



ST. AGATHA'S PARISH

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Thirty-first Sunday in Ordinary Time 5 November 2023

Gospel Reflection for the 31st Sunday in Ordinary Time... *Loyola Press*

Today's Gospel continues to elaborate on the tension between Jesus and the scribes and Pharisees. Our Lectionary sequence at this point, however, is not quite a continuous reading of Matthew. In between last week's reading from Matthew and this week's, we find Jesus' question to the Pharisees about the Messiah being "David's son." Having concluded a series of dialogues with the Pharisees and other religious leaders, Jesus now directs his words to the crowds, warning them not to follow the example of the scribes and Pharisees.

The scribes and Pharisees were teachers of the Mosaic Law. They were entrusted with its interpretation and, thus, were influential in determining Jewish practice. In order to appreciate the conflict that is evident in this passage, we must understand that Jesus was basing his teachings on the same laws and traditions available to the Pharisees. Both were interpreting the Law of Moses in order to better adapt it to contemporary Jewish life. The differences between their teachings, therefore, are often highlighted and amplified by Matthew.

This part of Matthew's Gospel reflects aspects of the conflict between his Christian community and Pharisaic Judaism. Matthew's Church is thought to have included many Jewish Christians who may not have believed that a break with the synagogue was necessary to be a follower of Jesus. Jesus tells the crowd that it is correct to do and observe what the scribes and Pharisees teach; it is their example that is to be avoided, namely, their love of being honored and exalted. Hence, the Gospel reflects the tension of an active internal debate within the early Church.

Jesus references two aspects of Jewish spiritual life prescribed by the Law of Moses. *Phylacteries* are small boxes which contain Scripture verses that are placed on the left forearm and forehead. *Tassels* refer to the fringes worn on the corners of a person's garments; the tassels help to remind those who wear them to keep the commandments.

The warning Jesus gives against seeking places of honor in the community was directed as much toward the Christian community as the named Jewish leaders. Indeed, it is a warning that resonates with us today. Christian leadership is a call to service for the glory of God; those who would be leaders among us must, like Jesus, be servants of all.

Children's Liturgy for Prep to Year 4 this Sunday 5 November at the 8am Mass.

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



ST VINCENT de PAUL SOCIETY meet every fortnight at 5.00pm. Next meeting will be held on Monday 6 November at the Parish Office.

WELCOME

This Sunday we warmly welcome **Fr John Gillen, SM** who will be celebrating our 8.00am and 5.30pm Masses.

Fr Frank O'Dea will be celebrating our Thursday 9am Masses, while Fr Nev is away.

COMMUNITY AND MISSION COUNCIL REPORT

The CMC thanks all parishioners for their support of the October Think Pink activities and the revitalised 'cuppa' after our 8.00am Sunday Mass.

The CMC thanks those parishioners who have made suggestions for additional community activities. The CMC has agreed to trial these activities provided that sufficient volunteers are available. Please see the separate notice in this Newsletter.

SEEKING VOLUNTEERS

One of the roles of your Community and Mission Council is to implement whole of community initiatives.

Some recent successes with this have been our revitalised 'cuppa' after 8.00am Sun Mass and our October Think Pink activities.

Some parishioners have suggested some additional community activities as follows:

- * Provision of transport to Mass for parishioners desiring this support
- * Visitation to parishioners desiring this support.
- * Re-vitalisation of the Piety Stall/ Library at the back of the church.

The CMC has agreed to trial these activities over the next three months provided there are sufficient volunteers.

If you would like to volunteer to assist in any of these initiatives please email Michael Keating at mjkekeat@bigpond.net.au or telephone the Parish Secretary, Rosemary Greer, on 3262 2859.

Depending on the level of interest further information will be provided.

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

Parents/Guardians please note:
For safety reasons, children **are not permitted** up in the Choir Loft unless accompanied by an adult.



Sunday November 12th. 8:00am

Would your child like to have a role/reading?

Roles are open to all children!

Please email Sandy: cantaruttis@bne.catholic.net.au



Christmas Choir Practice
Choir practice for Christmas will begin on Thursday 16 November, 6-7pm. New members are always welcome. If you would like to be a part of the choir, please contact Robyn Cuming on 0414 861 988.



Term 4 at St Agatha's

St Agatha's has been supporting the work of Catholic Mission during October with a 'Soctober' Soccer themed awareness and fund-raising campaign. Students (and staff) loved the opportunity to wear their supporter jerseys for a gold coin free dress day and took part in the 'coin for a kick' soccer penalty shoot-out and skills lead by our Senior students. Our students especially loved trying to score a goal against teachers.

With only a few weeks to go before the end of the school year, St Agatha's students have made the most of every learning opportunity. Students continue to demonstrate the school motto 'Growth, Friendship, Faith' as well as this year's theme 'Be Brave and Grow' as they challenge themselves in their learning and grow in their friendships.

We are especially looking forward to our 'Christmas Around the World' Christmas concert on Friday November 24th.
...Anne-Marie Maw, Principal

The **Parish Office** will be closed on
Tuesday 7th November.



CAPPELLA CHORALE PRESENTS

CHRISTMAS CELEBRATION

Join Cappella Chorale for an enchanting evening of
choral music to celebrate the festive season.

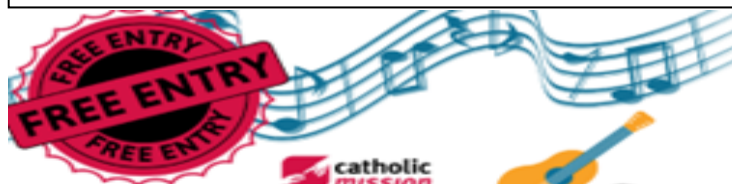
Date: Wednesday 6th December 2023

Time: 7.00pm - 8.15pm (followed by light refreshments)

Venue: St Flannan's Catholic Church
(194 Handford Rd, Zillmere)

General Admission. Gold coin donation at door.

All funds raised will be donated to St Flannan's Catholic Church.



CATHOLIC MISSION 2023 APPRECIATION OF THANKS

You are invited to a celebration of
music from Brisbane Catholic
schools, parishes and
communities.



2 PM TO 4 PM
SATURDAY 18 NOV 2023
CHURCH OF THE TWELVE APOSTLES -
111 YALLAMBEE ROAD, JINDALEE



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



November Mass Envelopes will be available at
the entrance of the Church and Parish Office.
PLEASE PRINT the names of your dearly departed
that you would like to have remembered and
place the envelope in the Mass offering box located
near the altar rails, or drop off at the Parish Office.

The names of your dearly departed family
and friends will be written in the Book of Remem-
brance which will be displayed near the altar rails
during the month of November.

Votive Candles The votive candle stand is **now
located in the Mary MacKillop Chapel**. The
small candles are located under the stand and are
intended to be lit as an offering of prayer. **Parents
please assist and supervise your children** as
these candles are only to be used for this purpose.
A small donation towards the lighting of the
candles, would be greatly appreciated. Thank you.

Half Day Retreat for Married Couples "Salt of the Earth, Light of the World"

Saturday 11th November 2023 1pm - 4.30pm
(optional 5pm vigil Mass)

- * Mother of Mercy Parish Centre, 9 Bowman St, Hendra
 - * Preached by Fr Gregory Woodward LC
 - * "Christian Marriage and Family: Salt of the Earth and Light of the World"
 - * \$25 per couple includes afternoon tea and babysitting.
 - * RSVP to Andy & Angela Devereux by 4th November 0411 381 473 or 0435 426 388
- For more information, please see flyer at the back of the Church.

Catholic Mission Appeal This Sunday the parish will be conducting the
Catholic Mission Appeal. Sr Mel Williams will be our guest speaker at all the Masses.
Envelopes are available on the pews.



This week Catholic Mission will offer the opportunity to be
part of a life-changing program which aims to address gaps in
medical care, and provide families with essential health care
and knowledge, equipping them with the confidence to act
and autonomy over their health and well-being.

**The Maria Auxiliadora Clinic is a vital project for the Salesian
Sisters and the Church in Venilale. Since its establishment,
the clinic has provided life-saving treatment for families in
need, like Petrolina's, whose daughter Vitoria was found to
have tuberculosis. But, with an increase in the demand for
treatment, the Sisters resources can only carry them so far.**

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

Roster for October 2023

	8am	5.30pm
5 November	Terry Manso	Andre Marino
31st Sunday in Ordinary Time	Erin Bledsoe	Amelia Marino-Cebulski
Eucharistic Minister 5 November		
PowerPoint Clicker 5 November	Bell Family	Tom & Jess Luxford
12 November	<i>Family Mass</i>	Karen Birtles
32nd Sunday in Ordinary Time		Joel Perkins

In our prayers we remember



Those who have died recently:

Denis Fernandes

Those we remember at this time:

Dawn Lucas

Those who are unwell: Simon Grisales

Healing Through Forgiveness

“Be kind to one another, tender-hearted, forgiving one another as God, In Christ, forgave you.” Eph. 4:32



Presented by: The Mission Team of CCR Brisbane

A group of lay people whose mission is to “Foster a personal conversion and relationship with Jesus Christ through the release of the Holy Spirit.”

When: Saturday, 11th November, 2023. 9.30am

Where: Our Lady Help of Christians Church,
9 Bowman Street, Hendra.

Morning tea provided. No charge. All offerings are welcome.

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 (St Agatha’s and Hendra) and Parish Office (Hendra). The Prayer Engine will meet at OLHC Church, Hendra every Tuesday, from 1:00-2:30pm.
All are welcome to join in prayer!

Parish Administration

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APRE: Mr Jake Knowles

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

Lectio Meditatio

(An Introduction to Lectio Divina).

How do we live in victory? Through faith in the word of God. How do we build our faith in the word of God? By reading the word of God! Dive into the sacred practice of Lectio Divina, which means “divine reading,” an ancient tradition dating back to the Judeo-Christian monastic roots. Lectio Meditatio, an introduction to Lectio Divina, leads you on a contemplative path of meditating on the Word of God. Join **Jo Hayes OSB**, a Benedictine Oblate, Catholic evangelist, TV news journalist and a St Agatha’s parishioner as she reveals the transformative power concealed within the scriptures and the four aspects of Lectio Divina.



<https://www.shalomworld.org/episode/lectio-meditatio-an-introduction-to-lectio-divina>

These episodes of Lectio Meditatio were filmed in St Agatha’s Church.

Readings for 12 November 2023

Thirty-second Sunday in Ordinary Time (Year A)

Wisdom 6:12-16; 1 Thessalonians 4:13-18; Matthew 25:1-13



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