



ST. AGATHA'S PARISH

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Third Sunday in Ordinary Time 21 January 2024 (YEAR B)

St Paul, in this weekend's second reading, teaches us that "the world as we know it is passing away"! This might strike us as drastically unhappy news, and it certainly is intended to be sobering, yet understood more fully, it should enliven our hope and be the foundation for a peacefulness of soul. Yes, the world in which we live, and all things within it (ourselves included), are subject to the decay of time. Nevertheless, they give way so that the Kingdom of God might arrive. Then we will experience the fulfilment of God's promise of a new heaven and new earth (C.f. Rev 21), where creation will no longer be tyrannised by the passing of time.



St Paul is teaching us that we should have a healthy detachment from the things of this world. It is all too human to want things to stay the same, but they never do. Furthermore, if we cling too tightly to the things of this world the result will necessarily be anxiety and sadness. Instead, we should focus our attention, not on the things that pass away, as one of the prayers from the missal puts it, but on those that ever endure.

If we set our heart on God's promises, then we will have peaceful hearts. That God's Kingdom will come is certain. Once obtained, the blessings which flow from that promise endure for ever. With this in mind we can face the uncertainties of this world with a calm assurance. "All shall be well, and all shall be well, and all manner of things shall be well" -Jesus to Julian of Norwich; When the Kingdom arrives, all shall be well for those who have placed their hope in God.

Have a blessed week,

Fr. Michael.

**WHAT I AM SAYING, BROTHERS, IS
THAT THE TIME IS SHORT. FROM
NOW ON THOSE WHO HAVE WIVES
SHOULD LIVE AS IF THEY HAD
NONE;**

- 1 CORINTHIANS 7:29

Children's Liturgy will resume Sunday 28 January 2024



Back to School

School resumes Tuesday 23 January
Welcome teachers, staff and students

Baptismal Joy!!



This Sunday we welcome with great joy four new members of Christ's faithful people:

Thomas Alexander-Grace, son of Aaron Alexander and Mary Grace; Isabella and Mia Alzamora Lima, daughters of Kevin and Amy Alzamora Lima and Henry Maher, son of Christopher and Grace Maher. May they always know God's love and the support of this Christian Community.

Thanks from SVDP

The St Agatha's Conference of Saint Vincent De Paul would like to sincerely thank the St Agatha's community for the wonderful support provided over the Christmas period. St Agatha's School provided amazing hampers which were distributed to families before Christmas. The Parish Giving Tree provided for another 24 hampers to be distributed to people in need. Generous support to the SVDP Christmas Appeal allowed the conference to continue its work with 23 requests for assistance being met in Dec 23. Thank you to everyone who contributed. The families and individuals who were given a 'hand up' appreciate the generosity of the St Agatha's community.



Piety Stall

Various items for sale:

Rosary beads, St Christopher medals and keyrings
Biography cards of various saints

Cash or card accepted.

If there is something that you would like but is not in stock, please let Liz know and we will endeavour to get it in for you. If you would like to assist Liz in any way, please contact Rosemary at the Parish Office.

Columban Calendars still for sale at \$10.00 each

A VOCATION VIEW: Third Sunday in Ordinary Time - B

Even a great person like Jonah turned away, at first, from what God called him to do. It is never too late to hear the Lord say, 'Come, follow me.'

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

What's happening at St Agatha's.

21st January Sunday 8am Mass
Morning Tea after Mass



26th January Friday **Australia Day**
Come and celebrate our terrific and diverse country



10am Mass
Following Mass join us and enjoy an Australian themed morning tea.

BYO an Aussie plate to share

28th January Sunday 8am Mass
Morning Tea after Mass

4th February Sunday **A Double Celebration**

St Agatha's Feast Day & Welcome Father Michael



8am Mass

Pink Themed Morning Tea
Please bring a plate to share

5.30pm Mass

Please stay and mingle
Cupcakes and grazing / cheese platters.

11th February Sunday 8am Mass
Morning Tea after Mass



PLEASE NOTE - SCAM ALERT

Scams via email are prolific at present and we would caution all parishioners to not respond to any email from anyone claiming to be a representative of our parish asking for money, gift cards or verification of financial details. Our Clergy would never seek to contact you in this way or require that you provide them with cash or store cards to get them out of a bind.

ALPHA

The next Alpha is planned 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
Contact: hendra@bne.catholic.net.au
(or 3268 3040)

Healing of the Family Mass

Where: St John's Church,
688 Nudgee Rd, Northgate

When: 11am on Saturday
3 Feb 2024

Mass celebrant: Fr Ithemelandu Uzuegbu
Enquiries: Rose or Audrey
(0435 558 390 or secretary@ccrbrisbane.org.au)
Prayer Support Teams available after Mass.
Followed by BYO Lunch.



PARISH GIVING APP – QR CODE (Collection Plate):

The Parish Giving App is part of the Archdiocese of Brisbane and has been set up specifically for parishioners to electronically connect via their mobile phone to donate to their own parish. Please scan the QR code attached to the church collection baskets to your mobile telephone and follow the prompts to complete your giving donation. You can also access the Parish Giving App by scanning the QR code above. Your generous financial support of the parish is greatly appreciated.



On a lighter note... The children were lined up in the cafeteria of a Catholic elementary school for lunch. At the head of the table was a large pile of apples. The nun made a note, and posted on the apple tray, "Take only one. God is watching." Moving further along the lunch line, at the other end of the table was a large pile of chocolate chip cookies. One child whispered to another, "Take all you want. God is watching the apples."

Sacramental Program Coordinator - Kedron Parish
Our Parish is part of the Catholic Archdiocese of Brisbane staffed by the Franciscan Friars of the Holy Spirit Province. We are seeking an enthusiastic and committed person to coordinate the sacramental program. This is a casual position (approximately 10 hours a week) with flexible hours.

The Sacramental Program Coordinator assists the parish priest in the organisation and delivery of the parish sacramental program and other liturgical ministries. The Coordinator will prepare and deliver information sessions, learning resources and liturgy materials for the sacraments of Confirmation, First Communion and Reconciliation.

To apply for this role please submit your cover letter and resume via:

<https://brisbanecatholic.org.au/careers/?ja-job=828745>
Applicants must attach a cover letter to be considered.

For more information about the position or a copy of the position description please email Mrs Sandra Di Francesco (Parish Manager) at kedron@bne.catholic.net.au

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 organization is fully committed to child safety and has zero tolerance to abuse of children or vulnerable adults.

Special Lenten Women's Retreat

With Lisa McKerr from Evangelisation Brisbane

Tuesday 6th Feb from 9.00—11.30am

Parish Centre Meeting Room, Hendra



The session will have a Lenten Preparation theme. Lisa's sessions are prayerful, reflective and a great start for our Lenten Season.

RSVP Kate McLean 0422 575 546 or please contact the Parish Office on 3268 3040.

Catholic Leader

As of this month, the newspaper will no longer be available for sale in Churches and Mass Centres, but you can easily subscribe to have the paper delivered to your door each month:

<https://catholicleader.com.au/subscribe/>

Parents/Guardians please note:

For safety reasons, children are not permitted up in the Choir Loft unless accompanied by an adult.



Xavier School of Mission

One word, emerging voices: Is mission the key to a synodal Church?

Sunday 9 – Friday 14 June 2024

<https://seminary.catholic.net.au/>

Administrator - Holy Spirit Seminary

The Holy Spirit Seminary QLD serves the five dioceses of QLD – Brisbane, Cairns, Rockhampton, Toowoomba and Townsville – in preparing candidates for priesthood. Founded in 1939, the Holy Spirit Seminary is located in Banyo in the northern suburbs of Brisbane.

The role of the Administrator is to provide effective and efficient administrative and secretarial support primarily to the Rector and subsequently all others working at the Seminary.

This is a full-time role working 38 hours per week, Monday to Friday.

If you would like to know more about this role, please contact Seamus Baldwin (People & Culture) at baldwins@bne.catholic.net.au

Alternatively, please click on the link below, to apply now, providing a copy of your current résumé and covering letter which outlines your suitability for the role.

<https://brisbanecatholic.org.au/careers/?ja-job=832702>

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Becoming a guide or a welcomer

An information day for anyone who would like to find out more about becoming a guide and/or a welcomer at The Cathedral of St. Stephen will be held on **Thursday 1st February from 9.30am until 1pm** in the Hanly Room, Francis Rush Centre. Refreshments will be provided. We'd love to welcome you.

Please register your interest with Carmel Devery at the Cathedral Office on 3324 3006 or by email cathedral@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/>

Roster for January 2024

	8am	
21 January	Andrew Pippia	Catie Kelly
<i>Third Sunday in Ordinary Time</i>	Luke Sutton	Max Van Balen
Eucharistic Minister 21 January		
PowerPoint Clicker 21 January	Bell Family	Tom and Jess Luxford
28 January	Judy Bartels	Andre Marino
<i>Fourth Sunday in Ordinary Time</i>	Amanda Bell	Amelia Marino-Cebulski

In our prayers we remember



Those who have died recently:

David Logan

Those whose anniversaries occur at this time:

Tatiana Pais, Patricia Armstrong, Tom McCormack, Ismael Limas, Restituta Limas, Vita Limas, Louie Limas, Chris Limas, Craig Andrews

Those who are unwell: Simon Grisales

Congratulations

Congratulations to Leo Swinton who was received into Full Initiation into the Catholic Church at St Agatha's on Sunday 7 January.



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 Street side door. Please sign in and out. For enquiries, please contact Julie Anne on 0418 193 235 or Pat on 0411 597 781.

Mother of Mercy Parish Prayer Engine of the Parish

The Prayer Engine will resume
Tuesday 30 January 2024

REFLECTION by Dianne Bergant CSA

Today we reflect on the first and most important responsibility of discipleship, namely, evangelisation, the goal of which is the proclamation of the reign of God. God seems to choose the most unlikely people to preach to others. It does not matter who brings the good news, but who receives it. Jonah the prophet was sent to outsiders, even enemies. The disciples were fishermen who spoke to the people of their own country. God's salvation is intended for all, and it seems to make little difference who brings this good news.

Today's readings call for repentance. The grace of God requires a new way of living, a life of faith and commitment. The gospel invites us into the age of fulfilment, a salvific reign of truth, compassion and kindness. It is a way of life that leads to justice.

There is an urgency in these readings. This world in its present form is passing away, and God's call demands a total response. Like the disciples, we must leave the familiarity of our former ways and follow the call that we have heard in the depths of our hearts. We are called first to enter the reign of God and then to spread it. As ambassadors of God, we bring the good news of salvation wherever we are and in whatever we do. Called by God, we now begin to live in a totally different way, guided by the values of the reign of God rather than those of the world that is passing away.

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School Principal: Ms Anne-Marie Maw

APRE: Mr Jake Knowles



Readings for 28 January 2024

Fourth Sunday in Ordinary Time (YEAR B)

Deuteronomy 18:15-20; 1 Corinthians 7:32-35; Mark 1:21-28

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