



ST. AGATHA'S PARISH

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Sixth Sunday of Easter 22 May 2022

Hi everyone,



It's Federal Election Weekend. Those who haven't yet voted have a look at the *Federal Election 2022 - Bishops' Statement.*



Towards a Better Kind of Politics. I hope this helps you reflect on the good you can do for the community by using your vote for the common good of all. The statement includes a Prayer for the Election and the principles of Catholic Social Teaching. Download a copy from www.catholic.org.au

One of my favourite lines from the Rule of Benedict reads: "As we progress in this way of life and in faith, we shall run on the path of God's commandments, our hearts overflowing with the inexpressible delight of love."

God created our hearts to overflow with the inexpressible delight of love. In today's Gospel, Jesus highlights two characteristics of Christian love: generosity and courage.

Jesus calls his followers to love **generously**.

Jesus tells the disciples, "If you loved me, you would rejoice that I am going to the Father ..." This type of generous, expansive love can be really challenging to practice. Of course, we want our beloved friends to live into the fullness of their callings. We know that their whole purpose in life does not revolve around us. Other people are not ours to possess. Still, the departure of a dear friend can evoke difficult feelings. How will the relationship change when we are not together every day? Will we still be as close?

It's easy to imagine the disciples asking difficult relational questions as their dear friend Jesus prepares to be assumed into heaven. Still, a generous spirit and a hurting heart can coincide in one body. Jesus calls the disciples to move through this transition with generosity. Rejoice that I have accomplished my life's work. Rejoice that I am going to the Father. Rejoice that I will take you with me, for where I am you will also be.

Jesus calls his followers to love **courageously**.

Jesus tells the disciples, "Do not let your hearts be troubled or afraid." Now, I don't think Jesus expects his followers to never feel these profoundly human emotions. The Son of God knows better than anyone that hard things happen. Hearts get hurt. Sin and suffering remain strong forces in our world even with the promises of Easter. Abbot John Klassen, OSB, of Saint John's Abbey spoke powerfully to this reality on Good Friday when he said:

"We can never really know the resurrection of Christ if we drive around the cross."

To get to resurrection, we must move through the cross. Suffering and death, hope and resurrection, are always part of the same story. Jesus calls us to move through the crosses of our lives with courage. Courage does not erase suffering. Rather courage recognizes human hardship and says: move forward anyway. Feel troubled and move forward anyway. Feel afraid and move forward anyway. You can do it. You are never alone. My Spirit is with you always. Courtesy of Jessie Bazan -

<https://uscatholic.org/articles/202205/a-reflection-for-the-sixth-sunday-of-easter-2/>

Have a Blessed Week.

Fr Nev, Deacon Peter and Fr James.

Masks are no longer required but still recommended whenever you cannot socially distance.

This weekend 21/22 May

5pm Fr Nev Yun

9am Fr John Gillen

5.30pm Fr Nev Yun and Deacon Peter Pellicaan



Thank you...

A huge thank you to all our wonderful volunteers: Peter Bowden our sacristan and those who assist him, Community and Mission Council Members, Finance Members, Readers, Eucharistic Ministers, Welcomers, Collectors, PowerPoint Clickers, Youth Ministry; Music Team and Choir, Counters and Bankers, SVDP members, Hospitality team, Altar servers and to all those who fill in at a moment's notice and assist us with odd jobs around the Church and Presbytery... thank you!!! We hope we haven't missed anyone.

A huge thank you also to all our parishioners who participate in our planned giving program and help us out financially.

Thank you all for everything you do and for helping St Agatha's Parish keep the community spirit alive.

Positions Vacant - Archdiocese

Assistant Sacristan - Cathedral of St Stephen

Applications are open for the above position at St Stephens Cathedral. The position is a part-time 25 hours a week. This position provides assistance to the Sacristan in the preparation of liturgical events within the Cathedral.

Applications close: 31 May 2022

Parish Secretary—Lutwyche Parish

Applications are open for the above position at the Lutwyche Catholic Parish. The position is a part-time 21 hours a week over 4 days per week (Mon, Wed, Thurs & Fri).

Applications close: 1 June 2022

Funeral Director's Assistant - Holy Cross Funerals

Applications are open for the above position at Holy Cross Funerals. The position is a casual position.

Applications close: 3 June 2022

For additional information on all positions, please visit the Archdiocese of Brisbane website <https://brisbanecatholic.org.au/> and to careers.

First Holy Communion Masses

First Holy Communion Masses this year will be held on Saturday 28 May 5pm, Sunday 29 May 9am and Saturday 4 June 5pm and Sunday 5 June 9am. Let us offer our prayers and blessings to all the children who are preparing to receive this sacrament.

Please note that the front section of the Church will be reserved for the children and their families.

Clayfield Parish

Sacrament of First Communion 2022 Timetable

*For children who have been baptised and Confirmed
Grade 4 or above*

Book Review

Child + one parent to attend
(completed workbooks to be handed in)
Sunday 22 May 10.00am following the 9am Mass

Liturgy of God's Mercy and Practice

Child + one parent to attend
Thursday 26 May 3.30pm
for the Saturday 28 May 5.00pm candidates

Thursday 26 May 4.30pm
for the Sunday 29 May 9am candidates

First Communion Dates

Saturday 28 May 5.00pm Mass
Sunday 29 May 9.00am Mass

Liturgy of God's Mercy and Practice

Child + one parent to attend
Thursday 2 June 3.30pm
for the Saturday 4 June 5.00pm candidates

Thursday 2 June 4.30pm
for the Sunday 5 June 9.00am candidates

First Communion Dates

Saturday 4 June 5.00pm Mass
Sunday 5 June 9.00am Mass

World Communications Day 2022

The Catholic Church in Australia celebrates World Communications Day on the Sixth Sunday of Easter (May 22).

Pope Francis message this year focuses on the importance of listening with the ear of the heart. The Australian Catholic Media Council has produced social media resources and homily notes for the celebration.

Access resources at www.catholic.org.au/wcd

Boom gate times

Saturday: boom gate goes up at 4.30pm, down at 5.15pm
Sunday: boom gate goes up at 6.30am, down at 9.00am and then up at 4.30pm, down at 5.45pm.
Please note that when you are ready to leave the boom gate will **automatically** come up as you approach it.

DATE CLAIMER

PATHWAY TO THE FUTURE

An assembly of all parishioners of the parish to hear what is proposed for a future parish pathway. These meetings will outline key timelines, essential aspects of the plan, and provide a feedback loop. **A new date will be confirmed for mid-June at each Mass Centre.** We apologise for the unforeseen delay.

Changes to weekday Masses at St Agatha's and Mother of Mercy Parishes

St Agatha's - Thursday 9am

St John's Northgate - Friday 9am
688 Nudgee Road, Northgate

Sunday 7am Mass

Sunday 7am has been discontinued. For all those that usually attended the 7am Mass we deeply desire to keep you connected in the life of the Parish. We would love you to join us at one of the other three Masses: 5pm Saturday; 9am / 5.30pm Sunday.

Baptismal Joy!!

This weekend we welcome with great joy one new member of Christ's faithful people:

Darcy Carr, son of Elliot Carr and Emily Plucknett. May they always know God's love and the support of this Christian Community.



Volunteers needed

Volunteer pastoral care assistants are required to support people living with a mental health issue for 3 hours of a Friday morning each week, 9am -12pm with Mass celebrated at 11.30am

During the morning those who attend for spiritual and pastoral care enjoy conversation, some board games, prayer and morning tea. You would be volunteering in an existing group of trained pastoral carers.

Some experience of supporting people in their faith who have a mental health condition would be particularly suited to this very valuable role.

If you are interested or would like more information please contact Seamus Baldwin 3324 3229.

PRAYER FOR PEACE AND JUSTICE IN UKRAINE

God of peace and justice,
who change the hardened heart
and break the power of violence,
we entrust the people of Ukraine to you.

Protect them in this time of peril;
let them know not death but life,
not slavery but freedom.

You are Father of all;
we are brothers and sisters.

Give us the strength
to live that truth in love,
choosing peace not war.

Through Christ our Lord.

Amen.



Australian Catholic
Bishops Conference

Walking in the Spirit

The People of God are invited to make a prayerful journey towards the Second Assembly of the Plenary Council through the Walking in the Spirit prayer campaign.



Walking in the Spirit began on Easter Sunday, April 17, and runs until the Second Assembly, which opens on Sunday, July 3. Resources have been created for use by individuals, families, schools, parishes and other Catholic communities. Find out more at: www.plenarycouncil.catholic.org.au/walkinginthespirit

Cathedral Seminars

If you are interested in learning about some of the more intricate aspects of our Catholic faith, you might be interested in attending The Cathedral Seminars. This event features Shane Dwyer and a variety of guests throughout the year and focuses on some of the more complicated and academic aspects of our Catholic faith. Each event is held on a Thursday night and includes some refreshments and a comfortable atmosphere. Join us on June 30th with special guest Deacon Peter Pellicaan for a special Cathedral Seminar titled: The People of Spirit and Eucharist.

Details: Time: 7-8:30pm

Location: Hanly Room, Francis Rush Centre, Cathedral Precinct (196 Charlotte St)

Cost: \$10pp (in person or online)

Register now at:

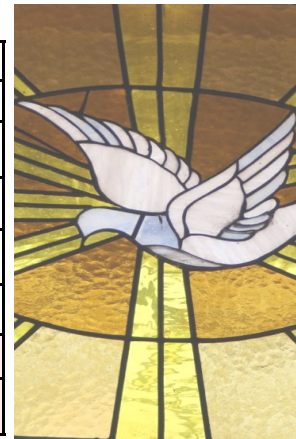
<https://app.tickets.org.au/eb/CathedralSeminar-June>

Daily Gospel Reflections

Stay centred in your faith with this daily series of theological reflections on the Gospel of the day. Sign up to receive a one page reflection each weekday in your inbox. Sign up here: <https://evangelisationbrisbane.org.au/daily-reflections/>

Roster for May

Date	5pm	9am	5.30pm
21/22 May	Andrew Douglas	Amanda Bell	Alison Hall
<i>Sixth Sunday of Easter</i>	Annette Riba	Joseph Tan	Max Van Balen
Eucharistic Minister 21/22 May	Marilyn Rea	Phill Ryan	
PowerPoint Clicker 21/22 May	Paul Marshall	Bell Family	Ewa Marino-Cebulski
Collectors 21/22 May	P Gimpel/L Douglas	MacGinley Family	Peter Moran
28/29 May	First Communion	First Communion	Matthew Crossley
<i>The Ascension of the Lord</i>			Amelia Marino-Cebulski



In our prayers we remember

Those who have died recently:

Sofia Marmotta, Brother Tony White,
Sr Francesca Ryder rsj, Noelene Hanrick, Mary
Ross, Sr Marie Helen Boyle rsj

Those whose anniversaries occur about now:

William Kirby, Andrew Collier

Week of Prayer for Christian Unity (29 May - June 5, 2022)

*We saw the star in the East, and we came to worship him
(cf Matthew 2:2)*

The theme for the Week of Prayer for Christian Unity in 2022 was chosen by the Middle East Council of Churches, "We saw the star in the East, and we came to worship" (cf Matthew 2:2). More than ever, in these difficult times, we need a light that shines in the darkness and that light, Christians proclaim, has been manifested in Jesus Christ.

The annual Week of Prayer for Christian Unity Service in Brisbane will be hosted by the Anglican Diocese of Brisbane on Friday 3 June at 11am at St John Cathedral, 373 Ann Street, City. All Christians are welcome.

Preparing for The Ascension of the Lord Readings

29 May 2022

Acts 1:1-11; Ephesians 1:17-23; Luke 24:46-53

PERPETUAL ADORATION

Mother of Mercy Parish

Adoration from 6am to 6pm every Saturday commencing Saturday 14 May. Please visit Jesus in the Blessed Sacrament for one hour. Entry to the Church is via the Bowman St side door. For enquires, contact Julie Anne 0418 183235 or Pat 0411 597781.

*Do not let your hearts be troubled or afraid
(John 14:27)*

Our limited human understanding cannot begin to understand the immense power of God. Instead of trusting in God, we often think we can control every outcome. Do you want to make God laugh? Tell Him your plans. The next time worry, anxiety or fear creeps in, thank God for all He has given you and trust that He has a better plan for you. Make God your first choice and not your last resort.

A Vocation View:

It is not that talents add up to a vocation; but that a Vocation brings talents. The Spirit of God lives within you!



WEEKEND MASSES

Saturday 5.00pm

Sunday 9.00am

5.30pm

WEEKDAY MASSES

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St Agatha's
Thursday 9am

St John's Northgate
Friday 9am
688 Nudgee Road
Northgate

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 or

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:

BANK DETAILS

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Account number: 100006157



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