

# OUR SUNDAY CELEBRATION

THIRTEENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME / C

30 JUNE 2019

FREE TO FOLLOW. In today's Gospel Jesus resolutely takes the road to Jerusalem. He knows that his passion and death await him. We also need determination to follow Jesus along the way of the cross. At times we will be tempted to look for excuses to turn back. May the Lord free us from such temptations that we may journey with him through suffering and death to the glory of the resurrection.

## INTRODUCTORY RITES

ENTRANCE ANTIPHON Ps 46:2

**All peoples, clap your hands. Cry to God with shouts of joy!**

## GREETING

P. In the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit.

**R. Amen.**

P. The Lord be with you.

**R. And with your spirit.**

## PENITENTIAL ACT

P. Brethren (brothers and sisters), let us acknowledge our sins, and so prepare ourselves to celebrate the sacred mysteries.

P. Lord Jesus, you are the image of the unseen God: Lord, have mercy.

**R. Lord, have mercy.**

P. Your are the first born of all creation: Christ, have mercy.

**R. Christ, have mercy.**

P. You are the head of the body, the Church: Lord, have mercy.

**R. Lord, have mercy.**

P. May almighty God have mercy on us, forgive us our sins, and bring us to everlasting life.

**R. Amen.**

## GLORIA

**Glory to God in the highest, / and on earth peace to people of good will. / We praise you, / we bless you, / we adore you, / we glorify you, / we give you thanks for your great glory, / Lord God, heavenly King, / O God, almighty Father. / Lord Jesus Christ, Only Begotten Son, / Lord God, Lamb of God, Son of the Father, / you take away the sins of the world, / have mercy on us; / you take away the sins of the world, / receive our prayer; / you are seated at the right hand of the Father, / have mercy on us. / For you alone are the Holy One, / you alone are the Lord, / you alone are the Most High, / Jesus Christ, / with the Holy Spirit, / in the glory of God the Father. / Amen.**

## COLLECT

P. O God, who through the grace of adoption chose us to be children of light, grant, we pray, that we may not be wrapped

in the darkness of error but always be seen to stand in the bright light of truth. Through our Lord Jesus Christ, your Son, who lives and reigns with you in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever.

**R. Amen.**

## LITURGY OF THE WORD

FIRST READING 1 Kings 19:16, 19-21

**A reading from the first book of the Kings**  
*Elisha rose and followed Elijah and became his servant.*

The Lord said to Elijah: 'Go, you are to anoint Elisha son of Shaphat, of Abel Meholah, as prophet to succeed you.' Leaving there, Elijah came on Elisha son of Shaphat as he was ploughing behind twelve yoke of oxen, he himself being with the twelfth. Elijah passed near to him and threw his cloak over him. Elisha left his oxen and ran after Elijah. 'Let me kiss my father and mother, then I will follow you' he said. Elijah answered, 'Go, go back; for have I done anything to you?' Elisha turned away, took the pair of oxen and slaughtered them. He used the plough for cooking the oxen, then gave to his men, who ate. He then rose, and followed Elijah and became his servant.

**The word of the Lord.**

**R. Thanks be to God.**

RESP PSALM Ps 15:1-2, 5, 7-11. R. cf. v. 5

**R. You are my inheritance, O Lord.**

1. Preserve me, God, I take refuge in you. / I say to the Lord: 'You are my God.' / O Lord, it is you who are my portion and cup; / it is you yourself who are my prize. **R.**
2. I will bless the Lord who gives me counsel, / who even at night directs my heart. / I keep the Lord ever in my sight: / since he is at my right hand, I shall stand firm. **R.**
3. And so my heart rejoices, my soul is glad; / even my body shall rest in safety. / For you will not leave my soul among the dead, / nor let your beloved know decay. **R.**
4. You will show me the path of life, / the fullness of joy in your presence, / at your right hand happiness for ever. **R.**

SECOND READING Gal 5:1, 13-18

**A reading from the letter of St Paul to the Galatians**

*My brothers, you were called to freedom.*



When Christ freed us, he meant us to remain free. Stand firm, therefore, and do not submit again to the yoke of slavery.

My brothers, you were called, as you know, to liberty; but be careful, or this liberty will provide an opening for self-indulgence. Serve one another, rather, in works of love, since the whole of the Law is summarised in a single command: Love your neighbour as yourself. If you go snapping at each other and tearing each other to pieces, you had better watch or you will destroy the whole community.

Let me put it like this: if you are guided by the Spirit you will be in no danger of yielding to self-indulgence, since self-indulgence is the opposite of the Spirit, the Spirit is totally against such a thing, and it is precisely because the two are so opposed that you do not always carry out your good intentions. If you are led by the Spirit, no law can touch you.

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## GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

1 Sam 3:9; Jn 6:68

**Alleluia, alleluia!**  
**Speak, O Lord, your servant is listening; you have the words of everlasting life.**  
**Alleluia!**

## GOSPEL

Lk 9:51-62

P. The Lord be with you.

**R. And with your spirit.**

P. A reading from the holy Gospel according to Luke.

**R. Glory to you, O Lord.**

*Jesus resolutely set his face towards Jerusalem. I will follow you wherever you will go.*

serve you may be worthy of these sacred gifts. Through Christ our Lord.

**R. Amen.**

## THE EUCHARISTIC PRAYER

P. The Lord be with you.

**R. And with your spirit.**

P. Lift up your hearts.

**R. We lift them up to the Lord.**

P. Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

**R. It is right and just.**

## PREFACE I-VIII OF THE SUNDAYS IN ORDINARY TIME

*After the Preface, we sing or say:*

**All: Holy, Holy, Holy Lord God of hosts. Heaven and earth are full of your glory. Hosanna in the highest. Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord. Hosanna in the highest.**

## THE MEMORIAL ACCLAMATION

P. The mystery of faith.

**All: We proclaim your Death, O Lord, and profess your Resurrection until you come again.**

## COMMUNION RITE

P. At the Saviour's command and formed by divine teaching, we dare to say:

**All: Our Father, who art in heaven . . .**

P. Deliver us, Lord, we pray . . .

**All: For the kingdom, the power and the glory are yours now and for ever.**

P. Lord Jesus Christ, who said . . .

**R. Amen.**

P. The peace of the Lord be with you always.

**R. And with your spirit.**

P. Let us offer each other the sign of peace.

*All exchange a sign of peace*

## LAMB OF GOD

**All: Lamb of God, you take away the sins of the world, have mercy on us.**

**Lamb of God, you take away the sins of the world, have mercy on us.**

**Lamb of God, you take away the sins of the world, grant us peace.**

## INVITATION TO COMMUNION

P. Behold the Lamb of God, behold him who takes away the sins of the world. Blessed are those called to the supper of the Lamb.

**R. Lord, I am not worthy that you should enter under my roof, but only say the word and my soul shall be healed.**

COMMUNION ANTIPHON cf. Ps 102:1

**Bless the Lord, O my soul, and all within me, his holy name.**

## PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

P. May this divine sacrifice we have offered and received fill us with life, O Lord, we pray, so that, bound to you in lasting charity, we may bear fruit that lasts for ever. Through Christ our Lord.

**R. Amen.**

## THE CONCLUDING RITES

P. The Lord be with you.

**R. And with your spirit.**

P. May almighty God bless you, the Father, and the Son, ✠ and the Holy Spirit.

**R. Amen.**

P. Go forth, the Mass is ended.

**R. Thanks be to God.**

## REFLECTIONS ON THE GOSPEL

### A PASSION FOR LIFE

Today's Gospel begins at a turning point in the Gospel of Luke. Like the Servant figure in Isaiah 50:7, Jesus 'sets his face' as he sets out on the long journey to Jerusalem that will climax in his suffering and death.

When a Samaritan village proves inhospitable to messengers that Jesus sends before him, two disciples propose a violent response: call down fire from heaven. But violence is not Jesus' way to deal with rejection. What he would bring—to Jerusalem and to the world—is peace (19:41-44; 2:14).

But Jesus does give very demanding responses to three people who offer themselves as companions on his journey. To the first he responds that following him will mean a wandering life of risky reliance on hospitality, with no guarantee of secure lodging.

The prophet Elijah allowed his disciple Elisha to go home and bid farewell to his parents (1 Kings 19:16,19-21). Jesus, by contrast, insists to two other would be followers that even the most sacred family obligations must yield to the claims of the Kingdom, which is about rescuing human beings for life.

The Jesus who confronts us here may seem unusually harsh. But it is important to keep in mind that the other side of this stance is the passion for human lives that drives him on. He is on the march now to a conflict with demonic forces that seek to dehumanise and destroy the world. Those who would seek to rescue people for life and for love must share both his passion and the hardships it entails.

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As the time drew near for him to be taken up to heaven, Jesus resolutely took the road for Jerusalem and sent messengers ahead of him. These set out, and they went into a Samaritan village to make preparations for him, but the people would not receive him because he was making for Jerusalem. Seeing this, the disciples James and John said, 'Lord, do you want us to call down fire from heaven to burn them up?' But he turned and rebuked them, and they went off to another village.

As they travelled along they met a man on the road who said to him, 'I will follow you wherever you go.' Jesus answered, 'Foxes have holes and the birds of the air have nests, but the Son of Man has nowhere to lay his head.' Another to whom he said, 'Follow me,' replied, 'Let me go and bury my father first.' But he answered, 'Leave the dead to bury their dead; your duty is to go and spread the news of the kingdom of God.'

Another said, 'I will follow you, sir, but first let me go and say good-bye to my people at home.' Jesus said to him, 'Once the hand is laid on the plough, no one who looks back is fit for the kingdom of God.'

**The Gospel of the Lord.**

**R. Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ.**

## HOMILY

## PROFESSION OF FAITH APOSTLES' CREED

*Or the Nicene Creed may be said.*

**I believe in God, / the Father almighty, / Creator of heaven and earth, / and in Jesus Christ, his only Son, our Lord, / who was conceived by the Holy Spirit, / born of the Virgin Mary, / suffered under Pontius Pilate, / was crucified, died and was buried; / he descended into hell; / on the third day he rose again from the dead; / he ascended into heaven, / and is seated at the right hand of God the Father almighty; / from there he will come to judge the living and the dead. / I believe in the Holy Spirit, / the holy catholic Church, / the communion of saints, / the forgiveness of sins, / the resurrection of the body, / and life everlasting. Amen.**

## PRAYER OF THE FAITHFUL

## LITURGY OF THE EUCHARIST

*After the priest raises the paten with the bread and prays, and then the chalice, we respond to each prayer:*

**R. Blessed be God for ever.**

P. Pray, brethren (brothers and sisters), that my sacrifice and yours may be acceptable to God, the almighty Father.

**R. May the Lord accept the sacrifice at your hands for the praise and glory of his name, for our good and the good of all his holy Church.**

## PRAYER OVER THE OFFERINGS

P. O God, who graciously accomplish the effects of your mysteries, grant, we pray, that the deeds by which we



# St Agnes' Catholic Parish, Highett

13TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME 29<sup>TH</sup> & 30<sup>TH</sup> JUNE 2019

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## MASS TIMES:

**Weekend**  
Saturday Vigil 6pm  
Sunday 8am & 10am  
**Weekday**  
Monday 9am Communion Service  
Tues-Fri 9am preceded by Rosary  
**SPECIAL DEVOTIONS**  
Friday after 9am Mass  
Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament, Novena,  
Benediction  
**RECONCILIATION**  
Saturday 5.15 - 5.45pm or by apt  
**BAPTISMS**  
Are held during the 10am Sunday Mass.  
Enquires are to be directed to the Parish Office.

## FEAST DAYS

29th June Saints Peter & Paul  
3rd July St Thomas, Apostle  
4th July St Elizabeth of Portugal  
5th July St Anthony Zaccaria



## ST AGNES' PARISH NEWS

**'PLEDGE TO PRAY'** Is an on-line platform for individuals to pledge prayers for vocations. It is based on the idea of the 'Invisible Monastery'. Our Melbourne Vocations Office is inviting us to 'pledge a prayer' at [www.pledgetoprayer.com.au](http://www.pledgetoprayer.com.au) for vocations in Australia particularly in the lead up to Australian Catholic Youth Festival in Perth in December 2019.

**THANKSGIVING:** Have you considered paying your Thanksgiving and Presbytery donation to St Agnes via direct debit or credit card? This reduces the work of the counters, decreases the risk of theft and administration costs. If, we, all increase our thanksgiving by a small amount, collectively it adds up to a larger amount. Thank you for your support and generosity.

**VOLUNTEERS:** All new Volunteers need to have a WWCC. You can apply online at [workingwithchildren.vic.gov.au](http://workingwithchildren.vic.gov.au). However, if you need assistance please come to the Parish Office. There is no cost.

**ANNIVERSARY MASSES:** If you wish to have an anniversary of your deceased loved ones listed in the St Agnes Parish Bulletin or a Mass offering please see Fr O'Reilly after Mass or contact the Parish office.

**WEB SITE:** please visit the St Agnes parish web site - [www.sahighett.org.au](http://www.sahighett.org.au) for the latest news in the Parish.

**FR ROB GALEA** - Coming Home Concert Tour—14 July 2019 at 5pm at The Clock tower Centre, Moonee Ponds. Uplifting Christian music.

## ST AGNES' PARISH NEWS

**PARISH LIBRARY:** In the church foyer there is a Library of Books and magazines that Parishioners can borrow on a honesty system. Please take the time to peruse the library there could be something of interest to you!

**SCHOOL PRINCIPAL:** Please keep the Principal appointment Team in your prayers, as they go through the process of appointing a new Principal to St Agnes Primary School.

**SCHOOL PRINCIPAL:** A Thanksgiving Mass was celebrated on Friday 28th June to thank and bid farewell to Therese Stewart. Therese put aside her holiday plans to help us out. May God bless her and her family always.



**ST VINCENT DE PAUL** Thankyou to all the parishioners and school families who donated to the ST Vincent De Paul Society collection. All donations will go to needy families and single people in the Highett area. Thank you for your support.

**OLSH COLLEGE, BENTLEIGH:** Open Morning on Wednesday 31 July. Registration essential [www.ols.vic.edu.au](http://www.ols.vic.edu.au). It is in the Top Ten VCE Results (Vic Catholic Schools). Accepting Year 7, 2021 enrolments now until August 2019.

**ST JAMES COLLEGE BENTLEIGH EAST:** Open Mornings are on 24/7, 8/8, 20/8, 11/9. Registrations to [registrar@sjcbe.catholic.edu.au](mailto:registrar@sjcbe.catholic.edu.au) or 9575 8119. Year 7, 2021 enrolments close on the 23rd August 2019.

**Sick List** - Monica Harris & Noel Konzag

**Anniversaries** - Mavis D'Souza, Ralph Evans & his deceased family members & Aloy & Eileen De Silva

**Death** - Rudolph D'Souza



## MEETING'S FOR MINISTRIES FOR ST AGNES

**Opening and Closing the Church & Sacristan:** To meet later in July, **Altar Servers:** To meet after School Holidays, **Baptism Team:** TBA (looking for more volunteers), **Readers:** Meet on 2nd of July at either 1pm or 7pm, **Special Minsters:** Meet on 2nd of July at either 11am or 8pm, **Communion to the sick:** Meet on 3rd of July at 7pm, **Collectors:** Meet after Mass on the 6th & 7th of July, **Counters:** Meet on the 9th of July at 7pm, **Church Cleaners:** Meet on the 10th of July at 7pm, **Church Grounds:** Meet on the 10th of July at 7pm, **Washing of Church Linen:** Meet on the 10th of July at 7pm, **Flowers:** Meet on the 10th of July at 7pm, **Music:** Meet on the 11th of July at 7:30pm, **Preparation of Overheads:** Meet on the 11th of July at 7pm, **Operators of Overheads:** Meet on the 11th of July at 7pm.

We thank God for the great response from His people to the request for volunteers for the various Ministries at St Agnes. May God bless all of you, your families, our Church and School families. A roster will be prepared in due course. It would be wonderful to see new volunteers get involved in the church.



**FEAST OF SAINTS PETER AND PAUL** Through our Baptism we have all been incorporated into Christ's mission. Peter and Paul can be for us a great inspiration in the faith and work to which we are called. We can see how, like us, they were from different backgrounds; how they had different gifts. Their individual callings were not the same. Peter followed quickly. Paul had to be more than cajoled into hearing the Lord's call. They did not always see things in the same way, and disagreed. Their mission, though, was the same and through their acceptance of that they became inseparable. Is this not the case for all the saints? They decreased in order that Christ might increase. It is just that this is writ large in these two giants of our Christian faith. At times, it may seem that what God

calls us to is nigh on impossible. Remaining faithful and persevering can seem difficult in a busy, noisy world that often conspires to drag down the believer. Just getting to church at the weekend can be a struggle, especially with the pressure of work and family. We are given examples of faithfulness, such as Peter and Paul, to inspire us, not to scare us off. Perhaps today they want to say to us that our mission, should we choose to accept it, is not to lose hope but simply to put our trust in Jesus. He was always faithful to them; he is always faithful to us. What sometimes may seem like an impossible mission is made eminently possible because all things are possible with God, who is love.



## SPECIAL COLLECTION THIS WEEKEND

This weekend is the annual Peter's Pence Collection. This collection unites us in solidarity with Pope Francis and his works of charity towards those in need. Please give generously.

**WORKING WITH CHILDREN CHECKS AND POLICE CHECKS** Thankyou to all the parishioners who have contacted the parish office and have either given a copy of their W.W.C / Police check details to us or have started the application process. If you are one of the volunteers who haven't, please attend to your application ASAP. Your prompt attention to this matter would be greatly appreciated. As a Parish we are committed to the safety of the children within our care and will do whatever is within our power to protect them. Please go to [www.workingwithchildren.vic.gov.au](http://www.workingwithchildren.vic.gov.au) to apply for a W.W.C.C or to obtain a Police Check please drop into the parish office and pick up a form. If you don't have access to a computer or need assistance to apply please drop into the parish office between 9am and 4pm on a Thursday or Friday. There are no out-of-pocket expenses for volunteers. **To date 75% of St Agnes volunteers have either arranged or supplied a W.W.C or Police check Thankyou.**

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DATE & TIME	READERS	COMMUNION MINISTERS	COUNTER	OVERHEADS
29th June—Vigil	Rachael Pereira & Michelle Vella	Kevin Rodway & Patricia Dwyer		
30th June - 10am	Catherine Gill (1st & 2nd Reading)	Rita Gori, Catherine Gill & Frank Forbes © Rita Gori & Frank Forbes	Group 4	Volunteer
6th July—Vigil	M Rivera & P Dwyer	Kevin Rodway & Patricia Dwyer		
7th July - 10am	Denis Flynn & Mary Moran	A Courtney, F Forbes & M Bilston © A Courtney & F Forbes	Group 1	Stephen D' Souza