



# ST. AGATHA'S PARISH

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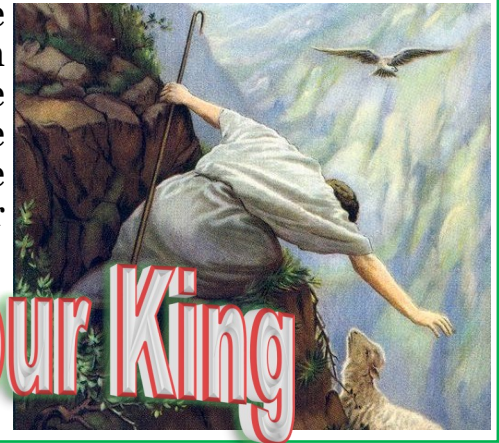
## *Solemnity of Christ the King 20/21 November 2021*

How is your prayer life at this time? When you go into the silence of your room or when you come earlier into this Church and place yourself, once again in all humility before God, what do you pray for?

Very often we pray for our families and our relatives; we pray for people who are sick and for those who suffer, especially those we know. We come in humility before a God who listens to us and we recognize what's going on in the world and in our country, especially after the elections... we see how divided we are in so many ways... But as we come to the end of this Liturgical Year and as the end of this calendar year is closer, the Church celebrates the Solemnity of Our Lord Jesus Christ, King of the Universe...!

Our prayer very often is so complex but as we see in the Gospel, the prayer of one of the criminals hanging beside Jesus cross was a very simple, but profound prayer. He didn't pray to be released from his suffering and fate, he didn't ask for the destruction of the people who imposed the death penalty on him! The prayer he uttered was... "Jesus, remember me when you come into your kingdom." This was a simple prayer but a very profound and powerful one! This criminal, in the last moments of his life, recognizes Jesus as a King!

Jesus who is King of the Universe doesn't reign from a beautiful golden throne; he doesn't wear a crown adorned with beautiful stones. He doesn't wear precious clothes. He hangs from a wooden Cross, wears a crown of thorns and his body shows the marks of his torture and of the passion. This is the King we follow... and this King invites us with open arms to embrace him and in embracing him, to embrace all creation with our minds and our hearts. In that embrace and in that invitation he calls us to be merciful and forgiving.



### *Baptismal Joy!!*

This weekend we welcome with great joy three new members of Christ's faithful people: William Poiner, son of Lachlan and Nicole Poiner and Jackson and Charlie Barton, children of Adam and Rachael Barton. May they always know God's love and the support of this Christian Community.



### *Advent Adventures*

We will be running Advent Adventures for the children during the 9am Masses beginning next Sunday 28th November to and including Sunday 19th December. This is an interactive, activity based program with the aim of bringing meaning to the spirit of Christmas. Parents are most welcome to attend.

**On 28 November at 9am Mass we will remember all the parishioners who have left for eternal life.**

## New Auxiliary Bishop of Brisbane

At this time of great change and challenge, it is a joy for the Church in Brisbane and Australia to welcome the appointment of Fr Tim Norton SVD as Auxiliary Bishop of Brisbane.



In some ways it is a surprising appointment, but Fr Tim brings to the ministry of bishop many gifts and experiences required now more than ever as the whole Church seeks to become more missionary.

Born in Sydney in 1958, Tim entered the Divine Word Missionaries in 1984 and was ordained priest in 1991.

He then served in Mexico for seven years before undertaking studies in spiritual direction to prepare for formation work in Melbourne preparing men to serve as Divine Word Missionaries.

He was then elected Provincial of the Australian Province, and in that role he had close contact with the Archdiocese of Brisbane where the SVD have been and still are an important presence.

Since completing his term as Provincial, Tim has been the Director of the Ad Gentes course of renewal based at the SVD house in Nemi near Rome. All of this will equip Tim well for what awaits him in the episcopal ministry in this time and in this place.

He will make a real contribution not only locally in Brisbane and Queensland but also nationally and internationally.

He comes to us as God's gift and we give thanks to the giver of all gifts. We also welcome Tim as a brother in faith and in mission.

Details of the ordination will follow, and in the meantime we pray for Tim, asking the Lord to breathe into him in a new and deeper way the Holy Spirit who enables us to hear God's Word and speak it to others...

## Advent Season

Next Sunday is the first Sunday of Advent Season, and it is the beginning of the new liturgical year. (Sunday Cycle C, weekday Cycle 2)

Advent Season invites us to prepare well for Christmas both inward and outward.

## Finance Council Meeting

Last Tuesday, 16 November 2021, the Finance Council evaluated the on going finance matters of the parish and reviewed and approved the parish budget for 2022. School Principal Ms Anne-Marie updated the school matters.

The council welcomed the idea of adding advertisements in the newsletter, to meet the printing cost. Any parishioners who would like to advertise in our newsletter, please contact the Parish Office.

## Finance - October

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 - \$17,965.36 (includes Planned Giving offerings, Sacramental offerings)

Totally Expenses - \$25,554.60.

**Adoration** There will be no adoration next Friday 26th November.

## Christmas Raffle

Be in the running to win one of our amazing Christmas raffle prizes. Tickets are \$2.00 each or 3 for \$5.00. Many thanks to parishioners who have donated items for the raffles. Raffle will be drawn Sunday 19 December.

## Can you lend a helping hand?

There are a number of parishioners that require transportation to and from weekend Masses. If you are in a position to assist, please contact the Parish Office.

## Commissioning of New Extra Ordinary Communion Ministers

During the 5.30pm Holy Mass next Sunday 28<sup>th</sup> November, Julia Dixon and Matthew Crossley will be commissioned as Extra Ordinary Communion Ministers. If anyone would like to be an extra ordinary minister to serve our Lord and community please see Fr Biju.





## Parish Remembrance Day 28 November 2021

Let us not forget our dearly beloved parishioners who kept their faith, who lived their faith with the community, who build up our church and community; might be our parents, grand parents, and all our ancestors and other people who left for eternal life, they had been part of our parish family. Let us commemorate them all on 28 November at 9am Mass; where our late parishioners will be honoured and remembered as they should be. During the month of November, it is our custom to remember all those who have died.

“It was one of those rare times when remembering the dead was more important than tending to the needs of the living.” — Dean Koontz —

### Remembrance Book

Throughout November you are invited to inscribe the names of those who you want to remember in the Book of Remembrance, which helps us focus our prayers as we pray for our deceased sisters and brothers.

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 action of writing their names is an important one as it ensures we are all active in how we remember others; we write their name in the book, we offer a prayer, or we ask for Mass to be offered. For more information please contact Fr Biju.

### Blessed

Advent and Christmas Daily Reflections 2021 are for sale at the piety stall for \$5.00 each. Limited stock available. **Blessed** is an 92-page pocket-size book containing short spiritually rich, yet accessible, daily reflections from the beginning of Advent (28 November 2021) through to the Baptism of the Lord (9 January 2022).

### Columban Calendars

2022 Columban Calendars are for sale at the piety stall for \$10.00 each. Limited stock available. The Columban Art Calendar is an iconic Catholic Calendar, well-known for its traditional religious paintings and liturgical information. 2022 marks the celebration of 100 years.

## Let us pray for our departed loved ones

Father of all, we pray to you for all the faithful departed and for all those whom we love but see no longer.

Fr: Eternal rest grant unto them, O Lord.

R. And let perpetual light shine upon them.

Fr. May they rest in peace.

R. Amen.

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

R. Amen.




## St Agatha's SVDP Christmas Appeal



The SVDP Christmas Appeal will be conducted over the weekends starting 27/28 November up to and including 18/19 December. The Conference visits people in a large area from Pinkenba to Bowen Hills. Assistance is provided for families and single people seeking food, clothing, furniture, and financial help. All donations will be gratefully appreciated. Appeal envelopes are available at the back of the Church. If making a donation by cheque, make payable to "St Agatha's Clayfield SVDP Conference".

## The Catholic Leader November Issue:

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



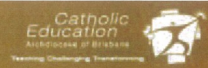
**St Agatha's** Catholic Primary School



*St Agatha's Catholic Parish Primary School Clayfield*  
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## Roster for October

Date	5pm	7am	9am	5.30pm
20/21 November	Julie-Anne Gibson	Andrew Douglas	Jane Arkinstall	Max Van Balen
	Graham Gibson	Karen Birtles	Hannah Arkinstall	Amelia Cebulski-Marino
27/28 November	Judy Bartels		Wilma O'Connell	Matthew Crossley
	Paul Bartels	Kirsty Stevens	Joseph O'Brien	
Communion Minister 20/21 November	Annette Riba	Manus Maher	Geraldine Swindells	Alexa Velaquez
PowerPoint Clicker 20/21 November	Rea Family	Paul Marshall	Bell Family	Tom and Jess Luxford
Collectors				

### In our prayers we remember

#### Those who have died recently:

Joan Hall, Bishop Bill Wright, Beryl Coates

#### Those whose anniversaries occur about now:

Joseph Riba, Rosemary Ryan, Rosalind Shun Wah, Reginald Shun Wah (Jnr), Andrew McVeigh, Nikolaj Kure Snr, Joe Majerle, Elizabeth Majerle

#### Those who are unwell:

Harry Arkinstall, Merlene Lisha

### Choir Practice for Christmas

Choir practice for our Christmas Masses will begin on Thursday 25 November. New members are always welcome. If you would like to be a part of the choir, please contact Robyn Cuming on 0414 861 988.

### Children's Liturgy Sunday 21 November, 9am

Catechists: Katrina Murphy and Leenet Dsouza

#### Preparing for next Sunday's readings

First Sunday of Advent (C)

28 November 2021

Jer 33:14-16; 1 Thes. 3:12-4:2; Luke 21:25-28, 34-36

### 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

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



### Holy Masses: Christmas

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

Saturday 25 December 7.00am & 9.00am

**Holy Family of Jesus, Mary and Joseph**  
Saturday 25 December Vigil Mass 5pm

Sunday 26 December 7am, 9am, 5.30pm

### End of Year Mass

Friday 31 December 9am



## WANTED

### NEW ALTAR SERVERS FOR ST AGATHA'S CHURCH

**If you are in  
third Grade  
or above and  
are  
interested  
in becoming  
an**



**Please  
contact  
the  
Parish  
office**

## ALTAR SERVER

### Parish Administration

**Parish Administrator:** Fr. Biju Thomas  
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Mrs Jane Cameron

**Finance Council Chair:** Jodi Sutton

**Community and Mission Council**

**Chair:** Manus Maher

**Aggies Youth:** Ewan McPherson

**Local Safeguarding Representative:**  
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**School Principal:** Ms Anne-Marie Maw

**APRE:** Mr Jake Knowles