



ST. AGATHA'S PARISH

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Fourth Sunday of Advent 18/19 December 2021

Covid 19 Restrictions for Christmas; the occupancy limit at Clayfield is 300.

Masks are mandatory at all Masses.

We have received updated Queensland Government directives in regards to occupancy limits in places of worship as of 17 December.

The new directive (Public Health and Social Measures linked to vaccination status) outlines the following occupancy limits for places of worship:

Whichever is greater:

1 person per 2 square metres indoors OR

100 % of seated venue capacity with ticketed and allocated seating up to a maximum of 200 people;

These limits apply to Mass, baptisms and other liturgies. There is no occupant density limit for outdoor Masses.

In addition to these occupancy limits, places of worship must continue to ensure attendees are registered via the Check-in Qld app.

There are some different arrangements in place for funerals and weddings.

Funerals conducted indoors may accommodate 100 % of seated venue capacity with ticketed and allocated seating up to a maximum of 500 people (even if this exceeds 1 person per 2 square metres).

There will be no occupancy limit for weddings, provided only fully vaccinated people attend. If anyone attending a wedding is unvaccinated, occupancy will be restricted to a maximum of 20 people.

Message from Parish administration

The 6pm Christmas Vigil Mass is currently over booked. We currently have 400 people that have booked in several weeks ago. The Queensland Government has just announced this week changes to the Covid rules which came into effective on Friday the 17th December. As a result the Church can only have up to 300 people to comply with the one person per 2 square metre rule. We are currently over booked by 100 people for the Christmas Vigil Mass.

Many of us have tried to workshop different options, however due to the late notice, our only realistic option is to ask that 100 people that are already booked in for the Vigil Mass to attend one of the other three Masses. There is ample space available at the Midnight, the 7am and the 9am Masses. This does not apply to those who are playing a role at the Vigil Mass, we have reserved seating in place for you and your families.

If you have received an email in regards to this change **please notify us via return email or by contacting the parish office by Monday** morning at the latest.

Masks are mandatory inside the church

New appointment

Last weekend, the Archbishop published the announcement of my new appointment as the Parish Priest of Aspley.

As you know I belong to the religious order of the Carmelites of Mary Immaculate. It was the first indigenous religious congregation to exist in the Catholic Church of India and it now has more than 3000 members, serving different parts of the world.

From the very beginning the congregation had come under the Carmelite influence and it was affiliated with the Order of Discalced Carmelites. The religious life in the congregation was rooted in the Indian, Oriental and Carmelite spiritual traditions.

Being contemplatives in action, the members engaged in such activities as the Church in Kerala has needed at particular times. They preached retreats, administered the parishes, conducted seminaries for the training of the local clergy, met the challenge of educating the youth and disseminating Christian literature, laboured for the propagation of the faith and for the reunion of separated brethren, undertook works of mercy and started charitable institutions.

In Australia, our 23 priests are serving in different dioceses, and in Brisbane there are 8 priests serving in different parishes. And at Aspley we gather at different occasions, and those who are coming from different dioceses stay there.

On the first of January I will celebrate my first Holy Mass at Aspley, and at Clayfield celebrate my thanksgiving Mass on Sunday 26 December at 7am and 9am.

The copy of Archbishop's letter is given below:

TO THE PEOPLE OF GOD OF CLAYFIELD

Fr Biju Thomas CMI has been appointed as the Parish Priest of Our Lady and St Dymphna, Aspley from 1 January, 2021. Aspley has been entrusted to the Carmelites of Mary Immaculate, which is Fr Biju's Congregation. The parish has been under the care of an Administrator since Fr Sunny Mathew CMI left the parish in early July.

Fr Neville Yun, Parish Priest of Our Lady Help of Christians parish, Hendra, will take on the additional appointment as the Administrator of St Agatha's, Clayfield, from 1 January 2022, and will be assisted by Fr Dan Ryan, the Vicar for Clergy, to provide mass supply for the parish in the New Year until other provisions can be made.

I am grateful for Fr Biju's ministry among you in these last two years and wish him well in his new role at Aspley.

May the God of peace bless you in every way.



Archbishop of Brisbane
10 December 2021



Advent Adventures final day



This Sunday 19 December is the final day for Advent Adventures for the children.





O come let us adore him

Our Christmas Crib is made for our children.

Little Charlotte invites all the children of the parish to come forward and have a glance at Baby Jesus, Joseph, Mary and shepherds.

Bookings for the Christmas Masses are now open and will close Wednesday 22 December. **Vigil Mass is completely booked out.**

<https://www.trybooking.com/BKFQD>

On the Fourth week of Advent we remember the gift of Love we have in Christ.

The light of the candles is meant to remind us of the love that God has for us. Jesus shows us God's perfect love.

PRAYER for the ADVENT WREATH



Lord, our God, we praise You for Jesus Christ Your son, for He is Emmanuel, the Hope of all people. He is the Wisdom that teaches and guides us. He is the Saviour of us all.

God our Father, thank you for loving us, and for sending us Jesus to teach us about your love. Help us to remember that your love will never come to an end.

Strengthen us to love others as you love us.

O Lord, let your blessing come upon us as we light all the candles of this wreath.

May the wreath and its light be a sign of Christ's promise of salvation. We ask this in His holy name.

Amen.

Christmas Celebrations

24 Friday

5.30 pm

Carols

5.50pm

lighting the candles

6.00pm

Holy Mass, Nativity seen



25 Saturday

11.30pm

Carols

Midnight Mass

7 am

Holy Mass

9 am

Holy Mass

26 Sunday

7 am Holy Mass

9 am Holy Mass



There will be no 5pm Vigil Mass on Saturday 25th December and no 5.30pm Holy Mass on Sunday 26th December. There will no Holy Masses on weekdays 27 December to 30 December. **Please note** that a thanksgiving Mass will be celebrated on Friday 31 December at 9am.

On 1st and 2nd January (weekend) Fr John Fowles will be celebrating the Holy Masses.

Christmas Raffle

Thank you to everyone who bought tickets in our Christmas Raffle to help the parish financially. The total raised was \$1,115.00. Raffle will be drawn this Sunday 19 December at the 9am Mass.

Roster for October

| Date | 5pm | 7am | 9am | 5.30pm |
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| 18/19 December | Terry Manso | Dianne Eden | Jane Arkinstall | Giselle Hossinger |
| | Annette Riba | Nick Eden | Hannah Arkinstall | Max Van Balen |
| 25/26 December | No Mass | Sr Cecily Foster | Amanda Bell | No Mass |
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| Communion Minister 18/19 December | Deborah Hall | Karen Birtles | Phill Ryan | Joel Perkins |
| PowerPoint Clicker 18/19 December | John Rea | Martine Maher | Bell Family | Tom and Jess Luxford |
| Collectors/Marshall | | Kevin Court | MacGinley Family | |

In our prayers we remember

Those who have died recently:

Lorraine Vass, Gerry Withey

Those whose anniversaries occur about now:

Dell Murphy, Maria Bruzzese, Rosalina Adornato, Stan McKenzie

Those who are unwell:

Deanne O'Shea, Harry Arkinstall, Pauline Cass, Gavin Taylor, Peter Smethurst

Advent Adventures Sunday 19 December, 9am

Catechists: Jane Cameron and Renee Maunder

Preparing for next Sunday's readings

Holy Family of Jesus, Mary and Joseph :
26 December 2021

1 Sam 1:20-22, 24-28; 1 John 3:1-2, 21-24; Luke 2:41-52

Parish Office Christmas/New Year Closure

The Parish Office will be closed from 12pm Wednesday 22 December and will re-open 8.30am Tuesday 4 January 2022.

Time for personal renewal

Fr Biju is available at any time for the sacrament of reconciliation, and also for the dates and times listed below. Don't be worried about what words to say. Sometimes we may not have anything to say; but still let us move to the confessional to get the absolution and blessing during this advent season and prepare for Christmas.

Sacrament of Reconciliation: (Fr Biju will be in the confessional during these times)

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| Saturday 18 | 4.15pm - 4.30pm |
| Sunday 19 | 6.15am - 6.45am |
| Sunday 19 | 8.15am - 8.45am |
| Sunday 19 | 4.45pm - 4.15pm |
| Tuesday 21 | 8.30am - 8.50am |
| | 9.30am - 10.00am |
| Wednesday 22 | 8.30am - 8.50am |

2022 Parish Calendar

Copies of the 2022 Parish Calendar are now available. If you have not yet received a copy through the school, please take one today.

WEEKEND MASSES

Saturday 5.00pm
Sunday 7.00am
9.00am
5.30pm

WEEKDAY MASSES

Tuesday: 9.00am
Wednesday: 9.00am
Thursday: 9.00am
Friday: No Mass



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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