



ST. AGATHA'S PARISH

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Twenty-ninth Sunday in Ordinary Time 16 October 2022

A Reflection on this week's Gospel.... by Richard Leonard

Luke 18:1-8: God will see those who cry to him vindicated.

Many years ago I remember hearing the story of a charismatic prayer meeting which went all night. Apparently the leader was convinced that, 'God wants to do a strong and powerful work here tonight and we have to show we are worthy.' So he insisted that everyone stay until it happened. By dawn nothing had overtly occurred, so the leader declared, 'God has worked hundreds of miracles here tonight – on the inside.' He may have been right, but it sounded like mystical spin doctoring to me! What worries me about his story is that it can portray God as a remote and severe figure whom we need to convince that we are serious about him before he will be moved by our plight.



Today's Gospel is often used to support this idea. The persistent widow gets her way because she nags the judge into submission. While Jesus praises her endurance, he tells the disciples that God is NOT like the judge, but rather that God will quickly attend to our needs, rather than see us cry out all night.

There is a long and venerable tradition in the Church that prayer can influence God's will. Our belief in the power of intercession is predicated on it. This tradition holds that God regularly and actively intervenes to effect good outcomes in the world. In this school God is waiting to be asked or have us ask others to petition him.

The problem with this school is how much an all-knowing, unchanging God changes his mind in regard to our petitions. Furthermore God's interventions in the world are fine if all the decisions are running our way, but what happens when they run against us?

This approach can downplay free will. It can minimise our role, with God, to discern our options and choose carefully. If most of our petitions are focused on what God can do, it shifts all the responsibility (and the blame) on to God.

An equally long and venerable tradition in the Church, however, is that prayer changes us. This tradition has had less airplay. Fasting, abstinence and pilgrimages, for example, do not change God, but are meant to change the person who undertakes them. These things can enable us to be more responsive or receptive to whatever happens in life. I think this tradition needs to be reclaimed.

The idea of prayer changing us, changes our prayer – giving it greater dynamism and urgency. While we may not know the mind or will of God, we often know our own thoughts and desires. We can usually pinpoint what needs recrafting or reshaping in us so that we may live out the goodness and love of God more clearly. Confronting and converting these obstacles, with God, can see our prayer at its boldest and bravest. At these times we can enjoy God's healing and forgiveness. And because conversion is a lifetime process, Jesus encourages us not to lose heart but to pray always and hold on to faith even when the going gets tough.

John Powell once said, 'God knows what we want and need before we open our mouths. In prayer, then, he does not need a performance from us. He longs for an act of love.' May this Eucharist help us to move away from demanding that God change his mind or will to allowing his love to keep converting and changing us.

Children's Liturgy - Prep to Year 4

Children's Liturgy this **Sunday 16th October at the 9am Mass.**

We invite children to come along to learn more about Jesus and the gospel through child-friendly, engaging activities.



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

This weekend 15/16 October

5pm Fr John Gillen, SM

9am Fr Luan Le and Deacon Peter Pellican

5.30pm Fr Tom Elich and Deacon Peter Pellican

"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."

FREE!
NOW OPEN TO ALL YEAR LEVELS!

catholic encounter KIDS

Primary School Youth Group

Youth Group now open to all St Agatha's Primary School Students
Fully Supervised games, activities, craft and prayer
Afternoon tea provided

Starting Wk 4, Friday 28th October, APAC
Friday Afternoons till 5pm pickup, register online

www.encountercatholickids.com.au

Questions? Contact Sandy, Clayfield Children and Families Pastoral Associate
Parish Office: 07 3262 2859 cantarutts@bne.catholic.net.au

Baptismal Joy!!



This weekend we welcome with great joy three new members of Christ's faithful people: Rupert Bax, son of Fraser and Samantha Bax; Patrick McGrath, son of Scott McGrath and Ashley Wright and James Crossley, son of Matthew Crossley and Julia Dixon. May they always know God's love and the support of this Christian Community.

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 This 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.

BRING HOPE TO NEELA AND HER FAMILY

This week Catholic Mission offers us the opportunity to be part of a life-changing program which aims to help prevent malnutrition, especially in babies and young children, and help disadvantaged families provide food for their loved ones.

The Deberety Goat Rearing Centre is a dream of the local Church and community in Emdibir. When established, the Centre aims to provide nutritious goats milk for families in need, like Neela's*, so that babies like Ajani* can be healthy and strong.

Please give generously today to help kickstart this life-giving program by using the appeal envelope provided, going online at catholicmission.org.au/ethiopia, or scanning the QR code. Your gift will also help many other similar Church-run mission programs around the world.

*Name altered to protect identity



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



REVIVE & THRIVE CONFERENCE 2022

NOVEMBER 4TH & 5TH



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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**



Evangelise – October 20-22, 2022

National Online Conference for Evangelisation

Catholics around Australia are invited to a unique, national event that will inspire, transform and revitalise faith communities! With presentations and workshops hosted by some of Australia's most renowned Catholic speakers, 'Evangelise' will cover a range of mission and ministry topics, from cultural engagement to liturgy and Sacraments. This is an event you do not want to miss!

To view the event program, keynote speakers, and to register, head to www.evangelisation.catholic.org.au

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 at the start of November.

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

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

HEALING OF THE FAMILY TREE MASS

Are there patterns of sin and/or trauma in your family tree? Bring your family tree Genogram to the healing power of Jesus in the Eucharist at the **Healing of the Family Tree Mass** to be held at St. Mary Magdalene's Church, Cecil Road, Bardon, on Friday, 4th November, 2022 at 7.30pm. Fr. Neville Yun will be the principal celebrant. Preparation information for the Mass and a Genogram are available on the CCR Brisbane website under "Resources" www.ccrbrisbane.org.au. This information will also be available at the Church on the night. The Genogram will be presented as part of the Offertory during Mass. Arrive at the Church early. For more details, contact Len on lenpatarey@gmail.com or by mobile 0421 977 849.



(Sponsored by Catholic Charismatic Renewal, Bardon.)

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

Two-minute Homilies and Reflections

Weekly Homilies or reflections of around two minutes in length by clergy, religious and lay people from throughout the archdiocese.

<https://brisbanecatholic.org.au/multimedia/two-minute-homilies-and-reflections/>

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>

INFORMATION DAY for prospective guides and welcomers at the Cathedral of St. Stephen. The guides and welcomers' group at The Cathedral of St. Stephen warmly invites you to attend an Information Day on becoming a tour guide and/or a welcomer at the Cathedral.

When: Saturday 19th November from 10 am to 2 pm.

Refreshments provided.

Where: Hanly Room, Francis Rush Centre, Cathedral of St. Stephen, Elizabeth St.

Come and listen to the guest speakers, be taken on a tour with experienced guides, and ask questions about anything you wish to know.

Being a guide and welcomer is a wonderfully rewarding, enriching experience. The Cathedral, The St. Mary Mackillop chapel, and the precinct occupy an important and special place in the spiritual life and wider history of Brisbane and Queensland.

Come and be part of the team. Your training will cover the artwork, history, and architecture, and you'll discover the unique and beautiful stained-glass windows and their significance. Learn how to share and impart this knowledge with all the many visitors and tour groups who come to the Cathedral.

The Information Day is open to anyone: e.g.: retired people who may be missing the sense of community and camaraderie that working life brings, teachers perhaps who may be retiring at the end of the year, or anyone with some spare time on their hands who would enjoy becoming part of the friendly and supportive team of Cathedral guides and welcomers.

We look forward to welcoming you. Please register your interest with Carmel Devery at the Cathedral Office via ph. (07) 3324 3006 or by emailing: deveryc@bne.catholic.net.au

Roster for October

Date	5pm	9am	5.30pm
15/16 October	Dianne Eden	Jane Arkinstall	Karen Birtles
29th Sunday in Ordinary Time	Nick Eden	Joseph O'Brien	Matthew Crossley
Eucharistic Minister 15/16 October	Edward Foley		
PowerPoint Clicker 15/16 October	Paul Marshall	Bell family	Tom & Jess Luxford
Collectors 15/16 October	P Gimpel/L Douglas	MacGinley Family	Peter Moran
22/23 October	Edward Foley	Eileen Duncan	Max Van Balen
30th Sunday in Ordinary Time	Paul Bartels	Phill Ryan	Giselle Hossinger

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

Those whose anniversaries occur about now:

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 Street 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:

Pray persistently and God will respond. Ask God to bless the Church with faith-filled ministers. (Luke 18:1-8)



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School Principal: Ms Anne-Marie Maw

APRE: Mr Jake Knowles

Next week's readings

30th Sunday in Ordinary Time 23 October 2022 (Year C)
Sirach 35:12-14, 16-19; 2 Timothy 4:6-8, 16-18; Luke 18:9-14

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



**This weekend
15/16 October**

Envelopes available
on the pews