



# ST. AGATHA'S PARISH

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**Office Hours:** Monday - Friday: 8.00am to 12.30pm and 1.30 pm to 4.30pm  
 (Please note: the Office is closed between 12.30 - 1.30pm)  
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## St. Agatha's Catholic Primary School

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**School Principal:** Mrs Carol Sayers **APRE:** Mr Nick Fogarty  
**Outside School Hours Care Coordinator:** Ms Harmony Domaille

## Fourth Sunday of Lent - 6<sup>th</sup> March 2016

### Readings

**1st Reading:** Joshua 5:9-12; **2nd Reading:** 2 Corinthians 5:17-21; **Gospel:** Luke 15:1-3, 11-32

### WEEKDAY MASSES

**Monday 7 Mar:** 6.30am  
**Wednesday 9 Mar:** 9am  
**Thursday 10 Mar:** 9am  
**Friday 11 Mar:** 9am

### SUNDAY MASSES

Saturday 6.00pm  
 (1st Rite of Reconciliation:  
 Saturday 5pm - 5.30pm)  
 Sunday 7.00am  
 9.00am  
 5.30pm

Rosary before Mass

### Parish Calendar

#### **MARCH**

- **Monday 7:**  
SVDP Meeting 5pm Parish Office
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Finance Meeting 6pm Parish Office
- **Wednesday 9:**  
Pastoral Council Meeting
- **Friday 11:**  
Stations of the Cross 8.30am
- **Sunday 13:**  
P26 Mass 9am
- **Sunday 13:**  
Aggies Youth special supper to support the Caritas Lenten Appeal - after 5.30pm Mass

*Dear sisters and brothers,*

With Fr Stephen's returning to Korea after Easter, Archbishop Mark Coleridge has appointed Fr Kevin Njoku as the new Associate Pastor in Clayfield. Fr Kevin arrived in Brisbane last year from his home diocese of the Umuahia in Nigeria. He is currently serving as the Associate Pastor in the parish of Capalaba/Alexandria Hills. Fr Kevin will begin his appointment after Easter and I know that you will make him welcome when he arrives.

Meanwhile, we will farewell Fr Stephen with a morning tea after the 9am Mass on Palm Sunday (20th March). There is also the opportunity to donate to a "thank you" gift by placing a contribution in the envelopes provided. These can be placed on either collection plate over the next two weekends or delivered to the office.

This Sunday we hear the famous parable of the prodigal son. I remember coming across this alternative ending a few years ago. It always makes me smile:

While the father and elder son are arguing in the backyard, the mother comes out and says, "Now I have had just about enough." To her husband, "You've always favoured our youngest and you know it. Our elder son works hard every day and you take him for granted. I hardly ever hear you say 'thank you,' except to the hired hands. It's about time you started noticing your family for a change." Then to the elder son, "And you...always the martyr. You act as if you're the only one who has to go the extra mile. Well, I have to do it and so does everybody else. It's time you learned to swallow hard and rise about the things in life that are unfair. Stop your silly pouting." She then goes and gets the younger son. "And you, the spoiled little prince - in there celebrating and you never even thought to ask about your brother and apologize for leaving him to do all the work. It's about time you realized that the whole world doesn't revolve around you." Then to the three of them, "Work out your differences some other time. We've got company, so get in there and start acting like family instead of three-year-olds." Reconciliations can be complicated but that's no reason not to reconcile.

Mercy and forgiveness are a tricky business, particularly within families. In this Year of Mercy, are there any relationships that we need to think about entering into the risky business of reconciliation?

*Fr. Anthony*

### 2016 - The Year of Mercy

**A Word of Mercy....** We are called to show mercy because mercy has first been shown to us. Pardoning offences becomes the clearest expression of merciful love, and for us Christians it is an imperative from which we cannot excuse ourselves. (Pope Francis)

Last week, *Spotlight* won the Oscar for Best Movie. It is the story of the investigation into the scandals of the Boston Archdiocese. Below is the review by Fr. Richard Leonard which appeared in *The Tablet* journal published on 13<sup>th</sup> February.

**Whether we like it or not, we are all in the Spotlight now**

The film *Spotlight* is one of the angriest films you will ever see. In the Bible we hear about righteous anger, where God or humanity realises something is so wrong that “holy anger” is the first and right response. At its best, in the Scriptures this anger leads to justice, to making things right. *Spotlight* is an occasion for holy, righteous anger and every adult Catholic should see it. Not because it is easy watching, but because it is necessary watching. The time to look away has gone.

The first meaning of this film’s title refers to the team of award-winning investigative journalists at *The Boston Globe*. In the late 1990s they become aware of Catholic priests who had been accused of child sexual abuse. They unearth evidence that the Catholic Archdiocese of Boston has gone to great lengths to cover up the activities of these priests and silence victims through payoffs, legal threats and personal intimidation. The team starts out believing they are looking at isolated, criminal individuals: the “rotten apple” theory. Within a year they discover there have been credible or accepted allegations against 90 priests, 6 per cent of the total number of clergy in the archdiocese. Some of these men were moved to various other dioceses in the United States where they abused other children. In 2011 Boston’s Cardinal O’Malley made public the full list of offending clergy: 159. By 2001 rumours of the newspaper’s investigation emerge. Some powerful men want to close the investigation down. The journalists are targeted and harassed. The paper and its reporters press on. Then, from June to December 2002, *The Boston Globe* published 13 lengthy reports about the crimes and their cover-up, culminating in the resignation of Cardinal Law as Archbishop of Boston on 14 December 2002. The paper, and its first ever Jewish editor, came under sustained attack for being “anti-Catholic”. For their fearless and outstanding work, the Spotlight team won the Pulitzer Prize for Public Service in 2003.

The second more obvious meaning of spotlight is the pool of light where the watcher’s attention is singularly focused upon one place on the stage. In the history of the theatre, depending on what happens in that prolonged, harsh pool of exposure, careers and reputations have been made or destroyed.

This film not only casts its forensic gaze upon the Catholic Church and complicit civic institutions in regard to child sexual abuse, but also on *The Boston Globe* itself. Since 1976, victims, their families and lawyers had been telling the *Globe* about the crimes, the criminals and the scale of the cover-up. The editorial staff could not or would not see what was in front of them.

So why go and see this very tough and demanding film? Because victims and their families deserve it. May it make us as “mad as hell” and not “take this anymore” and enable that holy, righteous anger to demand complete transparency and accountability from every sector of our own community. That might just be the start of bringing God’s justice and healing to survivors. Whether we like it or not, now we are all in the spotlight. And there is nowhere to hide.

**\* ST AGATHA’S YOUTH MINISTRY**

**LifeTeen MASS - Sunday 5.30pm**

Join our talented musicians at this celebration of the Eucharist, where youth and young adults are invited to minister to each other. If you would like to help with music or singing just talk to the musicians.

Enjoy supper and friendship after Mass.

**Visit Aggies Youth:**

<https://www.facebook.com/aggiesyouth>.



**WE WILL BE HOLDING A SPECIAL SUPPER AFTER THE 5.30PM MASS,  
SUNDAY 13 MARCH. PLEASE JOIN US AT OUR  
“CARITAS KITCHEN” FOR THE COST OF A DONATION TO HELP  
SOMEONE WHO MAY NOT EVEN HAVE A KITCHEN!**

**DONATE: ON THE DAY OR ONLINE:**

**<http://my.caritasfundraising.org.au/AggiesYouth>**

## *In our prayers we remember*

### *Those who have died recently:*

Patricia Hailey

### *And those whose anniversaries occur about now:*

Jack Bowden, Alan Lawrenson, Reg Shun Wah (Snr), Les McSweeney

### *Those who are sick:*

Dell McHugh, Trevor Elms, Fr Michael Cooney, Craig Gerran, Ken Kipping, Paddy Ryan Snr, Adele Walker, Paul White, Edward Clark, Cajetan Goves, Alexandra Barlow, Joyce Rodgers, Carmel See, Regina Hwan, Val Boevinlic, Deanne Du Bour, Melissa Waka, Agnes Tam, Kerri Smith, Ann Tully, Nola Palm, Matthew Gray, Frank Wilkie, Don Martin, Patrick Gallagher, Rene Quinn, Eileen Clarke, Rob Bruce, Mel Purwo, Kath Delahunty, Hellen Passente, Philomena L'Hiullier.



### **\* FOURTH SUNDAY OF LENT**

First Australian Evangeline lives in a remote community that faces many ongoing challenges. She had a limited vision for her future until three years ago, when she started working at the Djilpin Arts Ghunmarn Culture Centre, a community-owned venture supported by Caritas Australia. Today Evangeline is flourishing, with new skills and a passion for the preservation and promotion of her Aboriginal culture.

**Please donate to Project Compassion 2016 and help First Australians in remote communities of Australia gain new skills and renewed passion to preserve and celebrate traditional culture.**

You can donate through Parish boxes and envelopes, which are available on the pews and on table at church entrance.

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**PROJECT  
COMPASSION**

### **\* ROSTERS FOR EASTER - Are you available to be on roster at any of the Easter Masses?**

Please fill in the sheets on the clipboard at the back of the church.

Please note the Easter Vigil is longer than the usual Vigil Mass.

### **\* \* PLEASE NOTE: IMPORTANT CHANGE TO TIMETABLE \* \*** **FOR ST AGATHA'S PARISH SACRAMENTAL PROGRAM 2016**

(For all children in Year 3 and above)

Under new Archdiocesan Policy, the Sacraments will be celebrated over a 3 year period with Confirmation in year 3, First Holy Communion in Year 4 and Reconciliation in Year 5.

*You need to enrol in 2016 for all 3 Sacraments.*

**\* \* Parent Information Evening: 3rd May, 7pm or 4th May 7pm in APAC, St Agatha's School \* \***  
**(N.B. Parents need only attend 1 of these sessions)**

Rite of Enrolment: 7/8 May at any of the masses

Mass times: Saturday 6.00pm; Sunday 7.00am, 9.00am & 5.30pm

For further information call Jane Cameron at the Parish office: 3262 2859 or go onto our website:  
[www.clayfieldparish.org.au](http://www.clayfieldparish.org.au)

### **\* IMPORTANT NOTICE**

The boom gate to the School car park will be closed at 9am sharp on Sunday mornings due to safety concerns for the children attending children's liturgy. N.B. If you are already parked in, the gate automatically opens on exiting.

### **\* ST AGATHA'S SCHOOL - PREP 2017**

If you have a child born between 1/7/11– 30/6/12, they are eligible to commence Prep in 2017.

If you have not already let us know details of your child, please email the Enrolment Secretary on [wkwhite@bne.catholic.edu.au](mailto:wkwhite@bne.catholic.edu.au) with your name, contact email, contact phone number and your child's name and date of birth. Applications for Prep 2017 Non Siblings close on 24<sup>th</sup> March 2016, interviews usually take place in April/May, and placements offered in June.

### **\* Second Rite of Reconciliation: Monday 14 March, 7.00pm.**



\$2.00 a ticket or 3 tickets for \$5.00. Drawn Easter Sunday



## PARISH ROSTERS

- Please arrange a substitute if you are unavailable on your rostered day.

**6.00pm**

**7.00am**

**9.00am**

**5.30pm**

### READERS:

5/6 Mar	Eddie Foley Marie Ho	Rafael Chase Ruby Chase	Peter Ryan Trish Ryan Jane Arkinstall	Life Teen Mass
12/13 Mar	Graham Gibson Julie-Anne Gibson	Dianne Eden Nick Eden	St Agatha's P26 Mass	Life Teen Mass

### COMMUNION MINISTERS:

5/6 Mar	Ann Goves	Deborah Hall	Erin Bledsoe	Life Teen Mass
12/13 Mar	Eddie Foley	Helen Roberts	Deborah Hall	Life Teen Mass

### ORGANISTS:

5/6 Mar	Robyn Cuming	Mark Leung	Jenny McKeon	Life Teen Mass
12/13 Mar	Volunteer	Mark Leung	Robyn Cuming	Life Teen Mass

### ALTAR SERVERS:

5/6 Mar	Phoebe McGuire Isabella McGuire		Alyssa Godinho Stella Pampellone	Ella Shepherd
12/13 Mar		Max Van Balen Georgia Van Balen	P26 Mass	Tia Manuel

### CHILDREN'S LITURGY:

6 Mar		Katrina Murphy & Eleonora Kowitz
13 Mar		No Children's Liturgy - P26 Mass

### SANCTUARY CARERS:

12 Mar	Santina Catalano & Maria Fistrovic
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### Baptismal Preparation Meeting

We hold a preparation session for baptism on the first Sunday of the month after the 9.00am Mass.

We celebrate baptism on the 3<sup>rd</sup> and 4<sup>th</sup> Sundays of the month.

**For bookings** and further information, please phone the parish office on 3262 2859.

### **THE CATHOLIC LEADER COPIES ON SALE - \$2.00**

\* Mother of nine dies after rescuing her children on the night Cyclone Winston struck Fiji.

\* Caritas Australia rallies support for cyclone victims, many of whom lack shelter, water, power and other supplies.

\* Coverage of Cardinal Pell's testimony from Rome for the child abuse royal commission.



**International  
Women's Day**  
Tuesday 8 March

### **CARE AND CONCERN**



- Do you need transport to a doctor's appointment?
- Do you need a meal cooked for you?
- Would you like someone to visit you?

If you or someone you know would like assistance with transport, meals or visits please call St Agatha's Care & Concern on **0419 988 811**

We are available and ready to help.

### JUST CALL



*As a parishioner, do you have some time to give to help in the above ministry?*

*Are you interested in helping to bring parishioners to Mass?*

*If you can help please contact the parish office on 3262 2859 or email: [clayfield@bne.catholic.net.au](mailto:clayfield@bne.catholic.net.au)*

### **\* ST AGATHA'S PARISH P26 CHILDREN'S MASS / Sunday 13 March - 9.00am**

To all the children in our parish from Prep to Year 6, you are invited to participate in our P26 Mass. At the Mass the young people do the readings, bring the gifts to the altar, take up the collections, serve on the altar, welcome people as they arrive giving them a copy of the newsletter. If your child would like to participate please phone the Parish office with your preferences on 3262 2859 or email us at [clayfield@bne.catholic.net.au](mailto:clayfield@bne.catholic.net.au) by no later than Monday 7 March so there is time to organise the Mass.

### **DATE CLAIMER**

**Padua May Day Festival**  
Celebrating Padua College's  
60<sup>th</sup> Anniversary  
Sunday 1 May - 2.00pm-8.00pm

**Readings - Fifth Sunday of Lent - 13 March 2016**

**1st Reading: Isaiah 43:16-21; 2nd Reading: Philippians 3:8-14; Gospel: John 8:1-11**