



St Agatha's
CLAYFIELD

ST. AGATHA'S PARISH

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Fifth Sunday of Lent - 13th March 2016

Readings

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

WEEKDAY MASSES

Monday 14 March: 6.30am

PLEASE NOTE:

There will be no Mass on
Wednesday 16 March

Thursday 17 March: 9am

St Patrick

Friday 18 March: 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 14:

2nd Rite Reconciliation 7pm

• Friday 18:

Stations of the Cross 8.30am

• Sunday 20:

Fr Stephen's farewell
morning tea after 9.00am
Mass

• Monday 21:

SVDP Meeting 5pm Parish
Office

Dear sisters and brothers,

Over the past couple of months, the Pastoral Council has been discussing ways of looking to the future with some strategic vision. With this in mind, the pastoral council is inviting parishioners to a planning session on Sunday, April 10. "Looking Ahead": Parish Planning Day will be opportunity to gather a cross-section of our parishioners together and imagine some immediate and longer-term goals and opportunities for the parish community. More information will be provided in weeks to come, but for the moment, please consider coming along on Sunday, April 10 (10:30am-12:30pm) to offer your hopes and play a part in shaping the future of St. Agatha's parish.

This coming week, Fr. Stephen and I will be involved in the clergy convocation for all priests within the Archdiocese. This means that we will both be absent from the parish on Tuesday and Wednesday. As a result, there will be no Mass in the parish on Wednesday. The convocation will conclude with the Chrism Mass in the Cathedral on Wednesday. This is the Mass when the Archbishop blesses the Sacred Oils (Oil of Baptism, Oil of Chrism, Oil of the Sick) to be used throughout the Archdiocese in this coming year. You are all welcome to come to the Cathedral and participate in this Mass on Wednesday night, starting at 7pm.

Please don't forget the envelopes (on the pews) for Fr. Stephen's thank you gift. Fr. Stephen's farewell morning tea will be held after the 9am Mass next Sunday (Palm Sunday). In the meantime, I hope that you take the opportunity to thank Fr. Stephen for his ministry among us.

Also please take note of the times for the Easter celebrations and consider joining us for the three major celebrations — Holy Thursday night, Good Friday afternoon, and Holy Saturday night (Easter Vigil). If Lent has passed you by, maybe making a commitment to celebrate these three sacred days is an opportunity to truly enter into the celebration of Easter. On Monday night, we will celebrate our Second Rite of Reconciliation, for which Fr. Orm Rush will also join us. In this Year of Mercy, let us make a special effort to celebrate God's mercy for us and the mercy we are asked to show to one another. Like the woman in today's gospel, may we also hear Jesus say to us, "Neither do I condemn you. Go and sin no more".

Fr. Anthony

2016 - The Year of Mercy

A Word of Mercy....At times how hard it seems to forgive! And yet pardon is the instrument placed into our fragile hands to attain serenity of heart. To let go of anger, wrath, violence, and revenge are necessary conditions to living joyfully. (*Pope Francis*).

The last few weeks have been a tough time to be a Catholic. Here an edited extract of an article which places the Church in a positive light. It was written by Jim Roumell and appeared in *The Washington Post* in October 2015. Michael Crutcher, one of our pastoral councillors, drew our attention to this article at a recent meeting.

Pope Francis embodies what it means to be Catholic

As a Catholic, I've been surprised by how novel Pope Francis appears to so many non-Catholics, and perhaps to many who practice the faith as well. Francis is compassionate and understands that there is no peace without justice. He embodies Christ-like values of comfort over judgment, kindness over ridicule and humility over pomp. His life is his worship. In other words, Francis is like so many Catholic priests who have toiled throughout the world, day in and day out, for centuries.

Over the years, I've felt the genuine puzzlement of friends who wonder what in the world I'm doing subscribing to a faith that doesn't believe in the use of contraception in AIDS-plagued Africa and the rights of women as equal partners in faith and whose power structure protected pedophile priests. In fact, I've often been deeply puzzled myself and, particularly as the church's sex-abuse scandals played out, I've wondered why I remain in this church. The corruption, the stench of cover-up and the self-preserving instincts of one more sick worldly institution were sometimes all I could bear. But I always returned to the church's commitment to the poor, the hungry and the sick. Perhaps no institution in the history of the world has motivated more people to live selfless lives of service administering to such people. The outcasts from Kolkata, India, to Chicago have had the church on their side. Where would the world's neediest be without the church?

The Catholic Church feeds and clothes more people, visits more prisoners and takes care of more sick people than any other nongovernmental institution in the world. Catholic Charities chapters throughout the United States feed our nation's poor every day. Mother Teresa's Missionaries of Charity, founded in 1950, continues its work providing dignity to the dying of Kolkata and has grown to 145 similar care centers around the world, making good on Mother Teresa's promise of providing "wholehearted free service to the poorest of the poor." The catechism of the Catholic Church has long enshrined Jesus's admonition to care for the "least of my brothers," and the church has long answered that call in the fabric of its most sacred traditions. Unlike so many politicians, the church has never blamed the poor for being poor.

Pope Francis is not an anomaly; the church has been filled with such men throughout history. What is unique is that a common priest toiling in the hinterlands ascended to such power. Francis is certainly gifted in many important ways, but how he imagines his faith and lives his life is not so uncommon among Catholic priests the world over. Show me an institution that has lasted for 2,000 years, and I will show you one that struggles with darkness, deceit and treachery. What is amazing is that the light of the Gospels still shines through to keep so many of us in the fold.

*** 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>.

*** DINNER ROSTER LifeTeen Mass - Sunday 5.30pm**

PLEASE NOTE: OUR DINNER ROSTER FOR 2016 HAS CHANGED.

We will be providing dinner on the 1st and 3rd Sundays of the month commencing on 7 February.

HELP NEEDED: If you can assist with this ministry by providing dinner for 40-60 people please write your name on the roster in the Church foyer. The key to this ministry is "keep it simple". Sausage sizzles and spaghetti bolognese are always welcome! Costs can be reimbursed with presentation of dockets to the Parish office. Enquiries to the Parish Office on 3262 2859

* We will be holding a special supper after the 5.30pm Mass, this 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>



• **CHRISM MASS** - Archbishop Mark Coleridge invites you to the Annual Chrism Mass to be held in the Cathedral of St Stephen on Wednesday 16 March 2016 commencing at 7.00pm. This is a celebration for the entire Archdiocese and all are welcome.

In our prayers we remember



Those who have died recently:

Bishop Ray Benjamin (Emeritus Bishop of Townsville), Martin Choules, Fraser Ross

And those whose anniversaries occur about now:

Fr Vincent Rowan, Ralph Eden, Marjorie McGoldrick, Joan Thompson, Jack Bowden, Alan Lawrenson, Reg Shun Wah (Snr)

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.



*** FIFTH SUNDAY OF LENT**

Before enrolling in the Mondulkiri Community Health Program, supported by Caritas Australia, young midwife Sreymom lacked the practical experience necessary to safely assist childbirth. Now, with the skills and knowledge gained through the program, Sreymom is a trusted midwife who is helping to improve the health of indigenous women and children in her region.



Please donate to Project Compassion 2016 and help healthcare workers in isolated areas of Cambodia gain vital training to improve the health and wellbeing of the region's indigenous women and children. You can donate through Parish boxes and envelopes, which are available on the pews and on table at church entrance.

*** PLEASE NOTE: There will be no 9.00am Mass on Wednesday 16 March, as both Fr Anthony and Fr Stephen will be away.** You are welcome to attend the 9.00am Mass at Holy Trinity Church, Banyo (352 St Vincents Road, Banyo).

*** 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

*** 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.

*** 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:

12/13 Mar	Graham Gibson Julie-Anne Gibson	Dianne Eden Nick Eden	St Agatha's P26 Mass	Life Teen Mass
19/20 Mar	Ann Goves Ryan Smethurst	Chanelle White Andrew Douglas	Eileen Duncan Heidi Cooper Michael Crutcher	Life Teen Mass

COMMUNION MINISTERS:

12/13 Mar	Eddie Foley	Helen Roberts	Deborah Hall	Life Teen Mass
19/20 Mar	Marie Ho	<i>Volunteer</i>	Anthony Carroll	Life Teen Mass

ORGANISTS:

12/13 Mar	<i>Volunteer</i>	<i>Volunteer</i>	Robyn Cuming / Paul Fiumara	Life Teen Mass
19/20 Mar	<i>Volunteer</i>	Mark Leung	<i>Volunteer</i>	Life Teen Mass

ALTAR SERVERS:

12/13 Mar		Max Van Balen Georgia Van Balen	P26 Mass	Tia Manuel
19/20 Mar	Max Van Balen Georgia Van Balen	Joey Douglas	Charlotte Shepherd Felicity Shepherd	Caitlin Marshall

CHILDREN'S LITURGY:

13 Mar			<i>No Children's Liturgy - P26 Mass</i>	
20 Mar			Monica McBride and Mel Ryan	

SANCTUARY CARERS:

19 Mar	Beverley O'Brien
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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 3rd and 4th Sundays of the month.

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

HOLY WEEK MASSES

(21 March - 28 March)

Monday March 21 - 6.30am Mass
Wednesday March 23 - 9.00am Mass

Holy Thursday March 24
7.00pm Mass of the Lord's Supper

Good Friday March 25
10.00am Stations of the Cross
3.00pm Celebration of the Lord's Passion

Holy Saturday March 26
7.00pm Easter Vigil

Easter Sunday March 27
7.00am and 9.00am Mass

Please Note: NO 5.30pm Mass
Easter Monday March 28
9.00am Mass

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

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 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 24th March 2016, interviews usually take place in April/May, and placements offered in June.

DATE CLAIMER

Padua May Day Festival
Celebrating Padua College's 60th Anniversary
Sunday 1 May - 2.00pm-8.00pm

Readings - Palm Sunday of the Passion of the Lord - 20 March 2016

1st Reading: Isaiah 50:4-7; 2nd Reading: Philippians 2:6-11; Gospel: Luke 23:1-49