



ST. AGATHA'S PARISH

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Twenty –Ninth Sunday in Ordinary Time 16/17 October 2021

Be joyful to serve at the altar, to be closer to Jesus!

Serving God as an Altar server is a wonderful way for a child to grow in faith as well as in responsibility, friendship, and other virtues. (The South Australian Catholic page- Facebook)

The boys and girls who serve at the Altar, are part of the liturgical team. At the Altar they join the priest together with other liturgical ministers, choir and the community in the celebration of Holy Eucharist. They serve at the Altar like angels, they are close to Jesus and Jesus loves it as he said **“Let the little children come to me”** (Mark 10:14).



Pope Francis acknowledged the important role of Altar servers while talking to the 9,000 youth in early August 2015, according to the National Catholic Reporter. The Pope told the young people that serving at the Altar, is a privileged way to draw closer to Jesus, which in turn “enables you to open yourselves to others, to journey together, to set demanding goals and to find the strength to achieve them.” “It’s helpful for young teens and tweens to become part of the Altar serving ministry because it’s the most significant way to make a meaningful contribution to the liturgy,” Dawson says. “It is a concrete way of participating in the community of faith.”

In addition to contributing their support to the liturgical celebration, Altar servers develop certain qualities through their service;

- Being an Altar server teaches children from a young age to love, revere and praise God.
- Serving at the Altar teaches children to be responsible and punctual. From an early age, they acquire good sense, and commitment to the Holy Mass. Servers are required to arrive early to each Mass in order to determine their roles, prepare items and dress in their albs. And also it helps them to be courageous and self-confident.
- Serving at the Altar instructs the children in the liturgy and the rich culture of the Church.
- Attentiveness; Altar servers learn the deeper meaning behind each step of the liturgy.
- Maturity; Altar serving contributes to a server’s maturity as they learn lessons and put their knowledge into practice.

It’s worth noting that all of us who have been Altar servers in our childhood treasure that period of our life with great pleasure and gratitude.

Don’t wait for the weekly roster:

Whenever your child/children come to Mass, and there are no Altar servers, you can assist to vest them and let them join the procession to the Altar. Anybody who has received First Holy Communion and has trained to be at the sanctuary are most welcome to Altar serve and there is no age limit. **A certificate of voluntary service will be awarded to those who Altar serve ten times.**

If your children become Altar servers, help them to feel proud of what they do, and pray for them. Help them to learn little by little to turn their actions into prayers and to grow in their faith journey.

Please note: Children’s Mass and morning tea next Sunday 24 October 9am

Baptismal Joy!!



This weekend we welcome with great joy three new members of Christ's faithful people: Minnie Brandon, daughter of Christopher and Coralie Brandon; Sylvie Hill, daughter of Alexander Hill and Sophia Woods and Colin Moloney, son of Roger Moloney and Mihey Ju. May they always know God's love and the support of this Christian Community.

New Parish Finance Council Members

Geraldine Swindells and George Arkininstall have joined the Finance Council to serve the community. We thank and congratulate them for their generous willingness taking on this responsibility. Since there was a vacancy for the Finance Council secretary, Geraldine Swindells will be filling that vacancy.

Updated list of Finance Council members:

Chair person: Jodi Sutton

Finance Secretary: Geraldine Swindells

Members

Brian Rada, Bernard Power, Dan Butler, Joseph O'Brien, Karen Birtles and George Arkininstall

Parish Council members (Community and Mission Council):

Chair person: Manus Maher

Secretary: Sean Finn

Members

Sally Bledsoe, Damien MacGinley, Alison Hall, Lucy Crowe, Chris Maher, Kerri McEwan, Phill Ryan, Joel Perkins and Matthew Crossley

Finance council is one of the most necessary requirements for the parish. It helps the parish priest with the general administration and maintenance of building and land. While the Finance Council focus on the finance management of the parish, the Community and Mission Council are more social and community oriented.

The Community and Mission Council is the parish leadership team as well as a pastoral advisory council and a great help for the parish priest. This council may help the community in organizing pastoral activities; communal and social activities and fundraising events and other programmes. They are also the leaders of Holy Mass, by taking responsibilities of different ministries. They strive for the better functioning of the parish.

Financial Support– Tap and Go facilities are ready to use

Last Sunday I mentioned that 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. As of this weekend 16/17 October, this facility is ready to use. Any ideas and suggestions are most welcome.

To Tap and Go, just tap your 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.



Catholic Mission

Next week Catholic Mission will invite you to partner with Sister Chalaad and the Good Shepherd Sisters in Thailand as they reach out to vulnerable mothers, and their babies, who would have nowhere to turn when they need support, love and kindness the most.



catholic mission
Reach out. Give life.

Next week you will have the opportunity to respond to what you have seen and heard, and the Home, as well as other vital mission programs supporting children and communities in need around the world. Please come with an open and generous heart.

Children's Mass at 9 am 24 October:

During children's Mass, children may 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 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.**



Synod of Bishops

On Sunday, October 17, dioceses around the world will launch local preparations for the Synod of Bishops, which has the theme: "For a Synodal Church: Communion, Participation and Mission". The Catholic Church in Australia will invite the People of God to make submissions via an online portal that will open on October 17. Those submissions will help the Bishops develop a national report to support the global process leading to an international gathering in 2023. Find out more at: <http://www.catholic.org.au/synodalchurch>

Plenary council - what was the feeling coming out of the first assembly?

The Plenary Council First Assembly was held between October 3-10.

The following video links provide a snapshot and some of the testimony and feelings of the local members of the Plenary Council as the week progressed.

Opening Mass Highlights: <https://youtu.be/JGwVnP9EzTQ>
Half Way through the Journey: <https://youtu.be/WewCQI2oeA4>

Looking towards the 2nd Assembly: <https://youtu.be/WDRvPkOdmcc>

Read the concluding statement [on the Plenary Council website.](#)

Making the Church my own...

Last week, we discussed about the importance of more volunteers.

Please join in sharing the responsibilities of our community. Your help is so important.

1. PowerPoint Operators (clickers) It is an easy job and if we have sufficient clickers we can start the Holy Mass in a peaceful atmosphere. If you are ready to help please let me know or contact Rosemary in the office.
2. Volunteers for Children's Liturgy: It is a must to have two catechists at a time for the 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.
4. Ministers of the word (readers),
5. Welcomers
6. Collectors of offerings
7. Money Counters etc...

Please tick ✓ at least one ministry to ensure your support and involvement.

QUESTIONS ABOUT THE CATHOLIC VIEW ON VACCINATION?

You can learn more about Pope Francis's recent encouragement to all to get vaccinated with approved Covid-19 vaccines in the link below. Pope Francis referred to it as 'an act of love.' <https://www.vaticannews.va/en/pope/news/2021-08/pope-francis-appeal-covid-19-vaccines-act-of-love.html>

The Archdiocese of Brisbane supports COVID-19 vaccination except for those people with a valid medical exemption from their health professional.

We do recognise that some Catholics have concerns about the origins of the cell-line associated with the development of the AstraZeneca vaccine. If this is a concern for you then the Pfizer and Moderna vaccines provide two alternatives that avoid this issue.



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Roster for October

| Date | 5pm | 7am | 9am | 5.30pm |
|-------------------------------------|-------------------|------------------|------------------|------------------------|
| 16/17 October | Edward Foley | Karen Birtles | Luke Sutton | Julia Dixon |
| | Nik Kure | Jeanine Bygott | Chanelle Simpson | Matthew Crossley |
| 23/24 October | Julie-Anne Gibson | Sr Cecily Foster | Children's Mass | Amelia-Cebulski-Marino |
| | Graham Gibson | Chris Maher | | Max Van Balen |
| Communion Minister 16/17 October | Annette Riba | | Phill Ryan | |
| PowerPoint Clicker | | | | |
| Collectors 16/17 October | | | MacGinley family | |

In our prayers we remember

Those who have died recently:

Phil Sullivan, Tom Williams, Gordon Dotti

Those whose anniversaries occur about now:

Julie Walsh, Leslie Townsend, Janet Hazeldine and Norrie Brennan

Those who are unwell:

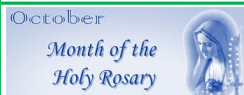
Jack Williamson, Neville Goves, Finn Sheppard



**OCTOBER
BREAST
CANCER
AWARENESS
MONTH**

Prayer:

Heavenly father, empower those suffering from breast cancer and give them hope for each and every day. Surround them with loving care, laughter and support.



The Holy Rosary is a prayer of deep and powerful connection to the Bible and the Divine mysteries that are tied to Jesus' redemptive stay on earth. As Father Oscar Lukefahr has written, "the mysteries of the rosary translate the Bible into prayer." The Rosary then binds us to the historical life of Christ and foreshadows our eternal destiny and union with Christ in heaven. We must not forget that while a devotion to the Blessed Mother is a vital part of the Rosary's historical and spiritual importance, it is primarily a Christ-centered prayer in which we pray to the Son through His Mother. The Blessed Virgin Mary gave us the Rosary to promote the habit of daily prayer among all the faithful.

Children's Liturgy this Sunday 17 October, 9am

Catechists are Erin Bledsoe and Sally Bledsoe

Preparing for the next Sunday's Readings

30th Sunday in Ordinary Time: 24 October 2021

Jeremiah 31:7-9; Hebrews 5:1-6; Mark 10:46-52

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.

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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