



ST. AGATHA'S PARISH

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Sixteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time 17/18 July 2021

The Catholic Church is so great with its spirit and traditions. It always preaches mercy and love through actions, going beyond words and documents. This is done by each person who really belongs to it. Truly, the most beautiful thing in the Catholic Church is family life. All of us, single or married, are eternally part of some family; somewhere, somehow and that gives us real meaning in our earthly life.

We can see our Churches all over the world are so beautifully decorated. But I say, for **when the husband, wife and the children come together and participate in the celebration of the Holy Eucharist, the church becomes its most beautiful and their homes become beautiful like the church.** The church celebrates the love of grandparents, parents and children in the presence of God. It may be a fact that when many grandparents and even great grandparents and others come to the church, their eyes go around the church and light up to see young families and their beautiful children. We need strong, loving families in our communities. One great help to achieving such strong, loving families is family prayer.

According to the 2016 Pontifical Yearbook, we have 415,792 diocesan and religious priests, 44,566 permanent deacons, 54,559 professed religious brothers, 682,729 professed women religious, and more than 116,939 candidates for the diocesan and religious priesthood in 2014 and thousands of lay ministers and missionaries. It shows that the church is strong in family prayer. Without good families, without family prayer, young hearts may not be able to hear and be inspired by the divine call.

For the last two weekends I had been away on my holiday. Because of covid19 this year I could not visit my home in Kerala. Normally every year I visit my dad in Kerala and pray at my mother's resting place and I know it is one of the most important things I can do. Their blessings are the greatest gift for me. It is true that the blessing of parents is a grace for the children, but it may be actualized only through family prayer.

The genuine faith expressed in the parents' lives speak louder than words. When the parents kneel down before the Lord, the children get the idea that our Heavenly Father can be trusted to guide us through every situation we encounter in life.

Let us remember the words of Pope John Paul II, "Your homes should always remain homes of prayer...a home of daily family prayer (*Homily of Pope John Paul II in Limerick, Monday, 1 Oct. 1979*).

Baptismal Joy!!

This weekend we welcome with great joy two new members of Christ's faithful people: Ellie Bartels, daughter of David and Amy Bartels; and Elsie Hutton, daughter of Chris and Rebeca Hutton. May they always know God's love and the support of this Christian Community.

Annual Peter's Pence Collection

The Annual Peter's Pence collection will be taken up as a **retiring collection**, at all the Masses next weekend 24th and 25th July.



Roster for July

Date	5pm	7am	9am	5.30pm
17/18 July	Edward Foley	Karen Birtles	Luke Sutton	Max Van Balen
	Nik Kure	Jeanine Bygott	Hannah Dalisay	Jo Hayes
24/25 July	Julie-Anne Gibson	Sr Cecily Foster	Carmen Gendle	Amelia Cebulski-Marino
	Graham Gibson	Chris Maher	Erin Bledsoe	Joel Perkins

In our prayers we remember

Those who have died recently:

Daryl Bledsoe, Kevin McNeil

Those whose anniversaries occur about now:

Claire Collins, John Collins, Gloria Statham, Mick Statham, Jean York, Frank York, Mary Stanley, Herbert Stanley, Christine Harrison

New laptop for the church, also an expression of love and sacrifice: The Church now has a new laptop. Many thanks to the family who donated towards its purchase.

Finance - June: Total Income : including Sunday offerings, liturgy offerings, Sacramental program: \$27,531.66

Total Expenses : \$30,060.73

"Thank you to everyone who contributes to our Parish financially. Your generosity is important and essential for our parish to carry out its mission."

Catholic Leader: The Catholic Leader July issue is available now for \$4.00.

Covid update: It is now mandatory for all attendees at gatherings in our church (this includes, weekday and Sunday Masses, adoration, baptisms, funerals, weddings etc.) to check in via the Check-in Qld app.

We no longer use paper check-in. Church iPad is setup to check in those without phones.

Covid 19 Safe Plan: If you are unwell, or have even minor symptoms, please remain at home. Please adhere to social distancing as much as possible.

Anointing Mass: There will be an anointing Mass next Friday 23 July at 9am, followed by Adoration at 9.30am.

More about Eternal Guardian of your faith...

Have you already included your parish or an area of the Archdiocese of Brisbane, in your Will? Please do let us know so that we can appropriately thank you during your lifetime. We would like to present all our Eternal Guardians with a Certificate of Appreciation from the Archbishop and a special lapel pin.

All Eternal Guardians are also invited to a Thanksgiving Mass and luncheon in their honour each year, at the Cathedral of St Stephen, Brisbane. Please let us know your intentions by contacting us on 07 3324 3632.

Quote from Pope Francis

"Although we are the ones who approach the altar in a procession to receive communion, in reality it is Christ who comes towards us to assimilate us in him. There is an encounter with Jesus! To nourish oneself of the Eucharist means to allow oneself to be changed by what we receive".

Pope Francis, Catechesis on the Mass 2018

Children's Liturgy this Sunday 18 July, 9am

Catechists are Jane Cameron and Renee Maunder

Preparing for the next Sunday's Readings

17th Sunday in Ordinary Time: 25 July 2021

2 Kings 4:42-44; Ephesians 4:1-6; John 6:1-15

WEEKEND MASSES

Saturday 5.00pm
Sunday 7.00am
 9.00am
 5.30pm

WEEKDAY MASSES

Tuesday : 9.00am
Wednesday: 9.00am
Thursday: 9.00am
Friday: 9.00am
 Anointing Mass
 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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