



# ST. AGATHA'S PARISH

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## Thirty-second Sunday in Ordinary Time 12 November 2023

### Background on the Gospel Reading... *Loyola Press*

In this week's Gospel, Jesus talks about what it means to be prepared to receive the Kingdom of Heaven. This week's reading follows a series of warnings and predictions by Jesus about the coming of the Son of Man. Jesus wants his disciples to understand that the exact day and time cannot be predicted. He teaches the disciples that they must remain vigilant so that they will not be caught unprepared.



When thinking about the parable of the wise and foolish virgins, it is important to consider the first-century wedding traditions of Palestine. Scholars tell us that it was the custom of the day for young maidens—friends and family members of the bride—to meet the bridegroom when he came to bring his bride to her new home.

As with many of Jesus' parables, several levels of interpretation are possible. In last week's Gospel, we heard Jesus warn against following the example of the Pharisees and scribes. If read in the context of early Christianity's struggle to define itself against Pharisaic Judaism, this parable is a continuing critique of Judaism. It suggests that the Jewish leaders were like the foolish virgins, unprepared to meet Jesus, the bridegroom of Israel.

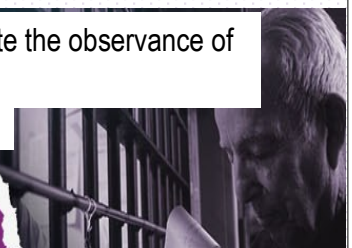
In the chapter preceding this parable, however, Jesus warns about the destruction of Jerusalem, the tribulation of the end times, and the coming of the Son of Man. When read in this context, today's parable is a warning to the Christian community to remain vigilant and prepared to receive Jesus, the Son of Man who will return at the end of time. This interpretation is supported by the reference to the delay of the bridegroom. The Christian community for whom Matthew wrote this Gospel was coming to terms with the realization that the promise of Jesus' return would not be fulfilled within their lifetimes. The question remains for us to ask ourselves, Are we ready to receive Jesus? Will we be prepared to receive him?



The Australian Catholic Bishop's Conference is proposing to instigate the observance of Prison Sunday into the Church calendar from 2024.

<https://www.catholic.au/s/article/Prison-Sunday>

**PRISON SUNDAY 2023 • NOVEMBER 12**



**No Children's Liturgy** this Sunday 12 November.  
Please join us for the **Family Mass at 8am.**

**ST VINCENT de PAUL SOCIETY** meet every fortnight at 5.00pm. Next meeting will be held on Monday 20 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](mailto: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](mailto: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.



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.



St Agatha's School has **limited vacancies** in 2024.

For details phone 3326 9222 or visit

[www.stagathasclayfield.qld.edu.au/enrolments](http://www.stagathasclayfield.qld.edu.au/enrolments)



## 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.

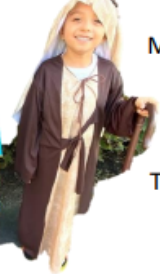
With only a few weeks to go before the end of the school year, St Agatha's students have made the most of every learning opportunity. Students continue to demonstrate the school motto 'Growth, Friendship, Faith' as well as this year's theme 'Be Brave and Grow' as they challenge themselves in their learning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

We are especially looking forward to our 'Christmas Around the World' Christmas concert on Friday November 17th.  
*...Anne-Marie Maw, Principal*



**Christmas is almost here!**

We are calling for nominations for the following roles for St Agatha's Christmas Eve Vigil Mass:



Mary and Joseph  
Angel Gabriel  
Shepherds  
Three Wise Men



*No rehearsal required!*

*The children shall do a simple procession down the aisle in your home-made costume.*

Interested? Please email Sandy, St Agatha's Parish Children and Families Pastoral Associate [cantaruttis@bne.catholic.net.au](mailto:cantaruttis@bne.catholic.net.au) by Friday 8<sup>th</sup> December.

All roles shall be picked from a hat.

Christmas Eve Vigil Mass is currently scheduled at 6.00pm, Sunday 24<sup>th</sup> December.

St Agatha's Catholic Parish  
Oriell Road, CLAYFIELD



HOW TO  
**HEAR FROM  
GOD**

presented by Jo Hayes OSB  
TV JOURNALIST +  
EVANGELIST

Sunday, 12 November  
Following 5.30pm mass

**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 Remembrance which will be displayed near the altar rails during the month of November.

**FREE ENTRY**  
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**CATHOLIC MISSION**  
Reach out. Give life.

**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>

**ADVENT ADVENTURES**

Primary- Aged Holiday Program  
Tuesday 19th December, 2023

\$12 PER CHILD  
TICKETS LIMITED

Time: Dropoff from 8:30am, 9:00am start - pickup at 4:00pm.  
Place: Mother of Mercy Parish Centre, Hendra.  
Sausage sizzle lunch provided.

Online ticket purchase essential. Scan code or go to:

<https://app.tickets.org.au/StAgathasParish/AdventAdventuresatHendra2023>

Hearts on Fire  
**FEET ON THE MOVE**

**catholic MISSION**  
Freecall: 1800 257 296  
[catholicmission.org.au/timor](http://catholicmission.org.au/timor)

Thank you for your generous partnership with life-changing mission programs, like supporting Sr Carolina and the Salesian Sisters and their work through the Maria Auxiliadora Clinic in Venilale, Timor-Leste.

**Your gift is helping the Sr Carolina continue to provide life-saving treatment and access to resources on health and well-being. Your gift also supports mission programs around the world that reach out and give life to those in most need.**

To learn more about the impact of your support, visit [catholicmission.org.au/our-work](http://catholicmission.org.au/our-work), where you can also sign-up for our regular newsletter.

If you have not yet had the opportunity to give, please do so at [catholicmission.org.au/timor](http://catholicmission.org.au/timor). Your action will make a real, lasting impact.

## Roster for October 2023

	8am	5.30pm
12 November	Isla Burke	Karen Birtles
32nd Sunday in Ordinary Time		Joel Perkins
Eucharistic Minister 12 November		
PowerPoint Clicker 12 November	Bell Family	Tom & Jess Luxford
19 November	Scott Fitzpatrick	Alison Hall
33rd Sunday in Ordinary Time	Amanda Bell	Giselle Hossinger

### In our prayers we remember

#### Those who have died recently:

Anna-Maria Marmotta, Robert Hornsby,  
Denis Fernandes

#### Those we remember at this time:

Nikolaj Kure Snr, Joe and Elizabeth Majerle,  
Dawn Lucas

Those who are unwell: Simon Grisales



### 2023 Knox Public Lecture

Tuesday 28<sup>th</sup> November at 7.30pm Live video stream via Zoom  
"Truth and Peace: Timeless Twins"

Presented by Dr Susan Connelly RSJ

To book scan the QR code or go to [trybooking.com/CMYVM](http://trybooking.com/CMYVM)

Enquiries: +613 9412 3333 [vi.panganiban@ctc.edu.au](mailto:vi.panganiban@ctc.edu.au) [ctc.edu.au](http://ctc.edu.au)

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

### 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!

**A VOCATION VIEW:** We usually put a great amount of preparation into big events like weddings, anniversaries, and parties of all kinds. We should prepare much more for the final banquet in the Kingdom of Heaven!

St Vincent's Private Hospital Brisbane are seeking **Eucharistic Ministers/ Volunteers** to assist with the care of their patients. Please contact Volunteer Coordinator: Maureen Hansen on [maureen.hansen@svha.org.au](mailto:maureen.hansen@svha.org.au)  
Shifts would be just a couple of hours and would really appreciate your time and enthusiasm.  
Thank you for your kind consideration.

### Parish Administration

**Parish Administrator:** Fr. Neville Yun

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**Parish Deacon:** Rev. Dr. Peter Pellican

Email: [pellicanp@bne.catholic.net.au](mailto:pellicanp@bne.catholic.net.au)

**Parish Secretary:** Mrs Rosemary Greer

Email: [clayfield@bne.catholic.net.au](mailto:clayfield@bne.catholic.net.au)

### Children and Families

**Pastoral Associate:** Sandra Cantarutti

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**Phone: 3262 2859**

Finance Council Chair:

### Community and Mission Council

Chair: Matthew Crossley

**Aggies Youth:** Ewan McPherson

**Local Safeguarding Representative:**

Catriona McPherson (0456 441 717)

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### St Agatha's Catholic Primary School

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Phone: 3326 9222

**School Principal:** Ms Anne-Marie Maw

**APRE:** Mr Jake Knowles



### Readings for 19 November 2023

Thirty-third Sunday in Ordinary Time (Year A)

Proverbs 31:10-13, 19-20, 30-31; 1 Thessalonians 5:1-6; Matthew 25:14-30

### 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