



ST. AGATHA'S PARISH

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Twenty-Sixth Sunday in Ordinary Time 25/26 September 2021

Twenty-Sixth Sunday in ordinary time - Gospel message

In cathedrals and many prominent churches, there is a rather large sacristy – the place where the priest prepares for Mass. It was also the place of much heartache and insult. In the 'old days' a Catholic marrying a non-Catholic Christian could not do so before the altar in the main body of the church. The ceremony was held in the sacristy.

Nowadays, most marriages I conduct are between Catholics and non-Catholic Christians, and they are grace-filled events for the couple, for the families and friends witnessing the marriage, and for the Church which is thereby truer to today's Gospel.

Not to set boundaries which deny the operation of God's grace outside the Church.

Again, when a person, already baptised as a Methodist or Anglican, for example, approaches me with the desire to become a Catholic, they are often very surprised that they are not to be baptised into the Church. Baptism is never repeated. The person has already been immersed in or doused with water in the name of the Father, Son and Holy Spirit.

Yes, this gospel has much to reveal to us which should guide our ecumenical endeavours.

But, there is something more large-scale, of even greater historical import happening with the understanding of the Catholic Church about the movement of the Holy Spirit amongst the adherents and followers of other great world religious communities.

Of course, we have to be very clear as to our identity centred around certain core truths revealed for us, and focus on Jesus of Nazareth as the body language of God.

There is a huge gulf between Muslims and us about Jesus Christ. Muslims do not even believe that he was killed on the Cross, let alone raised to life after such an ignominious death. We Christians hold to the testimony and faith of the Apostles.

But, we Catholic Christians also believe that the Holy Spirit, blows where it pleases amongst all peoples in the world.

In the early centuries of the Church in the pagan world this was expressed by saying that 'the seeds of the Word' were sown by the Holy Spirit in the hearts of human beings. The fruit was often to be seen in their beliefs and customs, even if they were stunted, or suffered from a lack of light.

The task of the Church is to nurture that seed, bring it close to the illumination of Divine Light so as to reveal the true identity of Jesus Christ, God embodied for us.

May all the peoples respond to the promptings of the Holy Spirit in a way which allows them to perceive deeper truths about the identity and mission of Jesus of Nazareth, enhancing their belief in One God, Creator of the Universe, Lord of History, Merciful and Just.

(From the homily of Fr Michael Tate)





Baptismal Joy!!

This weekend we welcome with great joy two new members of Christ's faithful people: Laoise Ryan Adams, daughter of Michael Adams and Cora Ryan and Theodore Nelson, son for James and Justine Nelson. May they always know God's love and the support of this Christian Community.

Celebration of Holy Mass this week

Fr Sholto Douglas will be celebrating the Holy Masses on Tuesday, Wednesday and Thursday this week (28 September to 30 September) and on Friday (1 October) Fr Biju will be celebrating Mass and there will be Exposition, Adoration and benediction of the Holy Eucharist.



Through the Listening and Dialogue phase, along with the Listening and Discernment phase, parishes and faith communities right across the Archdiocese of Brisbane have been integral to the Plenary journey.

If you wish to remain close to the Plenary First Assembly and pray together with us, you are welcome to attend the Plenary Council First Assembly Opening Mass at 12.00pm on Sunday October 3 in St Stephen's Cathedral, as well as the Closing Mass at 10.00am on Sunday October 10 at St Stephen's Cathedral. All are welcome.

Please remember to wear a mask to comply with COVID requirements. A return to ticketed seating and registration will better help us accommodate the expected numbers. Please book for free via the following booking systems for the Mass you would like to attend:

Opening Mass on Sunday 3 October at 12 noon
<https://plenarycouncilopeningmass.eventbrite.com.au>

Closing Mass on Sunday 10 October at 10.00am
<https://plenarycouncilclosingmass.eventbrite.com.au>

Extraordinary Ministers of Holy Communion- Ministry Authorisation

There will be a commissioning of Extraordinary 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.

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, Sacramental offerings)

Outside School Hours Care Disbursement - \$12,580.00

Totally Expenses - \$25,960.10

October

Month of the Holy Rosary



"If there were one million families praying the Rosary every day, the entire world would be saved"
 Pope St Pius X

The Holy Rosary has all the depth of the Gospel message in its entirety... Praying the rosary is meant to be a meditation upon the life of Christ and Mary in the scriptures.

Say the Rosary every day...

Pray, pray a lot and offer sacrifices for sinners...

I'm Our Lady of the Rosary.

Only I will be able to help you.

...In the end My Immaculate Heart will triumph.

Our Lady at Fatima

"Every day I'm trying to be more humble and how do you do that? I guess, every day, we have Mass. Every day, I pray the rosary. That's what I do". Jim Caviezel

We give praise and thanks for blessings given and prayers answered. We pray for all our family members, parishioners and benefactors who are in need of prayer and for all those who are facing difficult times. We pray for them and for those who have asked for our prayers.

Catholic Mission

Our parish will conduct the annual **Catholic Mission Church** appeal on the weekend of **October 23 and 24**. The theme for this appeal is *"For we cannot keep from speaking about what we have seen and heard"* (Acts 4:20)



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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.

Feast Days of the week Monday 27 Sept - St Vincent de Paul

Born to a peasant family in France, Vincent studied at the University of Toulouse and was ordained at age 20. Taken captive by Turkish pirates and sold into slavery in Tunis, he was freed in 1607 when he converted one of his owners to Christianity. Returning to France, Vincent gave his energies and life to the needs of the poor. Together with St Louise de Marillac, he set up hospitals for the sick poor, founded homes for abandoned children, opened soup kitchens, created job training programs, taught young women to read, bettered prison conditions, and organised countless local charities in the villages throughout France.

Wednesday 29 Sept - Archangels Michael, Gabriel and Raphael

September 29th is the feast of Sts. Michael, Gabriel, and Raphael—archangels. Angels in general, means servant or messenger of God. Angels are celestial or heavenly beings, on a higher order than human beings.

St. Michael

The name of the archangel Michael means, in Hebrew, “who is like unto God”. Michael was the archangel who fought against evil, defending all the friends of God. He is the protector of souls, and wields his powerful sword of truth and love against the poisonous and vindictive aspirations of the Father of Lies. He is the protector of all humanity from the snares of the devil.

He is usually pictured as a strong warrior, dressed in armour and wearing sandals. His name appears in Scripture four times, twice in the Book of Daniel, and once each in the Epistle of St. Jude and the Book of Revelation.

We invoke St. Michael to help us in our fight against evil; to rescue souls from Evil Spirit, especially at the hour of death.

St. Gabriel

St. Gabriel's name means "God is my strength". Biblically he appears three times as a messenger. He had been sent to Daniel to explain a vision concerning the Messiah. He appeared to Zachariah when he was offering incense in the Temple, to foretell the birth of his son, St. John the Baptist.

St. Gabriel is most known as the angel chosen by God to be the messenger of the Annunciation, to announce to mankind the mystery of the Incarnation.

The angel's salutation to our Lady, so simple and yet so full of meaning, “Hail Mary, full of grace”, has become our beautiful prayer reflecting the annunciation.

St. Raphael

Our knowledge of the Archangel Raphael comes to us from the book of Tobit. His mission as wonderful healer and fellow traveler with the youthful Tobias has caused him to be invoked for journeys and at critical moments in life. Tradition also holds that Raphael is the angel that stirred the waters at the healing sheep pool in Bethesda. His name means "God has healed".

Thursday 30 Sept - St Jerome

Born to a rich pagan family, he was converted and lived for years as a hermit in the Syrian deserts. Reported to have drawn a thorn from a lion's paw, the animal stayed loyally at his side for years. He is a Father of the Church and Doctor of the Church, whose great work was the translation of the Bible into Latin, the edition known as the Vulgate. Lived his last 34 years in the Holy Land as a semi-recluse.

Friday 1 Oct - St Therese of the Child Jesus

Generations of Catholics have admired this young saint, and called her the "Little Flower". Yet Therese died when she was 24, after having lived as a cloistered Carmelite for less than ten years. She never went on missions, never founded a religious order, never performed great works. But within 28 years of her death, the public demand was so great that she was canonised.

A principal reason for her great appeal was her *Little Way* to holiness – her example of achieving sanctity, not through undertaking great deeds, but through personal devotion and dedication. The young nun's autobiography, *Story of a Soul*, presented people with a compelling example of spiritual maturity and piety achieved by an ordinary young girl. Her shrine at Lisieux, France, is still one of the most popular pilgrimage sites in Europe.

Therese of Lisieux is one of the patron saints of the missions, not because she ever went anywhere, but because of her special love of the missions, and the prayers and letters she gave in support of missionaries.

Saturday 2 Oct: The Holy Guardian Angels

Each and every human soul has a Guardian Angel supporting us...

Roster for September

Date	5pm	7am	9am	5.30pm
25/26 September	Ann Goves	Chris Maher	Amanda Bell	Jo Hayes
	Annette Riba	Sr Cecily Foster	Joseph Tan	Max Van Balen
2/3 October			Eileen Duncan	Matthew Crossley
	Tomos Walters	Kirsty Stevens	Hannah Dalisay	

In our prayers we remember

Those who have died recently:

Maureen Long, Andrea Frendo, Denise Chiapello, Bill Rowe, Umberto Venturato, Dorothy McCormack

Those whose anniversaries occur about now:


May Schuh, Francesco Bruzzese, Henry Weld

Those who are unwell:



Neville Goves, Finn Sheppard

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/>



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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'Never Too Old'

Mercy Community invites you to come along and celebrate as a community at our market-style event on the lawn

Lots of things to see and do!

Date: Friday, 8 October 2021
Time: 10:00am - 1:30pm
Venue: 131 Queens Road,
Nudgee (the Lawn)
Cost: Free | All welcome!

This year, Seniors Month is all about celebrating Social Connections, connecting people of all ages, cultures, and abilities, celebrating the important and essential roles older people play in our communities.



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.

Next Children's Liturgy is on 17 October, 9am Preparing for the next Sunday's Readings

**27th Sunday in Ordinary Time:
3 October 2021**

Genesis 2:18-24; Hebrews 2:9-11; Mark 10:2-16

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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