



ST. AGATHA'S PARISH

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Twenty-Second Sunday in Ordinary Time 28/29 August 2021

A BIG THANK YOU

to Lauren Mitchell, the outgoing Parish Finance Council secretary and Georgia Allan, the Parish Safeguarding Rep.

After successfully serving for more than two years as the parish finance secretary, Mrs Lauren Mitchell is stepping down from her role. The whole parish is so grateful for her great service and help for the administration of the parish.

Mrs Georgia Allan has been serving our parish community as the Parish Safeguarding Rep and now, she is completing her term. She has been voluntarily helping the parish for four years.

The whole parish thank Lauren Mitchell and Georgia Allan for their selfless service for the parish community.

The new parish Safeguarding Rep

Catriona McPherson will be the new Parish Safeguarding Rep. Thank you to Catriona for her willingness to help the community. She will be taking charge as Parish Safeguarding Rep immediately. The mobile number will remain the same - 0456 441 717.

Sacrament of Confirmation

Let us all remember our 74 children who are going to receive the Sacrament of Confirmation on Wednesday the 8th, Thursday the 9th and Friday the 10th of September. Let us take it as a time of reflection and renewal of the whole parish community. Let us pray to the Holy Spirit.

Fathers Day and Children's Mass

On the 5th of September at 9am, we will be celebrating the Holy Mass specially remembering all the fathers in our parish and our own fathers. We remember fathers, grandfathers, and great-grandfathers who are no longer with us but who live forever in our memory and nourish us with their love.

We look forward to all the fathers, children and others joining the Holy Mass on this special day. Our children will be presenting a gift to all the fathers in the church after the special prayer of blessing. If your child would like to do a reading, take up the gifts, welcome people on arrival or Altar serve (trained servers only) at the Mass, please contact the

Parish office by 31 August on 3262 2859. There will be a morning tea following the Holy Mass.



Fathers Day Message from A Little Girl, "To the dad who has made me a princess of his heart and has pampered me with pure love, I pray to God as the greatest gift to My Dad on Fathers Day"

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.

Parish Council Meeting

Last Tuesday, there was a CMC meeting, discussing various matters of the parish. The council discussed various activities and programs that can be done with the cooperation of the school.

School Principle, Ms Anne-Marie Maw and Parish Safeguarding Rep Mrs Georgia Allan were present for the meeting as guests.

Vacancy for a council member

At present we have 10 council members, but require 11 members. Parishioners are most welcome to nominate names for this role.

The CMC is a pastoral advisory council and a great help for our priest.

The CMC help the parish priest to organise pastoral activities; communal and social activities and events. They also help the community in all important events of the parish such as Christmas and Easter celebrations, Parish feasts, spiritual and social events etc... They are the leaders for weekend Masses.

The council will continue to meet once a month, to discuss different matters of the parish.

In any emergencies related to the parish and in time of importance, executive members may contact the parish office.

Vacancy for the Finance Council Secretary and for a member.

The Finance Council helps the Parish Priest in parish administration, financial management, financial reporting, legal matters, general administration, oversight of the parish school, oversight of other parish operations etc...

We are looking for a new finance council secretary and a member for the finance council. Parishioners are most welcome to nominate names for this role.

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.

Social Justice Sunday

This Sunday, 29 August, is Social Justice Sunday. The Australian Catholic Bishops have published their annual Social Justice Statement, which is this year titled: Cry of the Earth, Cry of the Poor.

The Statement calls us to listen, hear and respond to the cry of the earth and the cry of the poor through practical action. When one part of the Body of Christ is wounded, the other parts care for the afflicted part so that all can be healed and made whole. What affects one affects all, as everything and everyone is connected. We are invited to be life-giving agents in the transformation of our communities in ways that reflect the mercy freely offered by our loving God.

As people of prayerful contemplation, dialogue, and action, we commit to right relationships in our covenant with God. It is clear that the signs of our times call for urgent action to defend, protect, and restore the earth and the dignity of the human person, especially those places, creatures, and people who are most vulnerable. In following God's law of living a moral life from the inside out, we upend and transcend any worldly standards that would diminish the sacredness of any part of God's creation.

People are more important than profits, and the beauty of our natural world is a precious gift to us and to the generations who will follow. In transitioning to sustainable and just economic systems and practices, we commit to partnering with the work of the Spirit in renewing the face of the earth. More information: ACBC Office for Justice, Ecology and Peace, or go to www.socialjustice.catholic.org.au to download the Social Justice Statement 2021-22.

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.

Parish Ministries

Christians are called to be 'stewards of the mysteries of God' in all aspects of living their vocation as disciples of Jesus. As stewards, Christians discern and accept their various gifts and talents, and commit themselves joyfully and generously to service of the community in exercising them.

They respond to God's love and mercy by undertaking various ministries for building up the Body of Christ. In the celebration of the liturgy, there is a variety of liturgical ministries to be offered for the good of the worshipping assembly.

Jesus came to serve, not to be served; all those called to Christian ministry continue this service, the saving work of Christ in the world. So ministry has its foundation in Jesus.

COMMUNION MINISTERS. In *Immensae Caritatis* (1973) Paul VI permitted the local bishop to authorise lay ministers of holy communion in cases of necessity. They were to be prepared for the ministry and formally commissioned for their parish community for a limited time period. Their liturgical function is to assist in the distribution of communion within the Mass, to bring communion to the sick, the homebound and the dying. Sometimes they may also lead the assembly in the absence of a priest in a Liturgy of the Word with Communion. This ministry draws upon the talents of those with a sense of reverence and holiness, a deep faith, an empathy with the sick, and will demand time to visit regularly and to sit patiently with those who are ill.

MINISTERS OF THE WORD. Those who undertake the ministry of proclaiming the word of God in such a way that it touches the hearts of the assembly are challenged to live that word. In order for the proclaimed word to be effective, lectors must devote time to study and reflect on the word to allow its power to change their lives. They need to hone their reading skills so that they can give life to the texts provided in the Lectionary. They must be qualified and carefully prepared in order that the faithful will develop a warm and lively love for Scripture from listening to the reading of the sacred texts ... (GIRM 101). The ministry is a stewardship of God's gift of revelation through the Scriptures.

COMMENTATOR. In a similar way, the commentator takes stewardship of the 'sacred mysteries' of the liturgy itself. The purpose of this ministry is to introduce the faithful to the celebration and prepare them to understand it better. The commentator's remarks *must be meticulously prepared and marked by a simple brevity* (GIRM 105b).

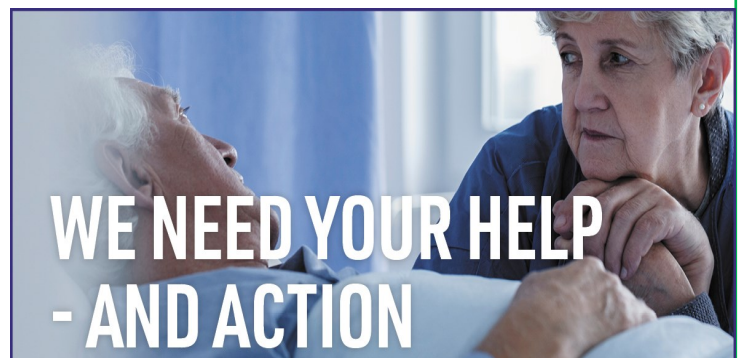
HOSPITALITY. Liturgy flourishes in a climate of hospitality, created where people are comfortable with one another, knowing they are participants in the liturgy and not mere spectators. Hospitality ministers rejoice in special talents for recognising the individuality of each person, welcoming new

members or visitors, enabling the transition from the secular to the sacred. Thus they help constitute the liturgical assembly for worship and they assist it to pray and celebrate well. The ministry had a direct role in evoking thankfulness to God for the good gifts of creation.

ENVIRONMENT. The talents and time of the artist are particularly valuable in the worship life of the parish. Natural ability needs to be nourished with practice and training in order to have art forms which honour the prayer of the assembly and enhance the worship space. Ministries of care for the liturgical environment are many: fine art and floral arrangement, architecture and acoustic design, sacristan and sewing. These ministries use human creativity to acknowledge God as creator and Lord of all.

SERVERS. Reverent, attentive, efficient - servers help the liturgy to run well and make it a prayerful experience for all those involved in the celebration. It is important that servers know the rites and their flow. Their focus on the tasks to be done and their dignified postures and actions are signs that we value the Gift which is Christ present in the liturgy.

(From Talents for Ministry, By Ursula O'Rourke and Maree Byron)



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_ocp_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.

Roster for August/September

| Date | 5pm | 7am | 9am | 5.30pm |
|---------------|-----------------|-----------------|-----------------|-----------------|
| 28/29 August | Annette Riba | Chris Maher | Jane Arkinstall | Max Van Balen |
| | Nik Kure | Nick Eden | Wilma O'Connell | Jo Hayes |
| 4/5 September | To be confirmed | To be confirmed | To be confirmed | To be confirmed |
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In our prayers we remember

Those who have died recently:

Sr Marie Rosenberg, Gladys MacPherson, Francesco Modolo

Those whose anniversaries occur about now:

Jim Duncan, Robert Maguire, Rosa Zavaglia, William Bell, George Leutenegger, Mona Leutenegger, William Mahon, Pat Killoran, Neil Murphy, Rory Schuh, Winifred Schonrock, May McKenzie

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

23rd Sunday in Ordinary Time:

5 September 2021

Isaiah 35:4-7

James 2:1-5; Mark 7:31-37

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



Online Training Modules : AVAILABLE NOW !!

* **Ministers of the Word (Readers)**

* **Extra Ordinary Ministers of Holy Communion**

Liturgical ministers can now access quality online training and learn at their own pace, in their own homes, at times that suit them.

- Consistent, quality formation and training for all ministers
 - Certificate confirms participant's completion of the course
- Each fully online course contains short videos, readings, quizzes and course notes. Content includes an introduction to liturgical ministry and an overview of ministries and the Mass, followed by specific training for each ministry.

INITIAL COURSES

- **Ministers of the Word (Readers) Course (180 mins)**
- **Ministers of Holy Communion Course (150 mins)**

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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