

If you had faith!

The Apostles said to the Lord, 'Increase our faith.' The Lord replied, 'Were your faith the size of a mustard seed you could say to this mulberry tree, "Be uprooted and planted in the sea," and it would obey you.

'Which of you, with a servant ploughing or minding sheep, would say to him when he returned from the fields, "Come and have your meal immediately"? Would he not be more likely to say, "Get my supper laid; make yourself tidy and wait on me while I eat and drink. You can eat and drink yourself afterwards"? Must he be grateful to the servant for doing what he was told? So with you: when you have done all you have been told to do, say, "We are merely servants: we have done no more than our duty."' "

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. Accept, O Lord, we pray, the sacrifices instituted by your commands and, through the sacred mysteries, which we celebrate with dutiful service, graciously complete the sanctifying work by which you are pleased to redeem us. 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 Lam 3:25

The Lord is good to those who hope in him, to the soul that seeks him.

PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

P. Grant us, almighty God, that we may be refreshed and nourished by the Sacrament which we have received, so as to be transformed into what we consume.

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 in peace.

R. Thanks be to God.

REFLECTIONS ON THE GOSPEL

FAITH AND GRATEFUL SERVICE

Today's Gospel falls into two distinct parts.

First, the apostles ask Jesus to increase their faith. Jesus' response does not imply that the disciples have no faith. His point seems to be that the little faith they have is enough to work miracles if only they exploited its possibilities to the full.

As so often, Jesus employs everyday images—not without a touch of exaggeration—to drive home the point. On the one hand, a mustard seed is proverbially small. On the other hand, the extensive root system of the mulberry tree makes it notoriously difficult to uproot. Yet a word proceeding from a tiny amount of faith could bring about this effect. It is people of faith who channel God's power into the world.

In the second part of the Gospel we might find off-putting both the image of slavery and, even more, the suggestion that God regards us as 'worthless slaves' who deserve no gratitude whatsoever.

Jesus draws upon an aspect of life familiar to his audience (slavery) without necessarily approving of it. His point is that we should not serve God in the hope of gaining payment or due reward. That would amount to the kind of 'merit' mentality that St Paul, in particular, excluded.

Long before we do any good work ourselves, our faith should make us conscious of the immense benefits we have already received from God. Our Christian service, then, will be an expression of faith and love, motivated by abiding *gratitude* for all God has done for us.

BRENDAN BYRNE, SJ

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OUR SUNDAY CELEBRATION

TWENTY-SEVENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME / C

06 OCTOBER 2019

DOING OUR DUTY. Advertisements sometimes suggest that our lives should be always fun-filled, exciting and glamorous. For most of the time, however, our lives have a mundane character – doing our daily chores, caring for our loved ones, going to work. By faithfully attending to these tasks, we express our belief that the sacred is present in the ordinary, that our simple acts are precious to God.

INTRODUCTORY RITES

ENTRANCE ANTIPHON cf. Esth 4:17

Within your will, O Lord, all things are established, and there is none that can resist your will. For you have made all things, the heaven and the earth, and all that is held within the circle of heaven; you are the Lord of all.

GREETING

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

R. Amen.

P. The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, and the love of God, and the communion of the Holy Spirit be with you all.

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. You were sent to heal the contrite of heart: Lord, have mercy.

R. Lord, have mercy.

P. You came to call sinners: Christ, have mercy.

R. Christ, have mercy.

You are seated at the right hand of the Father to intercede for us: 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, who in the abundance of your kindness surpass the merits and the desires of those who entreat you, pour out your mercy upon us to pardon what conscience dreads and to give what prayer does not dare to ask. 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 Hab 1:2-3; 2:2-4

A reading from the prophet Habakkuk
The just will live by faithfulness.

How long, Lord, am I to cry for help while you will not listen;

to cry 'Oppression!' in your ear and you will not save?

Why do you set injustice before me, why do you look on where there is tyranny? Outrage and violence, this is all I see, all is contention, and discord flourishes.

Then the Lord answered and said,

'Write the vision down, inscribe it on tablets to be easily read, since this vision is for its own time only: eager for its own fulfilment, it does not deceive;

if it comes slowly, wait, for come it will, without fail. See how he flags, he whose soul is not at rights, but the upright man will live by his faithfulness.'

The word of the Lord.

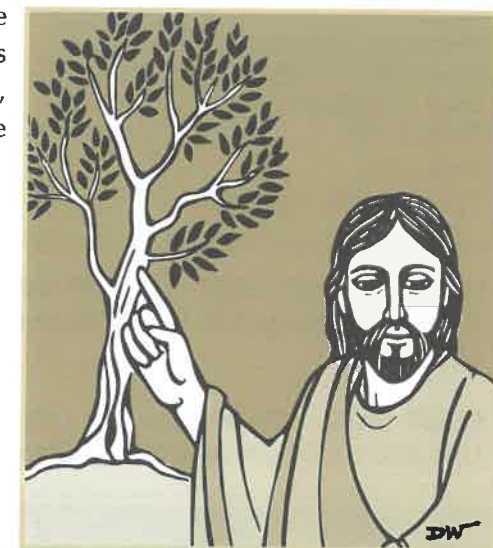
R. Thanks be to God.

RESP PSALM Ps 94:1-2, 6-9. R. v. 8

R. If today you hear his voice, harden not your hearts.

1. Come, ring out our joy to the Lord; / hail the rock who saves us. / Let us come before him, giving thanks, / with songs let us hail the Lord. **R.**

2. Come in; let us bow and bend low; / let us kneel before the God who made us / for he is our God and we / the people who belong to his pasture, / the flock that is led by his hand. **R.**



3. O that today you would listen to his voice! / 'Harden not your hearts as at Meribah, / as on that day at Massah in the desert / when your fathers put me to the test; / when they tried me, though they saw my work.' **R.**

SECOND READING 2 Tim 1:6-8, 13-14

A reading from the second letter of St Paul to Timothy
Never be ashamed of witnessing to the Lord.

I am reminding you to fan into a flame the gift that God gave you when I laid my hands on you. God's gift was not a spirit of timidity, but the Spirit of power, and love, and self-control. So you are never to be ashamed of witnessing to the Lord, or ashamed of me for being his prisoner; but with me, bear the hardships for the sake of the Good News, relying on the power of God.

Keep as your pattern the sound teaching you have heard from me, in the faith and love that are in Christ Jesus. You have been trusted to look after something precious; guard it with the help of the Holy Spirit who lives in us.

The word of the Lord.

R. Thanks be to God

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION 1 Pet 1:25

Alleluia, alleluia!
The word of the Lord stands for ever: it is the word given to you, the Good News. Alleluia!

GOSPEL Lk 17:5-10

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.

St Agnes' Catholic Parish, Highett



27TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME 5TH & 6TH OCTOBER - 2019 YEAR

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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:- 12th & 13th October - 28th Sunday in Ordinary Time/C
1st Reading - 2 Kings 5:14-17 2nd Reading - 2 Timothy 2:8-13 Gospel - Luke
17:11-19

FEAST DAYS:- 7th October - Our Lady of the Rosary; 9th October - St Denis &
Companions & St John Leonardi; 11th October - St John XXIII

ST AGNES' PARISH NEWS

ST AGNES SCHOOL FETE

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.

Counters are desperately needed and parishioners who can help with this task on the day of the Fete will be most welcome. All counters must have a Police Check.

For queries or to volunteer, please contact Jacinta Whelan (0418 605 165) or stagnesschoolfete@gmail.com

STUDY TOUR OF THE BIBLICAL LANDS: 14 November 2020 to 7 December 2020. Information session - Saturday, 21 October at 2pm. Enquiries jenny.delahunt@ctc.edu.au

ST BEDE'S COLLEGE, MENTONE & ST JAMES CELEBRATE LIFE CONCERT: This is a COG Theatre Production of Catholic/Christian Artists at 7:30pm on 11th October at The Performing Arts Centre, Mahoneys Road, Forest Hill. Tickets \$10-\$30. Performing Catholic Artists will be Fr David Lemewu, Georga Byrne (professional jazz singer) & Fr Christ Eaton (rapper).

OLSH GIRLS COLLEGE BENTLEIGH OPEN MORNING: Is on Friday, 25th October. Registration essential at www.olsh.vic.edu.au. Now taking Year 7, 2022 enrolments.

SOCIAL LUNCH 7th November - This next lunch will be the last one for 2019. Any queries please contact Sybil 9555 8336.

OCTOBER ROSTER: The October roster is in the church foyer for collection. The latest roster has the Cleaning teams added to the roster. If your name is not on the roster please contact the Parish Office to establish why. Thankyou, and may God bless all St Agnes volunteers.

AID TO THE CHURCH IN NEED is hosting a prayer campaign on 18 October titled: "One Million Children Praying the Rosary". The prayer initiative invites teachers, priests, parents and grandparents to pray the rosary together with children for peace and unity around the world. If you would like to participate go to: www.millionkidspraying.org.

BE NOT AFRAID: Preparing and celebrating sacraments of healing will be investigated during a pastoral formation day by the ACU Centre for Liturgy team. This will be held on Saturday, 19 October at ACU Melbourne, Fitzroy. Cost \$60. Registration is essential by 15 October at <http://www.acu.edu.au/pastoral> formation days.

MARCH FOR THE BABIES: Saturday, 12 October at 1pm in the Treasury Gardens cnr Spring Street & Wellington Parade, East Melbourne. Flyers are available in the foyer. It has been suggested to get a group together, take the train to the city, get off at Parliament Station and walk down to the Treasury Gardens.

Sick List: Monica Harris, Margie Arokiasamy, Nicholas Lourdes, Cecily Anthony, Fr David
Anniversaries: Grace Scicluna,
Deaths: Moyha Bettess



ST AGNES' PARISH NEWS

WORKING WITH CHILDREN CARD (W.W.C.C) AND POLICE CHECK

WORKING WITH CHILDREN CHECK



Dear St Agnes new and old volunteers, it is a requirement of the Archdiocese of Melbourne that all volunteers in all catholic church have a W.W.C.C and or a Police Check.

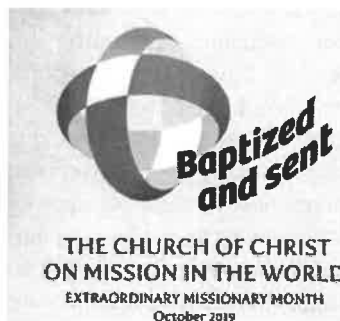
If you wish to volunteer for your nominated ministries and you have not applied for a W.W.C.C and or a Police Check it would be appreciated if you could attend to this matter ASAP. The parish office will be in contact via email/telephone with all parishioners who haven't applied to see if there is any way we can help you with the process.



To apply for a WWCC, visit www.workingwithchildren.vic.gov.au 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.

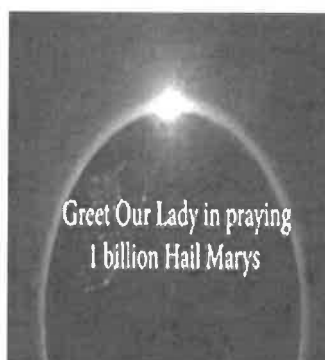
As a parish we take the safety of our children and young people seriously and unfortunately unless you have a W.W.C.C and or a Police Check you will not be put on the Parish Roster and you will not be able to do your ministries. If you are minor under 18 could you please let the parish office know. The parish office looks forward to hearing from you soon.



EXTRAORDINARY MONTH OF MISSION: Pope Francis has declared October 2019 as Missionary Month. The Arch-bishop's Office for Evangelisation has prepared a range of events which exercise the senses and open up our eyes and hearts to a world in need of the hope-filled message of the Gospel.

WEEK 1 Opening his letter 'For the Centenary of the Promulgation of the Apostolic Letter Maximum Illud on the activity of missionaries in the world', Pope Francis notes that the challenge for the work of mission is 'as urgent as ever'. October 2019 provides an opportunity to take up again 'with renewed fervor the missionary transformation of the Church's life and pastoral activity'. In this first week of the Extraordinary Missionary Month,

let us consider how we, in our own contexts, might accept the invitation to encounter Jesus in daily life in order to live out our baptism call to be missionary disciples. I invite Christians, everywhere, at this very moment to a renewed personal encounter with Jesus Christ, or at least an openness to letting him encounter them; I ask all of you to do to this unfailingly each day. —Pope Francis, Evangelii Gaudium.



GLOBAL ROSARY This year, the global rosary has many countries involved and millions of rosaries planned on 13 October, Fatima Day.

The worldwide global rosary will pray for world peace and reparation for the world as well as each country will have its own specific intentions. Australia's participation is under the spiritual guidance of Bishop David Cremin, Auxiliary Bishop Emeritus of Sydney.

Australia's intentions are protection of the country and her people, priests and religious, sanctity of life and marriage, the consecration of the country to the Immaculate Heart Of Mary and for Australia to live out its calling as the Great South Land of the Holy Spirit.

The focus this year is on the Eucharist, and rosary coordinators are being asked to work with their parishes and priests for this event.

ROSTER		© = NURSING HOME			
DATE & TIME	READERS	COMMUNION MINISTERS	COUNTERS	CLEANERS	OVERHEADS
5 th October- Vigil	Natalie Cerovac & Patricia Dwyer	Patricia Dwyer & Michelle Vella			
6 th October -10am	Catherine Gill & Patricia Palman	Rita Gori, A Cesario & D D'Abate © Rita Gori & P Wickremasinghe	Group 1	Group 1	James D'Abate
12 th October - Vigil	Michelle Vella & Antonia Vella	Natalie Cerovac & Rachael Pereira			
13 th October - 10 am	Margaret Taylor (1st Reading) & Mila Rivera	Margaret Bilston, Catherine Gill & Patricia Palman © Yvonne Octigan & P Palman	Group 2	Group 2	Mary Fordyce & Family