

St Agnes' Catholic Parish, Highett

29TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME 19TH & 20TH OCTOBER - 2019

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MASS TIMES:

Weekend
Saturday Vigil 6pm
Sunday 8am & 10am
Weekday
Monday/Wednesday 9am Communion Service
Tues, Thurs, 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.

LITURGY OF THE WORD:- 2nd & 3rd November - 30th Sunday in Ordinary Time/C
1st Reading - 2nd Reading - Gospel -

FEAST DAYS:- 19th October - Sts John Brebeuf & Issac Jogues & Companions, St Paul of the Cross; 22nd October - St John Paul II; 23rd October - St John Capistrano; 24th October - St Anthony Mary Claret

ST AGNES' PARISH NEWS

FETE **ST AGNES SCHOOL FETE 16TH OF NOVEMBER UPDATE:** GoBox has loaned us a container to store Trash and Treasure items and we are now ready to accept donations. Please have a Spring Clean and bring us your - Toys & games (all pieces included and in working order); Furniture & homeware (no electrical items); Books & Records etc. We need Packing boxes for sorting Trash & Treasure items donations can be left in the marked boxes in the Reception Area of the School Office. For queries or to volunteer, please contact Jacinta Whelan (0418 605 165) or stagnesschoolfete@gmail.com.

2020 COLUMBAN ART CALENDAR'S: The 2020 Columban Art Calendars have arrived and are in the parish Office. If you have ordered a Calendar please contact the Parish office to collect your calendar and make your payment.

ST VINCENT DE PAUL: The members of the St Agnes Parish's St Vincent de Paul Society visit underprivileged families in our area and helps with urgent necessities. Your donations of non-perishable food will be most welcome. If you are interested or would like to know more about the Vinnies, please call Rob 0448 492 099.

LOST PROPERTY: Have you lost your Reading Glasses? They could be in the church foyer in a OPSM bag please collect them if they are yours.

Sick List: Phillip Greco, Bill Power, Monica Harris, Margie Arokiasamy, Nicholas Lourdes, Cecily Anthony, Fr David, Vincent Richard, Carol Davies.

Anniversaries: John Puccetti, Giuseppe Laquidara

Deaths: Fr Bart San

SOCIAL LUNCH: 7th November at the RSL, Highett will be at 12:30pm. Queries: Please contact Sybil 95558336.

ROSTER: The roster for November & December are in the process of been put to together. If you will be away during this period of time please let the Parish office know. If we don't hear from you we will presume you will be around. If you need to apply for your WWCC or police check please do so and let the parish office know so you can be added to the upcoming roster. Thankyou to all our volunteers for your continued support

W.W.C.C AND POLICE CHECK: All volunteers must have a WWCC and or police check to volunteer in the Parish. Please visit www.workingwithchildren.vic.gov.au to apply for a W.W.C. and for a Police Check please pick up a form from the Parish Office or the Church foyer. If you don't have access to a computer or need assistance to apply for either of these, please come to the parish office between 9am and 4pm on a Thursday or Friday.

CATHOLIC MISSION COLELCTION: World Mission Sunday is 20th October, 2019. The Theme for this year is:



*I know the plans I have for you,
to give you a future with HOPE"*
Jeremiah 29:11

This year Catholic Mission, Melbourne has a focus on Nagaland in India, and celebrates the Extraordinary Missionary Month through prayer and action for a future with Hope. Each one of us can participate in this Mission by gifting. Let us support the missionary work of Jesuit priests Father Raymond De Souza and Father Rajesh Lobo by giving a generous donation. Envelopes are in the church foyer.

PLEASE TAKE THIS BULLETIN HOME

GOSPEL



When St Paul writes to Timothy, the Bishop of Ephesus, he asks him to remember his teachers and all that he has learnt from childhood from the holy scriptures. Timothy would have grown up hearing stories from the Jewish scriptures, learnt the psalms in Hebrew and prayed them, and later, from his Christian mother, heard stories about Jesus. As a man dedicated to God, Timothy learnt about the power and necessity of prayer. Prayer was part of life: in the morning, in the evening, on the Sabbath, on Sundays and on feast days. The words of today's psalm response would have echoed in his heart, "Our help is in the name of the Lord who made heaven and earth." He could trust that help would come from God and that he would be protected and guarded from evil or going astray. The story of Moses in the first reading would have reminded him of the need to be faithful and persistent in prayer, even when it was easier to fall asleep. In the Gospel, Jesus tells the story of a widow who constantly comes to visit a judge to demand justice. You can imagine the tenacity of this woman; perhaps you know someone like her? She kept hammering on his door for justice. The lazy judge has lost interest in his work and really does not care for those who seek justice. He is comfortable, negligent and avoids his responsibilities to those in need. He simply sorts out the case to get some peace. In contrast, God will see justice done although, in human eyes, it may seem to take a long time. Presumably, some of Jesus' followers were questioning whether it was worth praying because they didn't get the results they wanted. Jesus teaches that our fidelity is important, God's ways are not always our ways, but God is close by to help, guard and protect. We touch here a deep mystery.

APPLICATION We are invited to be faithful in prayer and to know the scriptures. St Jerome said, "Ignorance of the scriptures is ignorance of Christ." The scriptures are the way by which we begin to understand God's mercy and the person of Jesus Christ. By watching him in the Bible stories, listening to his words, we begin to taste and see, sense and feel, with the mind of Christ. We begin to see with different eyes and have different attitudes. The Bible stories and the stories and the stories of the saints open up the children's minds to the person of Jesus. As they hear the words of Jesus. As they hear the words of Jesus, they begin to know his love for them. As they hear of God working in the saints, they begin to learn about the ways to be a Christian in the world. As they learn their prayers and say the Our Father, they begin to speak with words taught by Jesus. Could any other stories be more important? The scriptures are a treasure to be ever more deeply explored so that we might know the love and mercy of Jesus Christ and become women and men dedicated to God and fully equipped for God's good work.
From The Living Word

We welcome to the St Agnes Parish
Catholic Community

Gavin Adams
who will baptised
at the
Saturday Night Vigil
Mass &
Frankie & Mahli Durbridge
Who will be baptised at the 10am
Sunday Morning Mass



All Souls Day

NOVEMBER MONTH OF HOLY SOULS: All the weekend Masses on the of the 2nd & 3rd of November will be offered up to our Dearly Departed Souls. There are November Holy Souls offering envelopes in the church foyer from this weekend. Please place your deceased members names on the envelope and if you wish place an offering inside the envelope. Please bring the offering envelopes to 2nd & 3rd of November Masses and place them on the offering plate.

ROSTER		© = NURSING HOME			
DATE & TIME	READERS	COMMUNION MINISTERS	COUNTERS	CLEANERS	OVERHEADS
19th October - Vigil	Rachael Pereira & Mila Rivera	Patricia Dwyer & Volunteer			
20th October - 10 am	Emilka Paplinski & Mary Moran	Frank Forbes, Helen Reece & Margaret Taylor © Frank Forbes & Helen Reece	Group 3	Group 3	Stephen D'Souza
26th October - Vigil	Lynn Lewis & Volunteer	Natalie Cerovac & Rachael Pereira			
27th October - 10 am	Dominic D'Abate & James D'Abate	Mary Fordyce, Yvonne Octigan & Priya Wickremasinghe © P Wickremasinghe & Y Octigan	Group 4	Group 4	Emilka Paplinski

Jesus told his disciples a parable about the need to pray continually and never lose heart. ‘There was a judge in a certain town’ he said ‘who had neither fear of God nor respect for man. In the same town there was a widow who kept on coming to him and saying, “I want justice from you against my enemy!” For a long time he refused, but at last he said to himself, “Maybe I have neither fear of God nor respect for man, but since she keeps pestering me I must give this widow her just rights, or she will persist in coming and worry me to death.”’

And the Lord said, ‘You notice what the unjust judge has to say? Now will not God see justice done to his chosen who cry to him day and night even when he delays to help them? I promise you, he will see justice done to them, and done speedily. But when the Son of Man comes, will he find any faith on earth?’

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. Grant us, Lord, we pray, a sincere respect for your gifts, that, through the purifying action of your grace, we may be cleansed by the very mysteries we serve.

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 32:18-19

Behold, the eyes of the Lord are on those who fear him, who hope in his merciful love, to rescue their souls from death, to keep them alive in famine.

PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

P. Grant, O Lord, we pray, that, benefiting from participation in heavenly things, we may be helped by what you give in this present age and prepared for the gifts that are eternal. 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

THE PERSISTENT CRY FOR JUSTICE

The parable in the Gospel for today commends praying to God with the kind of persistence shown by the widow in her dealings with the unjust judge. It does not mean that God, unwilling to respond, needs to be worn down like the judge. Rather, it commends an attitude of trust in God that motivates persistence in prayer, even when an answer may seem a long time coming.

In Jesus’ society, widows were dependent on the sound working of the justice system since they lacked the support of a husband and possibly that of adult sons. Hence the plight of this woman, whose entreaties the judge so long ignores. As Jesus tells the story, the judge stirs himself on her behalf only when he suspects that she is going to become physically violent. Translated literally, what the judge says is ‘... lest she come and give me a black eye’ (the Greek expression actually comes from the boxing arena).

The force of the parable flows from a kind of contrasting logic. If the unjust judge moves at long last to grant justice to the widow, albeit through base and self-serving motives, how much more readily and certainly will the God of all goodness move to grant justice to those who make appeal day and night?

In a world where the poor, like the widow, cry out for justice, the challenge of the parable is sharp. Those whose actions or inertia allow many to suffer must reckon with a God firmly aligned with the cause of the poor.

BRENDAN BYRNE, SJ

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OUR SUNDAY CELEBRATION

TWENTY-NINTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME / C

20 OCTOBER 2019

PRAY CONTINUALLY. The saving power of God flows into our world through human agents. In today’s First Reading, the Israelites are saved from destruction by the power of God mediated through Moses, their leader. In the Gospel Jesus assures us that God will see justice done on earth provided we pray for it night and day, and keep knocking on the doors of the unjust. Let us pray and work constantly for justice, never losing heart.

INTRODUCTORY RITES

ENTRANCE ANTIPHON cf. Ps 16:6, 8

To you I call; for you will surely heed me, O God; turn your ear to me; hear my words. Guard me as the apple of your eye; in the shadow of your wings protect me.

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. Almighty ever-living God, grant that we may always conform our will to yours and serve your majesty in sincerity of heart. 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

Ex 17:8-13

A reading from the book of Exodus
As long as Moses kept his arms raised, Israel had the advantage.

The Amalekites came and attacked Israel at Rephidim. Moses said to Joshua, ‘Pick out men for yourself, and tomorrow morning march out to engage Amalek. I, meanwhile, will stand on the hilltop, the staff of God in my hand.’ Joshua did as Moses told him and marched out to engage Amalek, while Moses and Aaron and Hur went up to the top of the hill. As long as Moses kept his arms raised, Israel had the advantage; when he let his arms fall, the advantage went to Amalek. But Moses’ arms grew heavy, so they took a stone and put it one on one side, one on the other; and his arms remained firm till sunset. With the edge of the sword Joshua cut down Amalek and his people.

The word of the Lord.

R. Thanks be to God.

RESPONSORIAL PSALM Ps 120. R. cf. v. 2

R. Our help is from the Lord, who made heaven and earth.

1. I lift up my eyes to the mountains: / from where shall come my help? / My help shall come from the Lord / who made heaven and earth. **R.**

2. May he never allow you to stumble! / Let him sleep not, your guard. / No, he sleeps not nor slumbers, / Israel’s guard. **R.**

3. The Lord is your guard and your shade; / at your right side he stands. / By day the sun shall not smite you / nor the moon in the night. **R.**

4. The Lord will guard you from evil, / he will guard your soul. / The Lord will guard your going and coming / both now and for ever. **R.**



SECOND READING

2 Tim 3:14–4:2

A reading from the second letter of St Paul to Timothy

This is how the people of God become equipped and ready for every good work.

You must keep to what you have been taught and know to be true; remember who your teachers were, and how, ever since you were a child, you have known the holy scriptures – from these you can learn the wisdom that leads to salvation through faith in Christ Jesus. All scripture is inspired by God and can profitably be used for teaching, for refuting error, for guiding people’s lives and teaching them to be holy. This is how the man who is dedicated to God becomes fully equipped and ready for any good work.

Before God and before Christ Jesus who is to be judge of the living and the dead, I put this duty to you, in the name of his Appearing and of his kingdom: proclaim the message and, welcome or unwelcome, insist on it. Refute falsehood, correct error, call to obedience – but do all with patience and with the intention of teaching.

The word of the Lord.

R. Thanks be to God.

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

Heb 4:12

Alleluia, alleluia!

The word of God is living and active; it probes the thoughts and motives of our heart. Alleluia!

GOSPEL

Lk 18:1-8

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.

God will see those who cry to him vindicated.