



ST. AGATHA'S PARISH

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Twenty-First Sunday in Ordinary Time 21/22 August 2021

It is Annual Catholic Campaign time again. Our parish has supported the Campaign every year since it began in 2013, and let us continue to do so again this year.

The Campaign involves every parish across our Archdiocese, funds raised will support ministries that directly impact this parish:

1. training future priests,
2. caring for elderly priests when they become frail and unwell,
3. helping struggling families access a Catholic education and
4. caring for those suffering physically and emotionally in our local community.

Please take Campaign brochure, attached to the newsletter. You can either pop it in the mail, collection box at the entrance of the Church or return it the following weekend. As we come out of lockdown, we as a parish know that money can be tight. But much like you do with your local church, you are invited to consider what you can give at this time.

During this weekend we will listen to a specially prepared homily of Archbishops and it's summary is given below:

The whole of biblical religion begins with the call to listen. To listen is to be blessed and to become a blessing for others. So too each day the Christian disciple is called to listen to the words of Jesus.

In today's Gospel, Peter recognises that, however strange they may be, Jesus' words are "the words of eternal life". Faith is the name of the recognition to which Peter comes. Once faith opens their eyes to that truth, the disciples come to knowledge; they know that the words of Jesus, however strange, are utterly true and trustworthy. Therefore, they stay with him and follow him wherever he leads.

The Annual Catholic Campaign is all about listening to the words of Jesus, "the Holy One of God", trusting what we hear and following where he leads – becoming more and more like the Master as we go, until we become so like him that people see Jesus in us. It is to be blessed and to become a blessing in turn.

I ask you today to support the Annual Catholic Campaign in this strange landscape through which we are passing where we're all feeling the pinch in one way or another. The Campaign is one way of focusing on what really matters, which in the end means focusing on Jesus and listening to the strange and wonderful words he speaks – not just hearing but listening. His are "the words of eternal life", the words of him who says, "Come you blessed of my Father: inherit the Kingdom prepared for you (Matt 25:34), for...as long as you did this to one of these, the least of my brothers and sisters, you did it to me" (Matt 25:40). We focus on the least in order to focus on Jesus and follow him – because "to whom else can we go?" He is the only one who can lead us home.

Baptismal Joy!!



This weekend we welcome with great joy one new member of Christ's faithful people: Angus Crain, son of Corbin and Bridget Crain. May he always know God's love and the support of this Christian Community.

Joy of praying and celebrating together

After two weeks of lockdown, we are all so happy to see more people attending Mass. Last weekend many expressed their thanks saying, "It was an amazing feeling to be back in the Church with our neighbours to celebrate the Holy Eucharist together". Of course, this was a special joy for all our parishioners to come together: praying and loving.

A heartfelt and enthusiastic thanks to all our volunteers who are helping the parish to function properly. It is so imperative that we are following the covid 19 safe guidelines perfectly to keep every body safe.

If any of you are happy to help at the weekend Mass as a minister, or with any other responsibilities please contact the Parish office or Fr Biju.

Last weekend, the Mass attendees according to the parish register were, Saturday 5 pm Mass - 57, 7am - 45, 9am - 77, 5.30pm - 46. Please try to reach out to others and invite them along. Let others know they can attend the Holy Mass without much complication like booking a seat etc...

Finance - July

Total Income : including Sunday offerings, liturgy offerings, :\$19,520.61;
Total Expenses : \$26,474.36.

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

Adoration on Friday

There will be no anointing Mass next Friday 27 August at 9am, only Adoration at 9.30am.

Please share the space

As you enter the church would you please come forward to sit closer to the altar, therefore those who arrive late can sit behind, keeping the social distance. Please remember, if you are sick with flu like symptoms, please stay at home until the sickness passes.

Save the date

Please note that we will be celebrating

Father's day on Sunday 5 September, during 9 am Holy Mass. Please try to come along as a whole family. Together, we can thank God for our beloved fathers and give our prayers as a special gift.

Sacrament of Confirmation day

Our parish will be celebrating the sacrament of Confirmation on Wednesday 8th, Thursday 9th and Friday 10th September.

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.

Perpetual adoration at Banyo Nundah Catholic Parish

The Banyo Nundah Catholic Parish are reintroducing Perpetual Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament at the following churches and times:

Corpus Christi Church, Nundah:
Sundays 11am to Thursday 7am

Holy Trinity Church, Banyo:
Thursdays 7am to Sunday 7.00am

More information: please call Rob on 0401685447 or email
banyo.nundah.adoration@gmail.com

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/

FAN THE FLAME PLENARY COUNCIL REFLECTION—Aug 21/22

'The words I have spoken to you are spirit and they are life.' John 6:60-69

Through appropriate faith formation, God can shape us into deepening our spirituality within the life of the Church, engaging with scripture, encountering God in worship and prayerfully developing our living relationship with Jesus Christ.

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Feast days of the Week

24 AUGUST: ST BARTHOLOMEW, APOSTLE

Bartholomew was one of the twelve apostles of Jesus from ancient Jewish Israel. Popular traditions and legends say that Bartholomew preached the Gospel in India, then went to Greater Armenia. He died a martyr's death in Armenia, being flayed alive for having won converts to the Lord Jesus.

27 AUGUST: ST MONICA

Monica (331-387) was a 4th-century Christian from Hippo near Carthage (Tunisia). She was the mother of Saint Augustine. She is honoured for her Christian virtues, her patience with a straying husband, and a prayerful dedication to the conversion of her son.

Undertook many years of penance and prayer for her brilliant but wayward son Saint Augustine. Following his conversion and baptism in Milan, she died at the beginning of her journey home to Africa. Remembered for her parental devotion, her patience, and her persistence in prayer.

28 AUGUST: ST AUGUSTINE

Born in 354 in North Africa, mother Monica, and a pagan father, Patricius, Augustine was brought up a Christian although not baptised. His study of philosophy resulted in his renouncing the Christian faith. He lived for fifteen years with a woman, by whom he had a son. After moving to Rome and then to Milan, he came under the influence of Ambrose, bishop of Milan. As a result of Ambrose's guidance, and his

mother's prayers and example over many years, he underwent a deep conversion and was baptised in his early thirties.

He returned to Africa and was ordained priest and four years later was appointed Bishop of Hippo, North Africa; he remained in that post for 35 years until his death in 430.

As a bishop he lived a community life with his clergy. He had a powerful intellect and great mystical insight. His most famous work is entitled *The Confessions*, in which he describes his own spiritual journey. Augustine's life teaches us that it is never too late to turn to the Lord: 'Late have I loved you, Beauty, at once so ancient and so new! Late have I loved you! You were within me and I was outside... You were with me, but I was not with you... You called, you shouted, and you broke through my deafness. You shone, and you dispelled my blindness. You breathed your fragrance on me; I drew in breath and now I pant for you. I have tasted you, now I hunger and thirst for more. You touched me, and I burned for your peace.'

29 AUGUST: THE MARTYRDOM OF JOHN THE BAPTIST

The execution of John the Baptist is recorded in the gospels (Matthew 14; Mark 6) and is placed by the historian Josephus at the fortress of Machaerus near the Dead Sea. As early as the fifth century, a commemoration of John the Baptist was kept on this day at Jerusalem. It probably marks the anniversary of the dedication of the basilica in his honour at Sebaste (Palestine) where, according to tradition, he was buried.

LET US SEEK THE MERCY OF GOD DURING THIS TIME OF THE CORONAVIRUS PANDEMIC

Most Merciful and Triune God,
we come to You in our weakness.
We come to You in our fear.
We come to You with trust.
For You alone are our hope.
We place before You the disease present in our world.
We turn to You in our time of need.
Bring wisdom to doctors.
Give understanding to scientists.
Endow caregivers with compassion and generosity.
Bring healing to those who are ill. Protect those who are most at risk.
Give comfort to those who have lost a loved one.
Welcome those who have died into Your Eternal Home. Stabilize our communities.
Unite us in our compassion.
Remove all fear from our hearts. Fill us with confidence in Your care.
We make this prayer through our Lord Jesus Christ, Amen

PRAYER FOR CONFIRMATION CANDIDATES

Loving God,
You are the giver of all we possess,
the source of all of our blessings.
We thank and praise you.
Thank you for the gift of our children.
Help us to teach them,
and encourage them to explore.
Give us the strength and courage to treat each day as a fresh start.
May our children come to know you, the one true God,
and Jesus Christ, whom you have sent.
May your Holy Spirit help them to grow in faith, hope, and love,
so they may know peace, truth, and goodness.
May their ears hear your voice.
May their eyes see your presence in all things.
May their lips proclaim your word.
May their hearts be your dwelling place.
May their hands do works of charity.
May their feet walk in the way of Jesus Christ.
Amen.

Roster for August

Date	5pm	7am	9am	5.30pm
21/22 August	Julie-Anne Gibson	Karen Birtles	Phill Ryan	Giselle Hossings
	Graham Gibson	Chris Maher	Eileen Duncan	Amelia Cebulski-Marino
28/29 August	Annette Riba	Chris Maher	Jane Arkinstall	Max Van Balen
	Nik Kure	Nick Eden	Wilma O'Connell	Jo Hayes

In our prayers we remember

Those who have died recently:

Gladys MacPherson, Francesco Modolo,
John Sesta, Sr Loreto Gregory, Denis
Steinheuer, Marcella Moore

Those whose anniversaries occur about now:

Neil Murphy, Rory Schuh, Winifred
Schonrock, May McKenzie, Elizabeth Griffin,
Eufemia D'Astuto, Anthony Simonetta,
Carmelina Di Salvo, John Bell, Eugenie Croyden

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

Children's Liturgy is cancelled until next term

Preparing for the next Sunday's Readings

22nd Sunday in Ordinary Time:

29 August 2021

Deuteronomy 4:1-2, 6-8, 15-18;

James 1:17-18, 21-22, 27; Mark 7:1-8, 14-15, 21-23

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

"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



WE NEED YOUR HELP - AND ACTION

We need you to help us ensure the euthanasia Bill is defeated. We need your action - NOW.

HOW YOU CAN HELP

1. Pray all Queenslanders might respect Church teaching that life is sacred from conception until natural death and that our MPs support a fully funded palliative care system, negating the need for assisted suicide.

2. Arrange a meeting with YOUR local Member of Parliament

To find who they are

CLICK HERE
OR TYPE IN

<https://www.parliament.qld.gov.au/members/current/list>

3. Please also email your views to YOUR local Member of Parliament

CLICK HERE
OR TYPE IN

https://www.no euthanasia.org.au/petition_2105_ocr_qld

Please stand with the Queensland Bishops and medical experts in opposing this legislation.

Dying with dignity already exists - it lies in being able to access high quality palliative care statewide.

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