



ST. AGATHA'S PARISH

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Thirty-Second Sunday in Ordinary Time 6/7 November 2021

The First Prayer that I learned...

The first prayer that most parents teach their children is the Sign of the Cross and it is also the most basic Christian gesture in prayer. Francis de Sales explains the sign of the Cross, "We raise the hand first to the forehead, saying, 'In the name of the Father,' to signify that the Father is the First Person of the Most Holy Trinity, of whom the Son is begotten and from whom the Holy Spirit proceeds. Then saying, 'and the Son,' the hand is lowered to the breast, to express that the Son proceeds from the Father, who sent Him down to the womb of the Virgin.

Then the hand is moved from the left shoulder or side to the right, while saying, 'and of the Holy Spirit,' thereby signifying that the Holy Spirit, as the Third Person of the Holy Trinity, proceeds from the Father and the Son, that He is the Love that unites both, and that we, through His grace, partake of the fruits of the passion.

Accordingly the sign of the cross is a brief declaration of our faith in the three great mysteries: of our faith in the Blessed Trinity, in the passion of Christ, and in the forgiveness of sin, by which we pass from the left side of curse to the right of blessing." (The Sign of the Cross, The Fifteen Most Powerful Words in the English Language)

The cross is source of all blessings and graces, the weapon and armor of our defense against the evil power... as sign of Christ's victory over sin, death, and hell.

When we make the Sign of the Cross we are exactly doing the following 21 things:

1. Prayer. We begin and end our prayers with the Sign of the Cross. The sign of the cross is a beautiful gesture which reminds us of the cross of salvation while invoking the Holy Trinity.
2. Open ourselves to grace. As a sacramental, the Sign of the Cross prepares us for receiving God's blessing and disposes us to cooperate with His grace, according to Ghezzi.
3. Sanctify the day. 4. Commit the whole self to Christ. 5. Recall the Incarnation. 6. Remember the Passion of Our Lord. 7. Affirm the Trinity. 8. Focus our prayer on God. 9. Affirm the procession of Son and Spirit. 10. Confess our faith. 11. Invoke the power of God's name. 12. Crucify ourselves with Christ. 13. Ask for support in our suffering. 14. Reaffirm our baptism. 15. Reverse the curse. 16. Remake ourselves in Christ's image. 17. Mark ourselves for Christ. 18. Renewal of baptism. 19. Ward off the devil. 20. Seal ourselves in the Spirit. 21. Witness to others. (Sources include: The Sign of the Cross, by Bert Ghezzi, and Signs of Life, by Scott Hahn)

**In the name of
the Father
and of the Son
and of the
Holy Spirit.
Amen.**

Unfortunately, these days many of our young generation have forgotten basic prayers. I find many do not know how to make the sign of the cross or say the Our Father. During special liturgies, such as baptisms, weddings and funerals it would be lovely to hear everyone join with me in praying the Our Father and other traditional prayers. Let us help our children to learn these most important basic prayers.

Children's Mass
next Sunday
14 November 9am



Prayerful remembering

As Christians, our remembering of those who have died is always a prayerful remembering. We remember them before the Lord. The whole month of November is a time when we remember our dead in a special way, remembering those we have known and loved — family members, good friends and others.

In praying for our loved one, we ask the Lord to bring them to the fullness of life. We also pray in thanksgiving for them, thanking God for the gift of their lives and for all the ways the Lord blessed us through them. We entrust our loved ones who have died to God.

The faithful departed, they have departed from this world, but they live on in our memory and we pray for them, we offer Holy Mass for them. For them, they have faced the reality of death and they journey on towards the life of heaven.

They need our prayers...

It is our spiritual duty to pray for them...

When they become saints in heaven they will remember us...

In faith and in prayer, we are connected to departed loved ones.

They live on in another realm, and if they are in heaven, they live on in God's love. If they are in the midst of purification, and they need our prayers.

They are journeying to divine realm where God will remove the mourning veil covering them and the shroud enwrapping them. And they will be in the presence of God. As Jesus said in the gospel, it is God's will that whoever believes in Him shall have eternal life because He is our Saviour.

That is why when we offer Mass for the departed, we write in their names, we acknowledge their existence and it is a living existence.

May our prayers and other works of faith help the souls in purgatory or in the state of purification to be purified and to be received into the presence of God

There the Lord will wipe away the tears from every cheek, and they will be able to see God and their hope for salvation is fulfilled.

LET US PRAY FOR OUR DEPARTED LOVED ONES

Father of all, we pray to you for N... And for all those whom we love but see no longer.

Eternal rest grant unto them, O lord

And let perpetual light shine upon them.

May they rest in peace Amen

May their souls and the souls of all the faithful departed, through the mercy of God, rest in peace.



November Mass Envelopes are available from the table in the Church foyer and Parish Office. PLEASE PRINT the names of those who you wish to be remembered and place the envelope in the Mass offering box kept at the entrance of the church, or give to Fr Bijju.

The names of your deceased will be written in a Remembrance Book that will be on the altar for all Masses during the month of November.

The church dedicates the month of November to praying for our deceased loved ones. Both Scripture and Tradition remind us to pray for the dead that they may be loosed from their sins and enter the joy of Heaven. Offering Masses therefore is the greatest gift we can give to them.

Masses can be offered for those we knew and loved, or for the souls that have nobody to pray for them.

"I like the silence of a church, before the service begins better than any preaching". Ralph Waldo Emerson

Children's Mass next Sunday 14 November 9am

Next Sunday 14 November will be our final Children's Mass for the year. If your child would like to do a reading, take up the gifts, welcome people on arrival or Altar serve (trained servers only) at the Mass, please contact the Parish office by Tuesday 9 November on 3262 2859 or email:

clayfield@bne.catholic.net.au. There will be a special Christmas themed morning tea after Mass. All are welcome to come along and join in this special gathering.

Commissioning of New Extra Ordinary Communion Ministers

This weekend during the 5.30pm Holy Mass, Alexa Velasquez, Julia Dixon and Matthew Crossley will be commissioned as Extra Ordinary Communion Ministers.

Cleaner required

A cleaner is required for the Presbytery (upstairs only) once a week. If you can assist or know of anyone, please contact the Parish Office.

The Catholic Leader November 2021 Issue

The November issue is now available at the front of the Church. Please buy a copy to promote the Catholic Leader.

Change in COVID Mask Requirements

Generally masks must be worn indoors if you are standing and moving around **and** you cannot maintain 1.5 metres physical distance from people who are not in your household.

Advice regarding Mass and other liturgies;

- masks should be worn while entering and leaving the Place of Worship
- masks should be worn while processing to receive Communion
- readers may remove their mask at the microphone

• masks are not required while seated or kneeling while at your pew

Priests and Extraordinary Ministers of the Eucharist should wear a mask while distributing communion (as they would be standing and less than 1.5m apart).

Altar servers: 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.**

Pope Francis said...

"We must always bear in mind that the Eucharist is not something we do. It is not our own commemoration of what Jesus said and did. No. It is precisely an act of Christ! It is Christ who acts there, who is on the altar.

It is a gift of Christ, who makes himself present and gathers us around him, to nourish us with his word and with his life".

General Audience Pope Francis, 12 Feb 2014

A Prayer for Those in Prison Ministry

God of all life, Your son called us to be compassionate, just as You are compassionate.

And so we pray: For our generous Earth, Who, even when mistreated, continues to nourish and sustain us.

May we grow in mutual care.

For our suffering peoples, Who, even when facing injustices, teach us resilience and hope.

May we grow in mutual care.

For each one of us, Who, in times of vulnerability, draws on divine love and strength.

May we grow in mutual care.

For our prison ministries, Which, in times of change, find new ways of reaching out and in.

May we grow in mutual care.

And may we be blessed and inspired

As we hear these words anew: "For you had compassion for those who were in prison."

In the name of Jesus, gentle and humble of heart, Amen.



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Roster for October

Date	5pm	7am	9am	5.30pm
6/7 November	Terry Manso	Kirsty Stevens	Eileen Duncan	Alison Hall
	Edward Foley	Karen Birtles	Joseph Tan	Max Van Balen
13/14 November	Annette Riba	Jeanine Bygott	Amanda Bell	Julia Dixon
	Nik Kure	Chris Maher	To be confirmed	
Communion Minister 6/7 November	Annette Riba	Manus Maher	Phill Ryan	
PowerPoint Clicker	Nicole Conlon			
Collectors				

In our prayers we remember

Those who have died recently:

Barry Sullivan, Kath Ethridge, James Michaeltyler, Halyna Hutchins

Those whose anniversaries occur about now:

Caleb Brataly, Brigio Musumeci, Dawn Lucas

Those who are unwell:

Merlene Lisha, Jack Williamson

How to use Tap and Go facilities?

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. 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. Any ideas and suggestions are most welcome.

Children's Liturgy Sunday 7 November, 9am

Catechists: Jane Cameron and Michelle Scalia

Preparing for the next Sunday's Readings

33rd Sunday in Ordinary Time: 14 November 2021

Daniel 12:1-3; Hebrews 10:11-14, 18; Mark 13:24-32

Holy Masses: Christmas

Friday 24 Dec. 5.30pm Carols
6.00pm Christmas Vigil Mass
11.30pm Carols, Midnight Mass

Saturday 25 December 8.00am

Weekend 25/26 December

Saturday 25 December Vigil Mass 5pm

Sunday 26 December 7am, 9am, 5.30pm

End of Year Mass

Friday 31 December 9am

November 7, 2021

32nd Sunday in Ordinary Time

"I say to you, this poor widow put in more than all the other contributors to the treasury. For they all contributed out of their abundance; but she out of her poverty has put in everything she had, her whole living." (Mark 12:43-44)



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

Reconciliation 9.30am

Reconciliation before Mass every weekday and Saturday before the 5pm Mass or any time by appointment.

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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