



ST. AGATHA'S PARISH

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Twenty-sixth Sunday in Ordinary Time 1 October 2023

Hi all,

Welcome to October. Thanks to those celebrated **Migrants and Refugee Day** in the Parish. Thanks Dona for making your biscotti and Cyril and Shirley made the paella, meat balls and other goodies at OLHC.



Don't forget at **St Agatha's throughout Oct** we'll be doing all things pink for **Breast Cancer** and celebrating our Feast Day (albeit later in the year). Don't forget the weekend of the 15th we'll be acknowledging the area of **Pregnancy Loss and Miscarriages**. Drop into St Agatha's and write in the **Book of Prayers** at the back of church any prayers for people that have been through any of these issues. At each Mass at St Agatha's we'll be bringing up the Book of Prayers during the offertory. If you can't get to St Agatha's, add your prayers in the white boxes in each of the churches and the **Prayer Engine** will pray for them on Tuesday. See the newsletter and posters in the Churches for more information.

There is another letter from the Archdiocese re: Archbishop's statement regarding the Voice to Parliament. See the newsletter.

Here's a Statement from the Catholic Bishops's conference re: Referendum

<https://catholicoutlook.org/towards-the-referendum-a-statement-from-australias-catholic-bishops/>

Here's a video from True Cause of Indigenous Disadvantage | Anthony Dillon.

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=bhW8w8LsJgI>

On another topic for those who have been following the Synod on Synodality.

https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Sixteenth_Ordinary_General_Assembly_of_the_Synod_of_Bishops

<https://www.catholicworldreport.com/2023/09/22/the-sacramental-nature-of-authority-and-the-limits-of-synodality/#sdfootnote33anc>

Finally, I had a restful and fun time in Melbourne at the National Marriage Encounter Conference too. Go the Broncos and Lions during this weekend!!

Blessings Fr Nev

Children's Liturgy will resume Sunday 15 October.

ST VINCENT de PAUL SOCIETY meet every fortnight at 5.00pm. Next meeting will be held on Monday 9th October at the Parish Office.

The October edition of the Catholic Leader available now ONLY \$4.00 a copy

Enrolments open for Year 5 and up!

The Sacrament of **PENANCE**

Also known as Reconciliation in the 1st Rite or Confession



2. Rite of Enrolment Masses

For child and parent/s.

Please attend at least one of these Masses.

Sundays 8th or 15th of October, 8:00am or 5:30pm.

No registration required.

3. Family Session and Liturgy

1.5 hrs, Thursday 12th October 3:30pm and 6:30pm

Parent/s + individual child to attend.

Registration required.

4. Individual Reconciliations with Fr Nev Yun

Thursday 19th October and Friday 20th October

Multiple 30-minute time slots from 3:30pm.

Registration email will be sent to enrolled candidates

Questions? Email Sandy Cantarutti,
Children and Families Pastoral Associate
cantaruttis@bne.catholic.net.au

Safeguarding Safeguarding is everyone's responsibility. All those who minister within the Archdiocese must adhere to the National Catholic Safeguarding Standards which serves to protect all children and vulnerable adults. For comprehensive information: <http://www.brisbanecatholic.org.au/safeguarding/>

World Wide Marriage Encounter Weekend

13 - 15 October, 2023 - Live-in Weekend,
Santa Teresa Spirituality Centre, Ormiston

For more information, contact:

David & Maria Murphy Phone: 0481 307 821

Email: qldbookings@wwme.org.au or www.wwme.org.au

ALPHA

Join us for our final session this
Sunday 1st October... **please note 10.45am start.**

We're planning for our next Alpha to begin in May 2024, probably on Sundays from 11am - 1pm. Please consider inviting yourself and/or someone else.

For more information please go

to: www.alpha.org.au/try.

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Phone: 3268 3040

Alpha is for anyone, anywhere, to freely explore their unique questions about life, faith and God.



Items for inclusion in this newsletter,
please email to: clayfield@bne.catholic.net.au or call
3262 2859. Cut off deadline - 5.00pm Tuesday.

Further message from Archbishop Mark regarding the Pastoral Statement on the Referendum



Archbishop Mark absolutely acknowledges that every Catholic should and will come to their own conclusions about their response to social issues such as this one. His statements on matters such as this are made in order to encourage the Catholic community to reflect on the Church's views on specific issues, not to mandate their response. The Archbishop fully respects that you will form your own conscience and make your own decision regarding the referendum on The Voice to Parliament.

He urges you to read the information available for both sides of the debate so that you can make your own informed decision on how you might vote in the referendum. You can find resources for both the Yes campaign and the No campaign here: <https://www.aec.gov.au/referendums/pamphlet.htm>

Additionally you can read what the Australian bishops have said about the Voice to Parliament in a statement in May (<https://bit.ly/BishopsVoice>). The bishops do not encourage people to vote one way or the other, but to inform themselves - including through conversations with First Nations people.

Why was the Gospel according to Mark written? When? Where? For whom? What picture of Jesus do we encounter in Mark? How did Mark's community receive this Gospel? How do we read Mark today?



Join us each Wednesday in October at the Hendra parish centre @ 9.30am or 7.00pm to find out!

Women of the Way Retreat 13-15th October
Ladies would you like to take time out to Reflect and Recharge? Treat yourself to some quality time with God.

BOOK NOW for The Women of the Way Retreat.

Theme: Open the eyes of My Heart, Lord

Where: Watson Park Convention Centre, 337 Old Gympie Rd, Dakabin. Weekend includes Mass, Adoration, Reconciliation, Praise and Worship, inspirational teachings, prayer ministry and time for fellowship.

For brochure or info phone Rosa Montegrando
0400 755 516 or email wowqld@gmail.com

A Morning's Prayer 28th October
The fourth and final "A Morning's Prayer" for 2023 will take place on Saturday, October 28th from 9 am to 12 pm at Santa Teresa Spirituality Centre in Ormiston. The morning will consist of input by Shane Dwyer and then opportunities for personal prayer, and fellowship in a space designed to facilitate an encounter with God. Both parish groups and individuals are welcome to attend. Register at https://app.tickets.org.au/eb/amp23_4

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All are welcome to join in prayer!

Prayers for the month of October

All throughout October, we invite and encourage you to write your prayers for those affected by breast cancer, pregnancy loss and miscarriages in the prayer book. The book will be located at the back of the Church. Out of respect for anyone affected by breast cancer, pregnancy loss and miscarriages, we ask for names to remain anonymous.

EMAIL BOUNCE BACK/REJECTION OF NEWSLETTER EMAILS

For the information of parishioners, last week's email send-out of the newsletter received over 160 bounce back/rejection of email messages. The majority of these were from addresses which were from bigpond.com users. It may be that the security/privacy settings have been upgraded for your email provider. You may wish to check your junk mail inbox or contact your provider for clarification. Please don't hesitate to advise the office if you are still not receiving newsletter emails from us.

Position Vacant

Parish Families Administrative Assistant

St Agatha's Parish Clayfield, is currently hiring a casual Parish Families Administrative Assistant. This position is 1 day/wk extending to 2 days/wk at peak times. Days of work to be negotiated.

For more information or to apply please go to <https://brisbanecatholic.org.au/careers/?ja-job=780496>

The Archdiocese of Brisbane has standards of conduct for workers to maintain a safe and healthy environment for children. Our commitment to these standards requires that we conduct working with children checks and background referencing for all persons who will engage in direct and regular involvement with children and young people (0 - 18 years) and/or vulnerable adults. The organisation is fully committed to child safety and has a 0 tolerance to abuse of children or vulnerable adults.

Reflection by Dianne Bergant CSA

In every life there is a struggle between obedience and disobedience, and this struggle takes various twists and turns. At times we are willing to conform to regulations set from the outside, and at times we are not. We are invited to choose in favour of the reign of God, or we are free to ignore the invitation. Those who are fundamentally righteous sometimes fall from grace, and people considered evil to the core sometimes reform their lives. What ultimately counts are not the promises made, but the actions taken.

We are called to discipleship, and there may well be urgency in this call, but it is an invitation that is to be accepted freely. As is the case with life itself, options are placed before us all the way along the road. We are invited to choose in favour of the reign of God, or we are free to ignore the invitation. However, the invitation always remains open to us, because God's desire for our acceptance is persistent and enduring.

The real choice set before us today is the imitation of Christ. The specific characteristic of Christ today is his humility. Since demanding one's rights can undermine the loving quality of community, Jesus' humility is offered for our imitation. It is very clear that whichever aspect of discipleship we examine, some aspect of community is also present. To be a disciple of Jesus is to follow him humbly as a member of a believing community. © Dianne Bergant CSA

Sunday 1 October

So too, like a river basin with its many tiny and larger tributaries, the Church is a communion of countless local Churches, religious communities and associations that draw from the same shared waters. Each source adds its unique and irreplaceable contribution, until all flow together into the vast ocean of God's loving mercy. In the same way that a river is a source of life for its surroundings, our synodal Church must be a source of life for our common home and all its inhabitants. In the same way that a river gives life to all kinds of animal and plant life, a synodal Church must give life by sowing justice and peace in every place it reaches.



SEASON OF CREATION

St Agatha Patron Saint of Breast Cancer

October 2023

Breast Cancer Awareness Month

Sunday 8th October

THINK PINK Morning Tea

after the 8.00am Mass (APAC, St Agatha's School)
Guest speaker: Dr David Schlect (Oncologist)

Registration for the 8th October event is now open. Please click on the link below or scan QR Code. Please note: Tickets are limited and close on Thursday 5th October



<https://app.tickets.org.au/StAgathasParish/ThinkPinkMorningTea>

Sunday 15th October

8.00am Mass will be dedicated to those who have experienced pregnancy loss, miscarriages or the loss of a child.

Sunday 22nd October

St Agatha's Community Celebration "THINK PINK"

at St Agatha's School Presentation Centre
Sausage sizzle | Coffee, tea and drinks
"Best Dressed" Prizes | Games and Face Painting

Registration for the 22nd October event is now open. Please click on the link below or scan QR Code. Please note: Tickets are limited and close on Thursday 19th October



<https://app.tickets.org.au/StAgathasParish/ThinkPinkCelebration22Oct>

DONATIONS NEEDED

For the month of October our parish is raising awareness around breast cancer. It will be a month of 'Thinking Pink.' As a community there will be many opportunities to come together as a parish outside of Mass. We would love to include as many parishioners as possible.

Please email the Parish Office clayfield@bne.catholic.net.au if you are able to assist in anyway.

Donations would be appreciated for:

- Morning teas
- Raffle prizes
- Sausage sizzle
- Best dressed prize

Thank you.

Roster for October 2023

	8am	5.30pm
1 October	Terry Manso	
26th Sunday in Ordinary Time	Annette Riba	Matthew Crossley
Eucharistic Minister 1 October		
PowerPoint Clicker 1 October	Bell Family	Tom & Jess Luxford
8 October	<i>Family Mass</i>	
27th Sunday in Ordinary Time		Karen Birtles

In our prayers we remember

Those we remember at this time:

May Schuh

Those who are unwell: Simon Grisales



Tablet

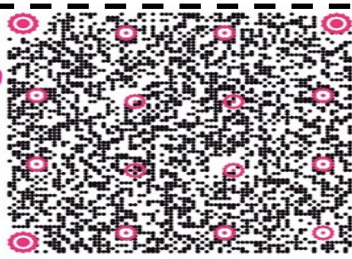
Tablet (English Catholic) magazine is now back for readers to borrow from the magazine rack at the back of the Church.

Think Pink Family Mass
Sunday October 8th 8:00am

First Sunday back, Term 4!



Monthly Family @ Aggie's
It's Mass- made for children!
Second Sunday of the month



Would your child like to have a role/reading?
Roles are open to all children!
Please email Sandy:
cantaruttis@bne.catholic.net.au
or scan this QR Code

Don't forget that immediately after Mass is the morning tea and talk from Dr David Schlect. If you would like child-minding while attending this talk (5yrs and up only), please register your attendance on the tickets site.

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.

Mother of Mercy Parish Saturday Adoration

The Blessed Sacrament is exposed every Saturday, including holiday times, from 6am -5pm 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.

Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament:
First Friday of the month after the 9:00am Mass at St John's, Northgate. All welcome.
Anointing and Healing Mass:
Second Friday of the month at 9:00am at St John's, Northgate. All welcome

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Chair: Matthew Crossley

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School Principal: Ms Anne-Marie Maw

APRE: Mr Jake Knowles

Readings for 8 October 2023

Twenty-seventh Sunday in Ordinary Time (Year A)

Isaiah 5:1-7; Philippians 4:6-9; Matthew 21:33-43



Support St. Agatha's Parish

We very much appreciate your continued financial assistance and donations to the Parish are most warmly welcomed.

Ways to financially support your parish:

- * Direct debit (please contact Parish Office)
- * Place your offerings in the collection plates during the Mass
- * Planned Giving Envelopes or
- * The Parish Giving App: Scan the QR code (or the code attached to the church collection plates), to your mobile telephone and follow the prompts to complete your giving donation.
- * If you wish, you can also contribute via online internet banking, details are as follows:



BANK DETAILS

Account name: Clayfield Parish

BSB number: 064 786

Account number: 100006157

Reference: PGDonation and your surname

Mass Times

St Agatha's, Clayfield
Sunday 8.00am
5.30pm

Our Lady Help of Christians, Hendra
Saturday 5.00pm
Sunday 9.30am

St Cecilia's, Hamilton:
Saturday 4.30pm
St John's, Northgate:
Sunday 7.30am

Reconciliation/ Confession:
by appointment

Weekday Masses
St Agatha's, Clayfield
Thursday 9am
St John's, Northgate
Friday 9am