



ST. AGATHA'S PARISH

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Twenty-Fifth Sunday in Ordinary Time 18/19 September 2021

Joy of praying and celebrating together

It was heart touching words when one of our parishioners said to me when we reopened our church after lockdown, and often I remember these words, "It is 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 reunite together.

We are so delighted to see so many people coming to the church, keeping to all the Covid19 safe plan and health regulations. Yes, we certainly come to the church, with or without a mask, we will come because that is the spirit Jesus gave us.

We know that the global impact of the Covid19 pandemic has caused innumerable damages to the total well-being of the people. In this time of unprecedented change, as fear of Covid 19, we too are invited to live with openness and to trust in God's love.

It is also a fact that the post Covid19 atmosphere leads our church to a crisis of both attendance and financial. I noticed that the attendance for the Holy Mass on 4-5/09/2021 was 241 and on 11-12/09/2021 it was 205, it means so many seats in the church were empty. We the parishioners, need to take action to overcome this difficult time of crisis; both, the crisis of attendance as well as financial crisis.

Once again I would also like to take this opportunity to ask that if you have friends or relatives who have not attended since Covid, to please remind them that it is no longer necessary to book online, and to attend church is even easier now that we have the options of scanning the QR code at the entrance of the church.

Our trust in the Lord gives us always hope for the future.

Celebration of Liturgy of the Word with the Preps

It was amazing to see that our children learned a lot of religious faith and knowledge. During the liturgy on 16 September, children were praying and singing together with a high spirit. They have a lot of knowledge about the Bible and other faith matters. Congratulations to parents and teachers of St Agatha's.

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.

Hearty Welcome to Fr Sholto Douglas OMI

This weekend, 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.

Baptismal Joy!!

This weekend we welcome with great joy two new members of Christ's faithful people:

William Gillespie, son of Kurt and Elizabeth Gillespie, and Jack Burrows, son of Luke and Natalie Burrows. May they always know God's love and the support of this Christian Community.



New Community and Mission Council Member

We congratulate the new Community and Mission Council Member Matthew Crossley and thank him for his willingness to serve our community generously. The Council members are Manus Maher, Sean Finn, Sally Bledsoe, Kerri McEwan, Lucy Crowe, Phill Ryan, Damien MacGinley, Alison Hall, Joel Perkins, Chris Maher and Matthew Crossley.

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

The CMC help the parish priest to organize pastoral activities; communal and social activities and events. They will 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.

Blessings to them all and let us offer our support as they serve our community.

Extraordinary Ministers of Holy Communion- Ministry Authorisation

There will be a commissioning of Extra Ordinary Ministers for Holy Communion in October. Those who would like to join this ministry are most welcome to give their name to Fr Biju or at the office. Your help to the community is much appreciated.

To serve as an extraordinary minister of Holy Communion, persons must:

1. Be at least 18 years old;
2. Have received the sacraments of Baptism, Confirmation, and Eucharist;
3. Demonstrate a deep reverence for and devotion to the holy Eucharist; please do not address the communicant with his/her Christian name and do not exchange greetings with other people walking past.
4. Dress modestly, be on time and preferably sit in the front rows of the Church so that disruption to other parishioners is minimal once you get up.
5. As soon as the "Lamb of God" commences (do not wait until the 2nd verse!) bring the Ciborium to the altar with reverence.
6. Ensure that your hands are clean before Mass begins. Use the sanitiser before and after Communion.
7. If somebody is not consuming the Consecrated Host after receiving it, please remind the person

with love, humility and compassion to consume it.

8. Please allow the communicant time to make a sign of reverence before receiving the Body of Christ.
9. Extraordinary ministers should not take the sacred vessels from the altar themselves, but should be handed to them by the priest.
10. Extraordinary ministers should receive Holy Communion from the priest before being handed the sacred vessels for distributing Holy Communion to the people.
11. When ministering the Bread of Life, hold up the host as the communicant comes before you, address them with the words "The Body of Christ" and allow them to reply "Amen".
12. If the Holy Host is dropped, pick it up and consume it yourself or place it in your hand under the vessel containing Hosts and consume later. Give the communicant a new Host. The minister should also reverently pick up any particles that drop from the Host.
13. A person may come forward in the Communion procession with arms folded to indicate their desire for spiritual rather than sacramental Communion. While not recognised as part of the Communion Rite this has become common practice. Extend your hand towards the person and say... May God Bless You and Keep You. Because of Covid19, please don't touch the head or body while blessing.
14. After distribution of Communion please bring the paten to the altar.
15. Father may entrust you to take the Ciborium back to the Tabernacle and then, he may entrust you to take Communion to the choir loft.
16. Use the purificator to wipe your hands while giving Communion.

Parent & Child Retreat Room – Parent and children up to 5 years old

We would like to offer the use of our Children's Liturgy room, located on the Tabernacle side of the Church, for parents with young children who may need a rest during Mass. We understand that sitting still and quietly for sometime can be challenging for very young ones, so this space will be provided for you to sit and relax with your child whilst Mass is on. If you are unsure as to where the room is and how to access, please see Fr Biju before Mass for a tour.

Finance - August

Thank you so much for your generous contributions to the church. Your generosity is important and essential for our parish to carry out its mission.

Total Income - \$24,695.30
(includes planned giving offerings)

Outside School Hours Care Disbursement - \$12,580.00

Totally Expenses - \$25,960.10

Praying Holy Rosary everyday...

The Rosary is taken from the Latin word "rosarium" which means "crown of roses" or "garland of roses", the rose being one of the flowers used to symbolize the Virgin Mary.

Many great popes, saints, and Christian leaders have exhorted us to pray the Rosary. They say, one that can change our life, strengthen the family, bring peace to the world in a time of crisis, and win the salvation of souls.

In various apparitions, Mary has appeared holding a Rosary and has asked that we continue to pray this prayer. She always leads us to her Son, and presents our needs before Him. Prayer is about developing our relationship with God, and loving Him more, so it makes sense to get to know Him through the events of the life of Christ that we meditate on during the rosary.

The Catechism of the Catholic Church says:

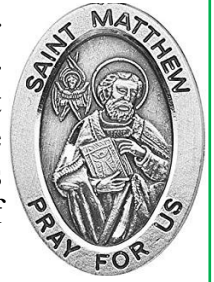
'Meditation engages thought, imagination, emotion, and desire. This mobilization of faculties is necessary in order to deepen our convictions of faith, prompt the conversion of our heart, and strengthen our will to follow Christ. Christian prayer tries above all to meditate on the mysteries of Christ, as in lectio divina or the rosary. This form of prayerful reflection is of great value, but Christian prayer should go further to the knowledge of the love of the Lord Jesus, to union with him' (CCC 2708).

Rosaries are not just decorations. Battles have been won because people prayed the Rosary! There have been hearts converted, and impossible intentions answered to. Your life can only be blessed if you start praying the Rosary.

September 21

Feast of St Matthew

St. Matthew was a tax collector turned apostle of Christ and evangelist. The name, Matthew means gift of God. Before, he met Jesus he worked as a tax collector, which was a hated profession during the time of Christ.



According to the Gospel, Matthew was working at a collection booth in Capernaum when Christ came to him and asked, "Follow me." With this simple call, Matthew became a disciple of Christ.

Many years following the death of Christ, around 41 and 50 AD, Matthew wrote his gospel account. He wrote the book in Aramaic in the hope that his account would convince his fellow people that Jesus was the Messiah and that His kingdom had been fulfilled in a spiritual way.

After Jesus' Ascension, Matthew preached the Gospel, as Jesus asked his disciples to do. It is believed that he established Christian communities in Ethiopia and other sections of the continent of Africa. Tradition tells us that he died as a martyr.

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.)

Newsletter

A reminder that we are asking all parishioners with email to read their newsletter online or print their own copy. It is emailed each Friday. This will help us minimise costs and risks relating to printing and handing paper newsletters each weekend. It also ensures those who can't receive emails can get a paper copy at Mass. Thanks for your support and assistance with this.

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.**



St Agatha's Catholic Primary School



St Agatha's Catholic Parish Primary School Clayfield

is a community that values:
Excellence, Diligence and Creativity

Limited Vacancies in Prep, Yrs 3 & 6 2022

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Roster for September

Date	5pm	7am	9am	5.30pm
18/19 September	Annette Riba	Dianne Eden	Eileen Duncan	Julia Dixon
	Nik Kure	Nick Eden	Phill Ryan	Amelia Cebulski-Marino
25/26 September	Julie-Anne Gibson	Chris Maher	Jane Arkinstall	Jo Hayes
	Graham Gibson	Sr Cecily Foster	Joseph Tan	Max Van Balen

In our prayers we remember

Those who have died recently:

Umberto Venturato, Dorothy McCormack

Those whose anniversaries occur about now:

Henry Weld, Jim Cuming, Glad McBride, Hugh McBride, Lew Brumptom, Emma Hyland, Frank 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.

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

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.

Children's Liturgy is cancelled until next term

Preparing for the next Sunday's Readings

26th Sunday in Ordinary Time:

26 September 2021

Numbers 11:25-29;

James 5:1-6; Mark 9:38-43, 45, 47-48

Safeguarding

Safeguarding is everyone's responsibility. All those who minister within the Archdiocese must adhere to the National Catholic Safeguarding Standards which serves to protect all children and vulnerable adults. For comprehensive information: <http://www.brisbanecatholic.org.au/safeguarding/>

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

No Adoration

"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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