan...

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

### Children's Liturgy will recommence on Sunday 18 July, 9am

**Preparing for the next Sunday's Readings**  
**14th Sunday in Ordinary Time: 4 July 2021**  
 Ezekiel 2:2-5; 2 Corinthians 12:7-10; Mark 6:1-6

#### Parish Administration

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#### 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



#### 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: No Mass

Saturday: No Mass