



ST. AGATHA'S PARISH

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Twenty-Fourth Sunday in Ordinary Time 11/12 September 2021

"Anointed with the Spirit of the Lord..."

Congratulations to the 74 children confirmed last week. I am so grateful to the parents who have guided these children in their faith and who continue to share the gift of faith with them.

A big thank you to our choir for making the evenings spirit filled and joyful and I gratefully acknowledge the efforts taken by Jane Cameron and team in preparing the children for this great day. I gratefully acknowledge the help and co operation of the St Agatha's principal, Ms Anne-Marie Maw and the APRE Jake Knowles, to the families, musicians and all who made the celebration of faith possible, my sincere thanks.

Fr Sholto Douglas OMI, will be presiding at the Holy Mass

Next weekend 18/19 September, Fr Sholto Douglas will be presiding at all the Masses, and will share with you the great missionary work being done in Zimbabwe. They are in need of funds to maintain and support the communities, so please give generously. A retiring collection will be taken up after each Mass. Hearty welcome to Fr Sholto Douglas.

On Retreat...

Fr Biju will be on retreat from Monday 20th to Friday 24th of September at Ormiston. Fr John Sullivan, Fr Jim Smith and Fr Sholto Douglas will be presiding at the Holy Masses on these days.

St Agatha's Parish Calendar ART Competition

Submit your artwork to feature in our 2022 Calendar

Theme: *Gratitude*

Illustrate blessings that you find all around you. What brings light into your life and peace to your soul.

Categories: Pre-School-Prep, Year 1-3 & Year 4-6.

4 entries from each category will be chosen & allocated a month each to feature in our 2022 calendar.

Specifics: Drawings to be done on **A4 Landscape**.

Please write your **Name and Grade** on the back of your entry.

Submit all entries to the Parish office by

Friday the 22nd of October 2021.

Birthday Blessings Peter, our dear Sacristan.

I greatly acknowledge Peter's selfless service for the community that he renders. He has been helping the community for more than 31 years as a volunteer: assisting the everyday Holy Mass and helping as a sacristan. During baptisms, weddings, funerals, school liturgy and all other functions, Peter's presence is so remarkable and inevitable. His birthday is on Tuesday, 14th September. We wish him all the blessings on his birthday.



Safeguarding Sunday

This weekend, the Catholic Church in Australia marks Safeguarding Sunday, on which we pray for those who have been abused, their families and supporters. We recognise and apologise for the harm done by priests, religious and lay people in Church settings. We recommit to practices that support survivors and make the Catholic Church and its ministries the safest possible place for children and people at risk. You can find out more about the Church's work in this area at: www.catholic.org.au/safeguardingsunday.

Finance Council Meeting

The next Finance council meeting will be held on Tuesday 14th September, at the parish office.

Columban Art Calendar

Orders are being taken for the 2022 Columban Calendar. If you would like a copy please email or call the Parish Office by Friday 24th September to order.

St. Agatha's Primary School News:

St Agatha's Primary School are excited to host the first ever Brisbane Catholic Education Student Entrepreneur Pitch Competition on Tuesday 14th September. We wish our teams well on the day.

Annual Catholic Campaign

Thank you for your generous support of the Annual Catholic Campaign! Your gift helps educate our future priests, care for unwell priests, ensures children from impoverished families can access Catholic education, and reaches out to our most vulnerable neighbours. Your generosity – great and small – is a blessing to those who need it most.

Do You Know...?

It is safe for us and our community that we always wear a face mask and keep the social distance. But inside the church we may remove our masks **if we are 1.5 metres apart from one another.** (People living in the same household are not required to socially distance from each other.)

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.

Date Claimer - Golden Wedding Anniversary Mass

The Annual Golden Wedding Anniversary Mass will be celebrated with Archbishop Mark Coleridge on Saturday 25th September commencing at 11.30am. The invitation is extended to family and friends. Unfortunately, due to the COVID restrictions, refreshments following the Mass will not be offered. Bookings will be available from Monday 13 September and can be made via the following link:

<https://goldenweddinganniversarymass.eventbrite.com.au> or telephone the Cathedral office on 3324 3030.

Feast of our Lady of Sorrows - Wednesday 15th September

The title, Our Lady of Sorrows, given to our Blessed Mother focuses on her intense suffering and grief during the passion and death of our Lord. Traditionally, this suffering was not limited to the passion and death event; rather, it comprised the seven dolors or seven sorrows of Mary.

1. At the prophecy of Simeon: "You yourself shall be pierced with a sword - so that the thoughts of many hearts may be laid bare." (Luke 2:35).
2. At the flight into Egypt; "Get up, take the child and his mother, and flee to Egypt." (Mt 2:13).
3. Having lost the Holy Child at Jerusalem; "You see that your father and I have been searching for you in sorrow." (Luke 2:48).
4. Meeting Jesus on his way to Calvary;
5. Standing at the foot of the Cross; "Near the cross of Jesus there stood His mother." (John 19:25).
6. Jesus being taken from the Cross;
7. At the burial of Christ.

Feast of the Exaltation of the Holy Cross

On Tuesday, September 14th we celebrate the Feast of the Exaltation of the Holy Cross. This day celebrates the cross as a sign of Christ's victory over sin and death for us. It is also called the Feast of the Triumph of the Cross. The cross is not a sign of defeat, but a sign of redemption. All are welcome to join in the celebration of the Holy Eucharist.

"For God so loved the world that he gave his only Son, so that everyone who believes in him might not perish but might have eternal life". *John 3:16*

Why should we pray for others... ?

We Should Pray for Others Because Prayer Really Helps People.

There are many examples of intercession in the Bible and many reasons the Scriptures give for why we should pray for one another. But perhaps the most obvious reason we should intercede in prayer for one another is because prayer really works.

According to Scripture, praying for other people is massively important to their success in ministry, life, and walk with God (Jn 17:9, 15, 20-21, Mt 5:44, Gal 5:16, 2 Cor 1:11, Jas 5: 16-18...).

If you have some special prayer intentions please let me know or place your request in the suggestion box kept at the front door of the church... I can include it in my private intentions during the Holy Eucharist.

CORONAVIRUS PANDEMIC DURING THE TIME OF PANDAMIC

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

Voluntary Assisted Dying

Please go to the following link to view messages from medical professionals coming together under the heading of the Queensland Care Alliance:

<https://bit.ly/2WpmcuI>



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 September

Date	5pm	7am	9am	5.30pm
11/12 September	Edward Foley	Karen Birtles	Wilma O'Connell	Alison Hall
	Tomos Walters	Jeanine Bygott	Phill Ryan	Max Van Balen
18/19 September	Annette Riba	Dianne Eden	Eileen Duncan	Julia Dixon
	Nik Kure	Nick Eden	Phill Ryan	Amelia Cebulski-Marino

In our prayers we remember

Those who have died recently:

Anna Candosin, Kevin Flanagan

Those whose anniversaries occur about now:

Jim Cuming, Glad McBride, Hugh McBride, Lew Brumpton, Emma Hyland, Frank Maguire, Margaret Grosset, Jim Duncan, Robert Maguire

Plenary Council Prayer

Come, Holy Spirit of Pentecost.

Come, Holy Spirit of the great South Land. O God, bless and unite all your people in Australia and guide us on the pilgrim way of the Plenary Council. Give us the grace to see your face in one another and to recognise Jesus, our companion on the road. Give us the courage to tell our stories and to speak boldly of your truth. Give us ears to listen humbly to each other and a discerning heart to hear what you are saying. Lead your Church into a hope-filled future, that we may live the joy of the Gospel. Through Jesus Christ our Lord, bread for the journey from age to age.

Amen.

Our Lady Help of Christians, pray for us.

St Mary MacKillop, pray for us.

Children's Liturgy is cancelled until next term

Preparing for the next Sunday's Readings

25th Sunday in Ordinary Time:

19 September 2021

Wisdom 2:12, 17-20;

James 3:16-4:3; Mark 9:30-37

The strong Pillars of our parish

We are sure that our generous volunteers are the pillars of our parish. Without you we cannot move forward.

A heartfelt and enthusiastic thanks to all our volunteers who make it possible for our church to function smoothly. It is so imperative to have volunteers for functioning the church activities smoothly.

We need more extra ordinary ministers, readers and other helpers for all Masses, to allow us to offer the Holy Mass properly. If any of you are happy to help at the weekend Mass with any of the responsibilities please contact the Parish office or Fr Biju.

STOPLine Service

External service that receives info about suspected abuse, misconduct & policy breaches by Archdiocesan, Brisbane Catholic Education or Centacare Brisbane personnel.

Information can be shared anonymously.

1300 304 550

AOB@stopline.com.au

www.bneatholic.stoplinereport.com



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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