



ST. AGATHA'S PARISH

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Eighteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time 31 July/1 August 2021

Gospel Message by Fr Michael Tate

Some religions, and even strands of Catholicism, try to suppress appetites in order to achieve some 'out-of-this-world' liberation. But appetites are good things, telling us what we humans need as bodily, social, spiritual beings. They provide a reality check against our tendency to think that salvation is exclusively about the soul.

Our appetites for food and drink, for affection and companionship, for the truth about the Big Picture of our life journey, need to be satisfied or we disintegrate in various ways.

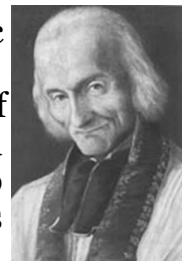
Our Lord Jesus Christ proclaims in today's Gospel that He is the total satisfaction of our deepest human appetites: 'I am the Bread from Heaven which gives life to the world.' That 'Life' is nothing less than participation in Divine Life, existing in the Big Picture in the way God intended. That is the nourishment offered not to a particular tribe or ethnic group, but to the whole of humanity, indeed to the whole of creation.

We could take a moment to pray for faith to recognise that the bread brought up at the Offertory is truly transformed: no longer short term food like manna in the desert, but 'the Bread of Life', the Real Presence of the One who nourishes our humanity, indeed who gives Life to the world.

Patron Saint of Parish Priests

John Baptiste Vianney, affectionately called the "Curé of Ars," is the Catholic Church's patron saint of parish priests.

In 1805, John Vianney entered a seminary at age 19. After several months of study, he was still not prepared to attend lectures in Latin. He went to live with a friend who was a priest and who tutored him. This priest persuaded the bishop to ordain John not for his learning but for his holiness. After a few years, John was assigned to Ars, a village of about 50 families in France.



The people were careless about practicing their faith, so they were not happy with this priest who was eager to draw them back to God and Christian living. Some caused trouble by lying about John, by acting violently against him, and by refusing to cooperate with him. They hoped that he would give up and leave. Instead, Father Vianney increased his prayers, fasting, and penances.

Gradually, people came to celebrate the sacraments and listen to his homilies. Within a few years, Father Vianney was spending 10–15 hours a day in the confessional. People from all over France and other countries came to consult him. The government built a railroad line to Ars to accommodate all the pilgrims. Father Vianney just continued his hard, yet simple, way of prayer, fasting, and penance. He was strict with his parishioners but a hundred times more strict with himself. John gave away his furnishings, his belongings, and the gifts of clothes and food that the neighbours brought him. Once he received a black velvet cape as an award and sold it to buy food for those who were poor. He died at age 73. St. John Vianney's feast is on August 8. *Loyola Press*

SACRAMENT OF CONFIRMATION – Parent Formation and Registration

If your child is in year 3 or older and a baptised Catholic, you will be able to register your child to receive the Sacrament of Confirmation at the parent formation session on **Tuesday the 3rd of August at either 10am or 6pm in the Church.** Children need not attend. You will receive resources for your child and you to work through over the coming weeks. A contribution of \$50 is payable at the time of registration. Cash or Eftpos available. Any further details please contact Jane Cameron at the Parish office Tuesday –Thursday.

Children's Mass and morning tea next Sunday 8 August 9am

All children in Grade Prep to Year 6 are invited to participate in the Children's Mass at 9am on 8 August 2021. At the Mass, children are asked to read, bring the gifts to the Altar, take up collections, Altar serve and welcome people as they arrive.

If your child/children would like to participate in any of these voluntary activities please email: clayfield@bne.catholic.net.au or phone the Parish office on 3262 2859 by Tuesday 3 August. We look forward to all parishioners joining and supporting our children by attending the 9 am Holy Mass. We continue Covid 19 safe plan in the church, please keep the social distance.

Children's Liturgy

This weekend we will have **Children's Liturgy during the 9am Mass** as usual. We have changed our format a little and teach the children about Jesus in a more interactive way. We find the children learn better through play and activity.

We have a lovely group of parents who assist so please bring the children along for a morning with friends. Fr Biju calls the children forward at the very beginning of Mass but if you miss that, please feel free to bring the children via the outside door at the rear of the Church.

Upcoming dates for Children's Liturgy of the Word and Children's Mass

Sunday 15th, 22nd & 29th August:
Children's Liturgy of the Word during the 9am Mass

Sunday 5th September:
Fathers and Children's Mass and morning tea in celebration of all our wonderful fathers.

Sunday 12th September:
Final Children's liturgy for term 3.

Cupboard at the parish office

The office room is filled with boxes and files, so we are looking for a handyman who can help to build a cupboard in the office. If you can help, please see Fr Biju or contact the Parish Office.

St Agatha's School News

St Agatha's Primary School are excited to announce an additional Prep class for 2021. 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

More about 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 3324 3632.

or visit www.catholicfoundation.org.au

The Catholic Leader August 2021 Issue

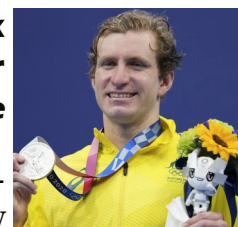
The August issue is now available at the front of the Church. Please buy a copy to promote the Catholic Leader.

Saint Mary of the Cross

Next weekend 7/8 August, we will be celebrating the feast day of Saint Mary of the Cross. (Saint Mary MacKillop).

You have made us all proud...

Congratulations to Jack McLoughlin Olympic silver lining for swimmer. We are so proud of you



"JUST 0.16 of a second separated gold and silver. That's how tight the finish was for Brisbane's former Catholic schoolboy Jack McLoughlin, pipped at the post in the Olympic Men's 400 metres freestyle.

It was at St Agatha's Primary School in Clayfield that McLoughlin was first encouraged to give swimming a go and he has not looked back.

In 2018 McLoughlin visited St Agatha's and caught up with his Year 5 and 7 teacher, Mrs Read, who first encouraged him to give swimming a go" (From Catholic Leader).

Visiting those who cannot come the Church.

If some of the parishioners are sick let me know, therefore I can remember them in my prayers and if they wish I can visit them.

Holy Communion can be taken to the sick and homebound people. If you know anybody that would like to receive Communion, please contact the parish office.

Fr Biju

Plenary Council Prayer Campaign:

People across the country are invited to participate in the “Fan the Flame” prayer campaign leading up to the first assembly of the Fifth Plenary Council of Australia. The assembly starts on October 3. Campaign materials include resources for personal and communal prayer, reflections, musical suggestions and multimedia content.

Find the resources at:

www.plenarycouncil.catholic.org.au/fanthe flame/

RCIA

The acronym RCIA stands for the **Rite of Christian Initiation for Adults**. It is a journey for anyone interested in discovering more about what we believe as Catholics. At the end of the journey a person can make a free choice on where God is leading them. For others who are already members of the Church it is a great opportunity to become involved and help others along the journey of faith.

Here in our Parish we are in the process of beginning a new RCIA journey – are you interested in becoming involved? Would you like more information? Are you willing to be a support person or a sponsor?

RCIA Coordinator: Katrina Murphy

For more information or if you have any questions, please contact Parish Office 3262 2859.

Baptisms:

We hold a preparation session for baptisms on the first Saturday of the month. We celebrate baptisms on the 3rd and 4th Sundays of the month. For bookings and further information, please phone the parish office on 3262 2859.

Hour of Prayer:

Every Friday at St Agatha's Church immediately after the Holy Mass at 9am. Exposition of Holy Eucharist, Rosary, Silent Adoration and Benediction of the Blessed Sacrament.

A Prayer for Our Uncertain Times

May we who are merely inconvenienced remember those whose lives are at stake.

May we who have no risk factors remember those most vulnerable.

May we who have the luxury of working from home remember those who must choose between preserving their health and making their rent.

May we who have the flexibility to care for our children when their schools close remember those who have no options.

May we who have to cancel our trips remember those who have no safe place to go.

May we who are losing our margin money in the tumult of the economic market remember those who have no margin at all.

May we who settle in for a quarantine at home remember those who have no home.

As fear grips our country, let us choose love. And during this time when we may not be able to physically wrap our arms around each other, let us yet find ways to be the loving embrace of God to our neighbours. Amen.

-Written by Rev. Dr. William J Barber II

Change the Life of our Parish ...

Jesus changes the lives of our parish through each one of you ...

Please be a volunteer or special minister to be the instrument of Jesus to make the parish alive —

Join voluntarily

Join with full heart and spirit ...

And make our community a joyful community.

- 1. Ministers of the word***
- 2. Extra ordinary Communion Ministers***
- 3. Children's Liturgy***
- 4. Hospitality***
- 5. Welcome Ministry***
- 6. Collectors***
- 7. Counters and Bankers***
- 8. Powerpoint operators***

For more details please contact Fr Biju or the office

Roster for July/August

Date	5pm	7am	9am	5.30pm
31 July/1 Aug	Ann Goves	Dianne Eden	Amanda Bell	Max Van Balen
	Nik Kure	Nick Eden	Hannah Dalisay	Giselle Hossinger
7/8 August	Tomos Walters	Kirsty Stevens	Chanelle Simpson	Alison Hall
	Edward Foley	Karen Birtles		Jo Hayes

In our prayers we remember

Those who have died recently:

Andy Jones, Tadeusz Lewandowski, Derek Jones

Those whose anniversaries occur about now:

Rina Rada, Peita Dodson, Edward Kendrick, Greg Conlon, Pam McBride, Bill Wallin, Hugh McBride, Lew Brumpton, Fr Gregory Jordan, Tony Dyson

July 1, 2021

18th Sunday in Ordinary Time

“Each day the people are to go out and gather their daily portion; thus will I test them, to see whether they follow my instructions or not.” EXODUS 16:4

When the Israelites gathered more than their daily portion of manna, the surplus became wormy and rotten. In the same way today, self-reliance, pride and ego leads to hoarding and excessive surplus of goods and money. Living a stewardship lifestyle helps us discern our “wants” from our “needs”. Living a grateful and generous lifestyle reminds us that God will provide all that we need and that we have plenty to share.

Children's Liturgy this Sunday 1 August, 9am

Catechists are Ewan McPherson and Lucy Crowe

Preparing for the next Sunday's Readings

Saint Mary of the Cross: 8 August 2021

1 Kings 17:8-16; Colossians 3:12-17;

Matthew 6:25-34

‘Truly I tell you, whatever you did for one of the least of these brothers and sisters of mine, you did for me.’ St Matthew 25: 40



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

Adoration: 9.30am

“I like the silence of a church, before the service begins better than any preaching”.

—Ralph Waldo Emerson

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 or 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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Community and Mission Council

Chair: Manus Maher

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Georgia Allan (0456 441 717)

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APRE: Mr Jake Knowles