



St Agatha's
CLAYFIELD

ST. AGATHA'S PARISH

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Palm Sunday - 20th March 2016

Readings

1st Reading: Isaiah 50:4-7; 2nd Reading: Philippians 2:6-11; Gospel: Luke 22:14-23:56

WEEKDAY MASSES

Monday 21 March: 6.30am

Wednesday 23 March: 9am

Thursday 24 March:

Thursday of the Lord's Supper

No 9am Mass

7pm Mass of the Lord's Supper

Friday 25 March:

Friday of the Passion of the Lord

10am Stations of the Cross

3pm Celebration of the Lord's Passion

EASTER MASSES

Saturday 26 March: 7pm

Easter Vigil

Sunday 27 March:

Resurrection of the Lord

7am and 9am

Please note: No 5.30pm Mass

Parish Calendar

MARCH

• **Sunday 20:**

Fr Stephen's farewell morning tea after 9.00am Mass

• **Monday 21:**

SVDP Meeting 5pm Parish Office

Dear sisters and brothers,

Although Fr. Stephen will be here for Easter, this weekend we farewell him. Fr. Stephen's humour and gentleness have been a great gift to this parish. Fr. Stephen is held with genuine affection by this community, which is a sign of his goodness and the sincerity of his ministry. We are thankfully for his time here, and we wish well for his return to Korea. We pray that whatever the future holds for Fr. Stephen, God will continue bless him and guide him in all that he does. Thank you Fr. Stephen and our prayers, thoughts and good wishes travel with you.

Speaking of assistant priests of St. Agatha's, Fr. Brendan Dooley died on Saturday night, 12th March. Fr. Brendan was an Assistant Priest here at St. Agatha's from 1961 to 1966. Some of you may remember his time here and his lyrical Irish accent. Let us give thanks for his priestly minister and pray that he may be welcomed into the joys of the Eternal Easter Feast.

This Sunday we celebrate the Palm Sunday of the Passion of the Lord (its official title), which means that Easter is at our door-step. If you are going away for the Easter break, we wish a safe trip, and holy, festive celebrations. If you are staying here, please think about joining us for the three celebrations of the Sacred Triduum (Holy Thursday, Good Friday and the Easter Vigil). The word "triduum" means "three days" and refers to the suffering, death and Resurrection of Jesus Christ which we recall and celebrate during the Easter ceremonies. These liturgies which happen over three days are really one liturgy. At the conclusion of the Holy Thursday liturgy, there is a procession of the Blessed Sacrament to the altar of reservation and, after a period of prayer, people depart in silence with no dismissal. The Good Friday liturgy begins with a silent procession, a period of silent prayer, and the opening prayer. It finishes with the prayer over the people. Again there is no final blessing or dismissal and we depart in silence.

One liturgy flows into the other. At the Easter Vigil we gather around a fire for the blessing of the fire and the lighting of the paschal candle. This three-day liturgy, which began with the entrance and greeting on Holy Thursday evening, has moved us from suffering through death to resurrection. The fullness of the Easter mystery is celebrated from a different perspective on each of the three days. The Triduum is not a re-enactment of past events separated into neat historical or liturgical compartments. The death and resurrection we celebrate is our dying and rising in Christ today. So I invite you to join us for the full rhythm of the Easter Triduum and experience the powerful unfolding celebration of our most fundamental and central story of hope and salvation.

Fr. Anthony

2016 - The Year of Mercy

A Word of Mercy....Every time someone is in need, he or she can approach the great river of mercy, because the mercy of God never ends (*Pope Francis*).

Clayfield Conversations

This reflection was written some years ago by American teacher, Mike Daley. It was first published in the *National Catholic Reporter*.

From the Tomb, New Life Awaits

Recently, my daughter and I were at Mass. It was just the two of us. We were sitting near the back. Toward the end of the liturgy, she leaned over and asked me a question that only an innocent 4 year old can: "Is he dead, daddy?" she whispered softly. I was a little taken a back by her query. Looking for her reference point, I saw the Stations of the Cross on the wall to my left. To be more specific it was the 14th Station. Attended by his grieving mother, Mary of Magdala and Joseph of Arimathea, Jesus is being entombed.

"Yes," I replied, "he is." She pressed further, "How did he die?"

"He said some things that people didn't want to hear." "What?" she continued.

At this point I picked her up and whispered in her ear, "That God loves you and everybody else forever and ever." What seemed so promising has ended in utter failure -- crucifixion. There's no denying it now. Jesus is dead. The kingdom didn't come. The dream has ended in a nightmare. Betrayed by Judas, denied by Peter, deserted by others, this last detail is taken care of by Joseph of Arimathea, Mary of Magdala and his mother, Mary.

The angel Gabriel's invitation to bring forth the messiah and Mary's response, "Behold, I am the handmaid of the Lord. May it be done to me according to your word" (Luke 1:38), has come full circle. It must appear to her as some cruel joke. The sealing of the tomb has only served to confirm it. Likewise, for Mary of Magdala, the risk of discipleship taken for Jesus has turned to a crushing defeat. The sealing of the tomb brings her ridicule and rejection by family and friends. Finally, for Joseph of Arimathea, a good and righteous man who awaited the kingdom of God (Luke 23:50-51), closure could be put on his now fanciful idea that Jesus was the messiah. No one would ever have to know. He could return to business as usual. The sealing of the tomb offers him a mixture of regret and relief.

Jesus' healing presence, transforming touch, enlivening word, loving eyes - all have been entombed. Yet, something pulls at us; lingers still. We ask ourselves, "Is this truly the end? There has to be something more." St. Paul speaks to the question and tension between death and life, which the tomb brings forth, when he writes to his fellow believers in Rome:

"Are you unaware that we who were baptized into Christ Jesus were baptized into his death? We were indeed buried with him through baptism into death, so that, just as Christ was raised from the dead by the glory of the Father, we too might live in newness of life. ... If, then, we have died with Christ, we believe that we shall also live with him. We know that Christ, raised from the dead, dies no more; death no longer has power over him" (Romans 3-4, 8-9). This is what allows us to sing as a hymn of praise rather than a psalm of lament: "We adore you, O Christ, and praise you. Because by your holy cross, you have redeemed the world." The tomb, like the cross, is not a sign of defeat, but victory. As I told my daughter, Cara, in the beginning, no one who loves us and everybody else "forever and ever" dies. Resurrection, new life, awaits!

* **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

* **GOOD FRIDAY COLLECTION 2016**

The annual collection for the support of the church in the Holy Land takes place on Good Friday. This collection promotes the missionary work of the Church in the Holy Land by providing welfare assistance to local Christians in areas such as health, education, employment and housing. Parishes, schools, orphanages and medical centres throughout the Holy Land also rely on assistance from the Good Friday collection. The collection is also used to maintain 74 churches and shrines associated with the life of Jesus. Last year, Australian Catholics donated \$1.4 million to this cause, despite tough economic times, rural droughts and increasing cost of living which put a strain on family budgets and financial resources. Your generosity is greatly appreciated. Please remember the Christians of the Holy Land again on this Good Friday. Please also pray that peace and harmony will become a reality in the birthplace of Jesus, the 'Prince of Peace'.

* **DIVINE MERCY - Sunday 3 April**

You are invited to Divine Mercy on Sunday 3 April at Holy Trinity Church, Banyo. Starts at 1.00pm with Adoration and Confession and continues to 4.45pm. 2pm Rosary; 3pm Chaplet of Mercy; 4.45pm Benediction; 5pm Mass. The Novena to Divine Mercy starts on Good Friday. For enquiries call 0412 939 597.

In our prayers we remember



Those who have died recently:

Fr. Brendan Dooley, Lilian Edomobi, Alf Cattanach, Bishop Ray Benjamin, Martin Choules, Fraser Ross

And those whose anniversaries occur about now:

Eugenie and Lou Bartels, Ivan Harrison, Fr Vincent Rowan, Ralph Eden, Marjorie McGoldrick, Joan Thompson

Those who are sick:

Rakesh Akhil, 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.



*** PALM SUNDAY**

Until recently, people in Dhaniram's village were unaware of the Government's social security schemes that support India's most vulnerable communities. Since becoming involved in the Hamara Haq ('Our Rights') project, Dhaniram and his community have learnt about their rights and have been empowered to speak up for themselves. Now, real change is taking place.

Please donate to Project Compassion 2016 and help vulnerable communities in India learn more about their rights so they are empowered to speak up, ask for their rights and create lasting change.

CELEBRATING 50 YEARS OF
**PROJECT
COMPASSION**

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



* With great joy we welcome *Adeline Duckworth* and *Arabella Lovell* who will be baptised this Sunday.



*** PLANNED GIVING ENVELOPE USERS**

PLEASE COLLECT YOUR NEW PACKET THIS WEEKEND

Your assistance is appreciated as it saves volunteers giving of their time to personally deliver them. Thank you.

*** 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.



\$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:

19/20 Mar

Ann Goves
Ryan Smethurst

Chanelle White
Andrew Douglas

Eileen Duncan
Heidi Cooper
Michael Crutcher

Life Teen Mass

PLEASE NOTE: Holy Thursday, Good Friday and Easter Vigil readings will be emailed to listed volunteers.

HOLY THURSDAY, GOOD FRIDAY, EASTER VIGIL and EASTER SUNDAY MASSES: READERS, COMMUNION MINISTERS, ORGANISTS and ALTAR SERVERS as per volunteer sheets.

COMMUNION MINISTERS:

19/20 Mar

Marie Ho

Helen Roberts

Anthony Carroll

Life Teen Mass

ORGANISTS:

19/20 Mar

Robyn Cuming

Mark Leung

Jenny McKeon

Life Teen Mass

ALTAR SERVERS:

19/20 Mar

Max Van Balen
Georgia Van Balen

Joey Douglas

Charlotte Shepherd
Felicity Shepherd
Billy Crutcher

Caitlin Marshall

CHILDREN'S LITURGY:

20 Mar

Monica McBride and Mel Ryan

27 Mar - 10 April

No Children's Liturgy - School Holidays

SANCTUARY CARERS:

2 Apr

Victor Podesta & Jane Lynn

9 Apr

Santina Catalano & Maria Fistrovic

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.

LITTLE WHITE BOOKS

**\$4.00 each
and EASTER CARDS
for sale at Piety Staff**

Readings - Sunday of the Resurrection - 27 March 2016

1st Reading: Acts 10:34, 37-43; 2nd Reading: Colossians 3:1-4; Gospel: John 20:1-9