



ST. AGATHA'S PARISH

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The Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary 14/15 August 2021

Sacraments

The liturgical life of the Catholic Church revolves around the Eucharistic sacrifice and the Sacraments.

The Latin word sacramentum means "a sign of the sacred." The seven sacraments are ceremonies that point to what is sacred, significant and important for our lives. According to the Catechism of the Catholic Church, 'The sacraments are efficacious signs of grace, instituted by Christ and entrusted to the Church, by which divine life is dispensed to us' (#1131).

We believe that Sacraments point to and are channels of God's grace. They work as an effective means of communication between God and His people.

According to Catholic doctrine: The Sacraments are instituted by Christ. Christ instituted all seven Sacraments as ways in which He could be present to His people even after His Ascension into Heaven. The Sacraments are also entrusted to the Church. Christ gave the Sacraments to the Church so that the Church could dispense them to the faithful.

The Sacraments dispense divine life. People who receive the Sacraments actually share in the divine life of God. His presence enters into their souls, He helps them to live the Christian life, and He saves them so that they may reach eternal life.

According to our Faith, the Sacraments are a gift from God, given through the Church as an outpouring of His love. Through the Sacraments, God justifies and sanctifies His people (i.e., He saves them and makes them holy).

Jesus touches our lives through the Sacraments. Let our celebrations of the Sacraments be the signs of Jesus' presence in our lives and a means of receiving His grace.

Prayers and blessings to our Children...

Our prayers and best wishes accompany our children who are preparing for the sacrament of Confirmation and their families. Last Wednesday, parent sessions were held at St Agatha's Church, and 74 enrolments were received.

We hope that as the children start their preparation it will be a memorable time for them and that they and the parish will be renewed in the life and love of the Holy Spirit poured upon the Church at Pentecost and will be given to these children on their Confirmation.

I gratefully acknowledge the efforts taken by Jane Cameron and team in preparing the children for this great day. I congratulate and thank parents for preparing the children for the reception of the Sacrament of Confirmation.

Baptismal Joy!!



This weekend we welcome with great joy three new members of Christ's faithful people: Adelaide Wood, daughter of Paige and Alexander Wood; Arlo De Simone, daughter of Antony and Bee De Simone; Oliver Denne, son of Reece and Prudence Denne. May they always know God's love and the support of this Christian Community.

We celebrate together...

After two weeks of lockdown, we start coming back to church, slowly we are entering in to our normal life, hopefully after two weeks we can enjoy our normal life more perfectly.

Again let us make coming to church a part of our weekend routine and let us reach out to others and invite them along. We have a wonderful parish with many opportunities and blessings.

At present we can accommodate 88 people in our Church as we follow the covid 19 restrictions, we have to keep social distance: 1 person per 4 square metres. We have started to use the ribbons to make sure of the social distance as we did before. Hopefully after two weeks we can remove the ribbons and sit wherever we would like to. Please be aware that none of our Holy Masses have 88 attendees.

We are all really happy that weekday Masses have begun again and our church is functioning well at present. I congratulate and thank all those who are helping the community in different ways during this difficult time. I look forward to welcoming you back to Sunday Eucharist over the coming weeks...

Inside the Church

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.

Fathers Day

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.

Visiting those who cannot come to 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.

Cupboard at the parish office

We are looking for a handyman who can help build a cupboard in the parish office, as there is limited storage space. If you can help, please see Fr Biju or contact the Parish Office.

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.

THE ASSUMPTION OF THE BLESSED VIRGIN MARY INTO HEAVEN

It is amazing and inspiring to see the crowds attend Saturday Novena sessions at different Churches. Equally amazing and intriguing is that the crowds come Saturday after Saturday in so many places.

Why is this so? Maybe because prayers and petitions were answered. Maybe there is an ambience of prayer and tranquillity.

Maybe there is this sense of familiarity of the Marian hymns that brings about comfort and peace. Maybe also after the Novena session, there is this feeling of a quiet hope, this little uplifting that gives us the courage to go on in life.

We can still lift up our heads in the midst of disappointments, worries, anxieties and fears.

On 15 August, as we celebrate the Assumption of The Blessed Virgin Mary, we give thanks to God as He "lifted" Mary up into heaven, body and soul.

Just as God lifted Mary up, God will also lift us up from our human weaknesses, frailty and sinfulness.

Just as God gave Mary hope and courage to fulfil her mission in life, God will also give us hope and courage to live out our Christian calling in life.

And just as Mary glorified and exalted the Lord, let us also on this feast of the Assumption glorify, exalt, and give thanks to the Lord.

Just as God has come for Mary, God will also do great things for us, as well as through us.

Annual Catholic Campaign at St Agatha's

Next weekend, our Church is pleased to be supporting the Annual Catholic Campaign. It is the one time a year that all of the parishes in the Archdiocese come together to help vital works of our Church and local community.

Funds raised will support ministries that directly impact this parish. The Campaign supports training future priests, caring for our elderly retired priests, helping local families in dire need access a Catholic education, and caring for those suffering physically and emotionally in our community.

Please do take a Campaign brochure (which includes a detachable giving envelope at the back). These will be attached to the newsletter next week. You can either pop it in the mail, collection box at the entrance of the Church or return it the following weekend.

Next weekend we will formally take up this collection. During Mass you will hear from Archbishop Mark Coleridge address us all about ways this annual campaign supports many important and necessary ministries of outreach and support in our Archdiocese.

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. Thank you!

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,
your Son and our Lord.
Amen.

Roster for August

Date	5pm	7am	9am	5.30pm
14/15 August	Jack Williamson	Jeanine Bygott	Luke Sutton	Max Van Balen
	Ann Goves	Paul Marshall	Joseph Tan	Joel Perkins
21/22 August	Jack Williamson	Dianne Eden	Phill Ryan	Amelia Cebulski-Marino
	Ann Goves	Nick Eden	Eileen Duncan	Giselle Hossinger

In our prayers we remember

Those who have died recently:

John Sesta, Sr Loreto Gregory, Denis Steinheuer, Marcella Moore, Andy Jones

Those whose anniversaries occur about now:

Elizabeth Griffin, Eufemia D'Astuto, Anthony Simonetta, Carmelina Di Salvo, John Bell, Eugenie Croyden, Rina Rada, Peita Dodson

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

21st Sunday in Ordinary Time:

22 August 2021

Joshua 24:1-2, 15-18; Ephesians 5:21-32;
John 6:60-69

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

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

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Account number: 100006157



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