



# ST. AGATHA'S PARISH

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## *Twenty-Eighth Sunday in Ordinary Time 9/10 October 2021*

**GOSPEL REFLECTION by Fr Michael Tate (Wisdom 7:7-11; Hebrews 4:12-13; Mark 10:17-30)**

### **The Loving Gaze**

The man in today's Gospel is described (at the end) as a man of great wealth, so that when Jesus says 'There is one thing you lack', it would have got his attention. But he learnt to his shock that what he lacked was the big-heartedness which would enable him to give up the security and status and power which came with his possessions.

Jesus was not satisfied with the wealthy man's minimalist agenda of keeping the commandments. He is just as dissatisfied with us. We each know what is holding us back from being a wholehearted follower of Jesus Christ. At some stage in our lives, we have known, or know now, or will know, what it is we are hanging onto: the one thing we cannot, will not, give up, the one thing that is so much part of our personality we cannot imagine what it would be like to get rid of it.

There is only one thing that can give you, give me, the courage and trust that is needed. In this Gospel story, and the only time in Mark, it says: 'Jesus looked steadily at him and loved him.' This is not the glare of the critical eye but similar to the gaze of a parent on a newborn child, envisaging and encouraging a beautiful future for that child.

We could take a moment to pray, 'Lord, I know there is something I must give up to enable me to follow you more nearly. Give me the courage which can only come from knowing that you gaze steadily at me and love me.'

### **Children's Liturgy, Parent and Child Retreat Room**

Did you know we have a special room within the church which doubles as a Sunday children's liturgy room and a parent and child retreat?

This is a calm and quiet space set aside for parent and child to retreat to if your child is feeling a little restless during Mass.

It is available for your use at all Masses except during the Sunday 9am Mass when it is used for children's liturgy.



We invite all parents/carers and children to come and take a look before or after any Mass. See Fr Biju for location and access.

### **All volunteers please note the date**

The Parish Community and Mission Council is planning to organise a volunteers gathering and refreshments on Friday 26 November. All volunteers (ministers), will be invited to join us. It is a time that the parish community thank you for your great service.

## Parish Matters

Two weeks ago we reflected on the words of Jesus that even the very small things we do for others are important in our life and Jesus promises that in some way we will be rewarded. Jesus said that even if we “give a cup of water” to someone in need it’s important and God will reward us.

We wonder how great our community is in helping others generously; through the Catholic Campaign, Catholic Mission, Caritas Australia and our parish community. We are helping others financially. Our community is also helping the poor directly through Vinnies.

We also reflected that we are the people of God. Without all your help our parish community cannot exist, your financial help, your different voluntarily services in the church are so important.

At the same time, we have noticed that during these times of pandemic our community also seems to be dwindling, we miss so many people in the church and it affects its smooth running and also affects the income of the parish.

It is so important to share the responsibilities of our parish community. We have wonderful musicians, sacristan, collectors, readers, communion ministers etc... at the same time we notice that some of our parishioners are overburdened with many jobs. We need more volunteers as ministers.

1. **PowerPoint Operators (clickers)** It is an easy job and if we have sufficient clickers we can begin the Holy Mass in a peaceful atmosphere. If you are willing to help please let me know or contact Rosemary at the office.
2. **Volunteers for Children's Liturgy:** It is a requirement to have two catechists at a time for children's liturgy, but we don't have sufficient people to help the children to learn about Jesus.
3. **Extra ordinary ministers for Holy Communion:** There will be a commissioning of Extra Ordinary Ministers for Holy Communion at the end of October. Those who would like to join this ministry are most welcome to give their name to Fr Biju or at the office.

We also need Ministers of the word (readers), welcomers, collectors of offerings, money counters etc...

If you are happy to help please contact Rosemary at the office or Fr Biju. Rosemary is the coordinator of all the volunteers assisted by Jane Cameron.

All the different ways you help bring grace and blessings to our parish community.

## Baptisms

St Agatha's celebrate baptisms on the 3rd and 4th Sundays of each month. For any information, please contact the Parish Office 3262 2859.

## Adoration

Adoration and benediction of Blessed Sacraments is held on every Friday morning following the 9am Mass.

## What is RCIA?

- A process of Evangelization
- A process to help people learn about Jesus and to explore the great faith and tradition of the Catholic Church.
- A process to help people who are not catholic to enter the church at Easter Vigil.

Both baptised in other faith communities or never baptised.

Do you know anyone who is exploring the idea of faith, or is not Catholic and interested in taking the next step? Please contact the Parish Office 3262 2859.

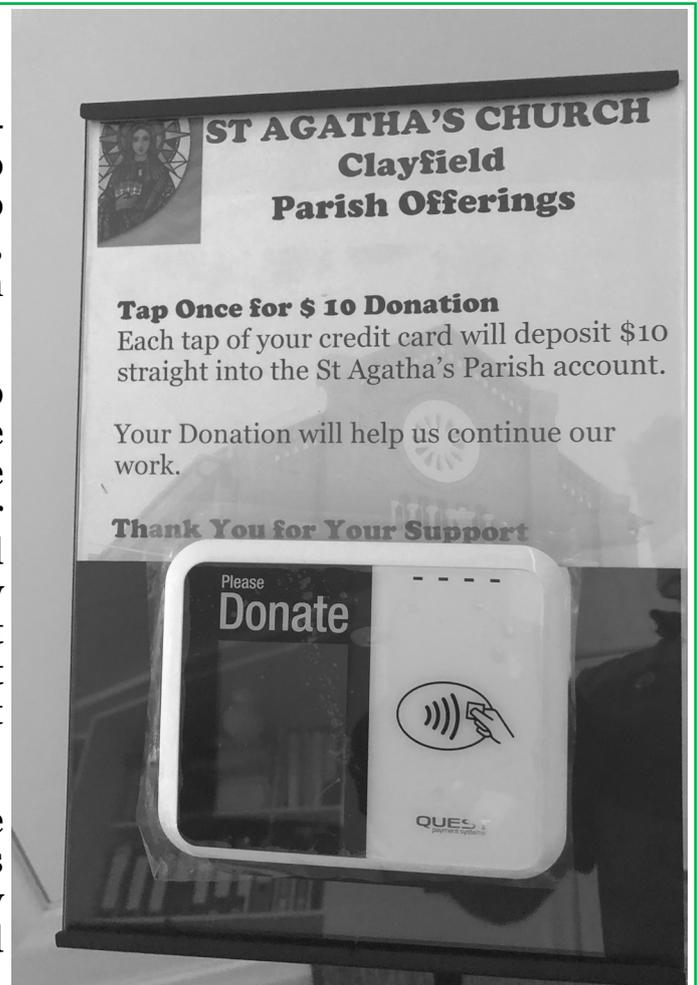
## PARISH FINANCIAL SUPPORT

Following several requests from parishioners, we have decided to provide Tap and Go facilities in our church, to assist people who may wish to offer money and help the parish, but find that they don't have access to cash when they arrive at Church.

The donation point will be set at \$10, so each time you wave your credit card you will be making a donation of \$10 to the parish. We hope this will be a more convenient way for some parishioners to donate to the parish, and that people will not feel uncomfortable if they do not contribute when the plate comes past at collection times. Also, small cards will be kept near the tap and go facilities. Feel free to take it and put in the plate when it comes around.

All in all, it is a safer, easier and more sensible way to donate as the carrying of cash is fast becoming a thing of the past. This facility will be installed next weekend. Any ideas and suggestions are most welcome.

To Tap and Go, just tap a credit card or bank card on the sensor and it will donate \$10 and once it has processed this first tap, (which may take 30 seconds), you can tap it again if you would like. A safe and handy way to give offering in this changing world. **God bless you for your support.**



October

Month of the  
Holy Rosary



“When you say the Rosary, the angels rejoice, the Blessed Trinity delights in it, Jesus finds joy in it too, and I myself am happier than you can possibly guess. After the Holy Sacrifice of the Mass, there is nothing in the Church that I love as much as the Rosary.” -Our Lady to Blessed Alan de la Roche

**When we say the Rosary, we are saying to the Holy Trinity, to the Incarnate Saviour, and to the Blessed Mother, “I love you,” I love you, “I love you.”** - Venerable Archbishop *Fulton J. Sheen*

### Piety Stall/Parish Library

We have a variety of items for sale including Rosary Beads, Bracelets, Youth Bibles, Holy Picture Plaques and various cards for birthdays, sympathy and thank you. Feel free to also browse the lending library before and after Mass. These books are available for LENDING ONLY and NOT for sale.

**The Catholic Leader October 2021 Issue :** The October issue is now available at the front of the Church. Please buy a copy to promote the Catholic Leader.

### 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/>

### Children's Liturgy this Sunday 10 October, 9am

Catechists are Jane Cameron and Kate Wick

**Preparing for the next Sunday's Readings**

**29th Sunday in Ordinary Time: 17 October 2021**

Isaiah 53:10-11; Hebrews 4:14-16; Mark 10:35-45

## Roster for October

Date	5pm	7am	9am	5.30pm
9/10 October	Ann Goves	Dianne Eden	Amanda Bell	Max Van Balen
	Annette Riba	Nick Eden	Hannah Dalisay	Joel Perkins
16/17 October	Edward Foley	Karen Birtles	Luke Sutton	Julia Dixon
	Nik Kure	Jeanine Bygott	Chanelle Simpson	
Communion Minister 9/10 October	Deb Hall	Marie Deuble	Geraldine Swindells	
PowerPoint Clicker				
Collectors				

### In our prayers we remember

#### Those who have died recently:

Gordon Dotti, Carmel Hickey

#### Those whose anniversaries occur about now:

Janet Hazeldine, Norrie Brennan, Agnes Power, Gerard Power, Albert Tesch, Sally Tesch

#### Those who are unwell:

Neville Goves, Finn Sheppard

### The beginning of the next liturgical year is closing in!

Time to order your Advent and 2022 liturgical resources.



2021 Advent reflection booklets: \$5.00 each

2022 Columban Calendars: \$10.00 each

2022 Break Open the Word:



**OCTOBER  
BREAST  
CANCER  
AWARENESS  
MONTH**

### Breast Cancer Awareness Month

October, Australia's Breast Cancer Awareness Month, provides an opportunity for us all to focus on breast cancer and its impact on those affected by the disease in our community.

Breast cancer remains the most common cancer among Australian women (excluding non-melanoma skin cancer). Survival rates continue to improve in Australia with 89 out of every 100 women diagnosed with invasive breast cancer now surviving five or more years beyond diagnosis.

Take the time this month to find out what you need to know about breast awareness and share this important information with your family, friends and colleagues.

### Children's Mass and morning tea postponed to Sunday 24 October 9am

Due to the new Covid19 restrictions, the Children's Mass is postponed to Sunday 24 October.

All children in Grade Prep to Year 6 are specially invited to participate in the Children's Mass at 9am on 24 October 2021. At the Mass, children are asked to read, bring the gifts to the Altar, take up collections, Altar serve and welcome people as they arrive. If your child/children would like to participate in any of these activities please email: [clayfield@bne.catholic.net.au](mailto:clayfield@bne.catholic.net.au) or phone the Parish office on 3262 2859 by Tuesday 19 October. We look forward to all parishioners joining and supporting our children by attending the 9am Holy Mass.

#### 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



#### *Parish Administration*

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**Community and Mission Council**

**Chair:** Manus Maher

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