



ST. AGATHA'S PARISH

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Twenty-eighth Sunday in Ordinary Time 9 October 2022

A Reflection on this week's Gospel....

Luke 17:11-19: It seems that no one has returned to give thanks to God except this foreigner.

There was once a parish priest who, with the passing of the years, had become a very difficult pastor. The president of the parish council decided to write to the Bishop and ask for the priest's removal. The Bishop reluctantly agreed, but insisted that the parish council arrange for a good farewell for the departing priest, one with a strong spiritual motif. The council agreed. They planned an elegant farewell that would begin with the singing of a hymn.



At the farewell the president began, 'For many years Father has been telling us that Jesus sent him into our parish. More recently, Father has been saying that Jesus requires him to stay in our parish. And, though he hasn't said it, I guess it follows now that Jesus has decided that it's time for Father to move on from our parish. I'd like you all to stand and join me in singing what is now my favourite hymn, "We give thanks to Jesus with all our hearts"!'

Have you noticed how the words 'please' and 'thank you' are less frequently used these days? Many people seem to act and speak as though anything done for them is entirely their due; no recognition, no please and no thank you. This should not come as a great surprise; there's been a rapid shift to seeing many social institutions as commodities rather than services and we always want value for money from commodities. My fear is that we are increasingly treating people as commodities as well. By contrast, however, Christians are identified by asking for what we need and being grateful for every blessing.

The Gospel of Luke was written about 60 years after the death of Jesus, most probably for the Gentile community at Antioch in Syria. It has four major themes: compassion, healing, prayer, and the outsider. Luke loves telling stories about the Gentiles, not only because they are outsiders, but also because they often show up the faith of the Jews. The story of the ten lepers has Luke at his best.

Lepers were until this century treated as outcasts. Also, in Jesus' day, they were considered sinful and ritually impure. If one touched a leper one incurred that same fate. The leper who comes back to Jesus, however, was also a Samaritan! This guy can't win a trick! He is a leper, a Gentile and a Samaritan. He would have been rejected and despised by everyone, even the other Jewish lepers.

The story of the ten lepers is not just about asking for what we need and being grateful when we get it, as important as that is. In this rich and multi-layered story, Jesus does three things: he reaches out to the untouchables of his day; he heals them and enables them to be welcomed back into the community; he draws attention to the fact that the poorest of the lepers, a Samaritan, is the only one who can recognise the source of the healing and has the humility to return and praise God for it.

As well as the virtue of gratitude, then, Jesus also announces that the Christian community is the place where there is no such thing as an unclean or untouchable person. Jesus touches the lepers and then goes about his business. In doing so he rejects centuries of ritual taboos. We are called to do the same today. We are challenged to get our hands dirty with the most unclean groups of our society, confront the assumptions that marginalise and oppress them, and defend their rights to dignity and participation. Not surprisingly Christians who do this often report the same experience as Jesus: they are staggered at the gratitude and faith of the people society has rejected.

May this Eucharist then be a celebration of the fact there is nothing in our life or in our world that Christ won't touch and heal. All we have to do is say 'please' and 'thank you'. May it also give us strength to go out and do likewise in the name of Him who has healed us, finding the humility to keep singing that great old hymn, 'We give thanks to Jesus with all our hearts'. © Richard Leonard SJ

Children's Liturgy - Prep to Year 4

Children's Liturgy will resume next Sunday 16th October, 9am Mass.



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

This weekend 8/9 October

5pm Fr Luan Le

9am Fr John Gillen

5.30pm Fr Luan Le

"The Inaugural Australia-wide **Alpha Catholic Conference** runs 9am to 9pm on Friday 5/11 and 9am to 6pm on Saturday 6/11.

Bookings link: [REVIVE & THRIVE Catholic Context Conference | Alpha Australia](#). If you are interested in ride sharing please contact Louise Nott via nottlot@bigpond.net.au. Louise is happy to drive anyone (up to 4 pax) to and from the Friday pm sessions. Pick up would be from the OLHC Parish Centre or from Kedron & leaving at around 1.45pm."

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Primary School Youth Group

Friday Afternoons till 5pm
St Agatha's School
For St Agatha's students in year 4-6

Register Here

www.encountercatholickids.com.au



REVIVE & THRIVE CONFERENCE 2022

NOVEMBER 4TH & 5TH



BESTSELLING AUTHOR
SHANE HATTON



HIS BESTSELLING BOOK
Let's Talk Culture - The Conversations You Need to Create The Team You Want

JOIN US FOR THE FIRST **ALPHA CATHOLIC CONFERENCE!**

We have speakers coming from all over the nation to provide insight on holiness and how to set you up for success in your Alpha teams and parishes. It will be a time of connection, content and conversation.

SPRINGFIELD CATHOLIC PARISH, BRISBANE

ALPHA CATHOLIC CONFERENCE



SAFEGUARDING SURVEY The protection and wellbeing of children and vulnerable adults is at the core of Church mission, and setting the right approach to safeguarding is important. The thoughts and views of the Church community is essential in helping shape that approach. The Archdiocese has prepared a safeguarding survey to help gather feedback from Church community. **Your help in completing this survey would be very much appreciated.**



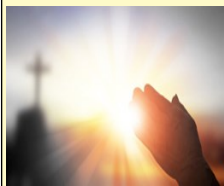
Online Parish Safeguarding Survey.

Scan the bar code (left) to take the short (10 questions) online Parish Safeguarding Survey. This survey is seeking information from parish congregations/ communities, and should take less than 1 minute to complete.

The survey is completely anonymous and the parish will not be identified.

Women's Morning Reflection | Women of Faith and Holiness

Lisa McKerr (from Evangelisation Brisbane) is presenting a Women's Morning Reflection at OLHC Parish Centre (9 Bowman Street, Hendra) on Friday 28th October from 9.00am to 11.30am. The morning will include morning tea. For catering purposes please RSVP to Kate McLean 0422 575 546. There is no cost to attend.



Catholic Mission Appeal Next weekend 15/16 October the parish will be conducting the Catholic Mission Appeal. Adrian Taylor (parishioner from our parish) will be our guest speaker at all the Masses. Adrian will share the story of Neela and her family. Envelopes will be available on the pews next weekend.

BRING HOPE TO NEELA AND HER FAMILY

Many families in Emdibir are subsistence farmers, and distressingly, many are unable to put enough food on the table each day.

Next week Catholic Mission will offer you the opportunity to partner with the Church and community in Emdibir, Ethiopia, where your gift can help build a life-changing program from the ground up to help address this urgent need.

We hope you will take this opportunity to make an incredible impact for those in need.



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Freecall: 1800 257 296
catholicmission.org.au/ethiopia



Future of the Parish

Thank you to everyone who attended the feedback and proposal sessions and submitted Mass times survey forms.

We hope to be able to announce a new Mass schedule to the four communities shortly, with the new Mass schedule to take effect in late October.

Thank you for your engagement in this process, and let's pray for God's wisdom in our deliberations



Worldwide Marriage Encounter

14 - 16 October 2022 - Live-in Weekend
Santa Teresa, Ormiston Qld

A weekend experience for married couples, priests and religious, away from the distractions of everyday living. Take time out of your busy schedule, to invest in your most precious asset and revitalise your Sacrament. This is a unique opportunity to reconnect, rekindle and refresh your relationship. It gives you the opportunity to grow in your relationship with your spouse or your community.

For more information, contact:

David & Maria Murphy

Phone: 0481 307 821

Email: qldbookings@wwme.org.au

Catholic Engaged Encounter

Catholic Engaged Encounter (CEE) is a marriage preparation weekend that facilitates honest and constructive dialogue for engaged couples. Active in over 200 dioceses around the world, CEE is an internationally recognized Marriage Preparation Course within the Catholic Church.



Weekend 21/22 October 2022 | Parish Centre Little Kings
31/33 O'Keefe Street, Woolloongabba

For additional information contact us: 0481 307 821
cee.brisbane@gmail.com | www.engagedencounter.org.au

NEW DATE FOR ARCHDIOCESAN SUMMIT

Evangelisation Brisbane has confirmed the new dates and venue for the Summit which will run across three days as one of the primary strategies for the implementation of the Plenary Council Decrees in the Archdiocese of Brisbane. This event will include keynote speakers and workshops that focus on all aspects of the Church and its mission as well as Mass, and various other opportunities for encounter with God and each other. Please place these new dates in your diary for 2023.

Date: 18 – 20 May 2023

Location: Riverlife, 47 Jennifer St, Seventeen Mile Rocks

Has none but this foreigner returned to give thanks to God? Luke 17:18

Most of us live relatively easy lives. We have food, shelter, clothing and money. We go on vacation every year and own a car or two. Most of us take this all for granted. Did you ever notice that people with the least amount of possessions are usually the most grateful? Shouldn't this be the other way around? Take time every day and thank God for all He has given you and discern how He is calling you to share your gifts.

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



Paduan Memorial & Old Boys' Mass



A Mass to celebrate the lives of deceased Friars, Old Boys, Staff and all members of our Padua Community. We welcome all members of our community, past and present.

The Columbarium, The Church of St Therese of Lisieux and St Anthony of Padua, Turner Road, Kedron.

Followed by refreshments.

Registration via this link <https://www.trybooking.com/CCXZS>



Volunteers needed – Eucharistic Ministry

Are you looking to give back to your community through your gifts of supporting the spiritual, emotional well-being of our patients through sacramental ministry?

Being a Eucharistic Minister in a hospital is a rewarding role that will see you visiting with patients to offer them communion or a blessing and companionship. To be successful in this volunteer role you must be an active member of a Catholic parish and have the support of your parish priest to provide Eucharistic ministry. We are looking for volunteers for one Sunday a month, or perhaps during the week fortnightly. Contact Sharyn Smith for further information Ph 3326 3156 / sharyn.smith@svha.org.au

"Calling all Men!! A Parish mission for men by menALIVE is being hosted by Corinda/Graceville Parish on the weekend of 15/16th October.

See details and register here:

<https://www.menalive.org.au/menalive-weekend/>



Roster for October

Date	5pm	9am	5.30pm
8/9 October	Andrew Douglas	<i>Family Mass</i>	Liz O'Connor
28th Sunday in Ordinary Time	Nik Kure		Max Van Balen
Eucharistic Minister 8/9 October	Annette Riba		
PowerPoint Clicker 8/9 October		Bell family	Tom & Jess Luxford
Collectors 8/9 October	P Gimpel/L Douglas	MacGinley Family	Peter Moran
15/16 October	Dianne Eden	Jane Arkinstall	
29th Sunday in Ordinary Time	Nick Eden	Joseph O'Brien	Matthew Crossley

We acknowledge the Turrbal and Jagera people, the traditional custodians of the Land on which St Agatha's is built. We pay our respects to Elders past, present and emerging.

In our prayers we remember



Those who have died recently:

Margaret Wallrock, Bill Curnow

Those whose anniversaries occur about now:

May Schuh, Henry Weld

Mother of Mercy Parish Prayer Engine of the Parish

This prayer group prays for the intentions of the parish and the personal intentions of parishioners. Prayer intentions can be placed in the special baskets at each of the churches and Parish Office (Hendra).

The Prayer Engine will meet at OLHC Church, Hendra every Tuesday, from 1:00-2:30pm.

Benediction is celebrated every 1st Tuesday.

All are welcome to join in prayer!

SATURDAY ADORATION

The Blessed Sacrament is exposed every Saturday at OLHC, Hendra for personal prayer. Entry to the Church is via the Bowman St side door. Please sign in and out. For enquiries, please contact Julie Anne on 0418 193 235 or Pat on 0411 597 781.

Are you seeking some spiritual direction or spiritual accompaniment?



There is a list of directors on offer in the Archdiocese and these can be accessed easily via the web-site:

<https://brisbanecatholic.org.au/life/spiritual-direction/>



Daily Gospel Reflections

There's so much to know about the Catholic faith that it's easy to get caught up. 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/>

A Vocation View:

Gratitude leads to praise. For what are you thankful? Share your gratitude. (Luke 17:11-19).



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Next week's readings

29th Sunday in Ordinary Time 16 October 2022 (Year C)

Exodus 17:8-13; 2 Timothy 3:14-4:2; Luke 18:1-8

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

Account name: Clayfield Parish

BSB number: 064 786

Account number: 100006157



MASS TIMES

Weekday

Thursday 9am

Weekend

Saturday 5.00pm

Sunday 9.00am

5.30pm

Reconciliation/Confession:

by appointment



Next weekend

15/16 October

Envelopes will be available