



St Agatha's
CLAYFIELD

ST. AGATHA'S PARISH

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St. Agatha's Catholic Primary School

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Sunday of the Resurrection of the Lord - 27th March 2016

Readings

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

WEEKDAY MASSES

Monday 28 March: 9am
Wednesday 30 March: 9am
Thursday 31 March: 9am
Friday 1 April: 9am
(+ Adoration and Benediction)

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

APRIL

- **Monday 4:**
SVDP Meeting 5pm
Parish Office
- **Tuesday 5:**
Youth Ministry
Meeting 7pm Parish
Office
- **Monday 11:**
School resumes

Dear sisters and brothers,

Happy Easter! After our Lenten preparation, we made our annual pilgrimage to the central feast of our faith. Thank you to all who have been part of our celebrations over the last three days — all our parish staff, musicians, ministers and helpers. You have made my first Easter at St. Agatha's a truly memorable one.

We also share in the joy of Tina Locantro and Indianna Wort who were fully initiated into the Church at the Easter Vigil. Congratulations also to James Kelaher and Cate Barrett who were received into the Church, and Jarred Moss and Kelli Paton who completed their initiation. I thank those who journeyed with them, and in particular their sponsors who have been companions to them as they walked the path through the font to the altar. Let us continue to pray for them that the Spirit of New Life may grow ever-stronger in their hearts and minds.

This past week has reminded us that we live in an uncertain world as we are drawn into images and stories of yet another terrorist attack. We celebrate Easter as a decisive statement against the power of evil to have the last word on human history and human existence. Despite the realities of darkness, Easter stands as God's verdict against the worst of human deeds and the destructive power of human acts. The bright light of Easter dawn makes a claim on the limits of darkness, and is God's final word that death is not a power at all. No matter how things might seem, no matter how absolute the finality of death appears, God always has something else in store. There are no stones that can't be rolled away. There are no tombs that will forever remain sealed. There is no darkness that can stop that dawn of a new day. We are a people who acknowledge that the true Light of the World is our only hope. Darkness creeps into our consciousness and imagination. The angel of Easter tells us, "Don't be afraid. Don't be afraid of anything. Death, your greatest fear, is your pathway to true life." Easter, this unlikely story, is the story of how we become our true and best and most real selves. God longs to release us from everything that imprisons us and limits us and turns us in on ourselves. The proclamation of Easter is that the world may well do its worst, but God is the ultimate power who summons all things to life, even in the black despair of suffering and death. Indeed, Christ is Risen! Alleluia, Alleluia!

Fr. Anthony

2016 - The Year of Mercy

A Word of Mercy....If the mystery of evil is unfathomable, then the reality of Love poured out through Jesus Christ is infinite, reaching even to the tomb and to hell. He takes upon himself all our pain that he may redeem it, bringing light to darkness, life to death, love to hatred. (Pope Francis)

Easter: The Nigging Whisper

Rather than a blasting cry of “Alleluia!” perhaps Easter is more a niggling whisper.
We pretend too readily that we are convinced by this thing we call “Resurrection”.
The Easter fire breaks the darkness, the newly-baptised literally drip with the water of new life,
Our memories are sprinkled with a reminder of our own baptism, we sing again the words of
“Alleluia, Alleluia!”, a hearty “Amen” we say as we receive the Body and Blood of Christ, the Risen One.
We leave the Church in the echo of the words, “Thanks be to God, Alleluia, Alleluia!”

And as quickly as we break our Easter eggs,
the significance of Jesus’ death and resurrection breaks from our consciousness.
We forget.

We forget to look for signs of life. We return again to being numbed by the world.
We have moments of being disillusioned cynics; of being disengaged sceptics;
of being despairing souls.

The strident summons of Easter passes us by, again, and life for us is not new, but simply the same.

That’s when Easter becomes a niggling whisper.
The Spirit of Resurrection, quietly and unnoticed, arises within.
Easter is the surprising dream about life’s new possibilities.
Easter is the joy of one small victory after countless efforts to try to change our ways.
Easter is the courage to make one final attempt to re-build a relationship.

Easter is the gift of resilience to start again. And again.

Easter is the unexpected confidence to take a risk.

Easter is the love that refuses to give up on another human being.

Easter is the freedom to let go of the past, and walk towards another kind of future.

Easter is the Spirit-prompted hope that niggles away inside of all of us and that won’t let us go.

Easter is each new day.

The story of the Resurrection of Christ is not just a story about Jesus told for the sake of Christians.
The story of the Resurrection of Christ is also a story about us told for the sake of the whole world.

It is Christ’s Body that rises.

And who are we?

We are Christ’s Body.

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

*** ST AGATHA’S YOUTH MINISTRY TEAM** If you have any questions or ideas please contact Anne O’Connor on 3256 6013 or 0419 796 988. Next Youth Ministry meeting Tuesday 5 April, 7pm Parish Office.

*** 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. For enquiries call 0412 939 597.

Bon Voyage Fr. Stephen!

May the God of every blessing come and rest upon you this Easter season and always!

In our prayers we remember



Those who have died recently:

Frank Sullivan, Librado Bigcas, Fr. Brendan Dooley, Lilian Edomobi, Alf Cattanach

And those whose anniversaries occur about now:

Monsignor John English, Eugenie and Lou Bartels, Ivan Harrison

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.

CELEBRATING 50 YEARS OF
PROJECT
COMPASSION

HAPPY EASTER FROM ALL AT CARITAS AUSTRALIA!

Thank you for supporting us this year as we celebrate 50 years of Project Compassion. You are helping to empower the world's poorest children, women and men with vital learning and renewed hope.

Thank you for supporting Caritas Australia's Project Compassion 2016 Lenten appeal.

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* With great joy we welcome **Thomas Clarry-Hague, Amelia Younger** and **Diarmuid O'Brien** 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.

*** * 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

*** CATHOLICS RETURNING HOME - ST AGATHA'S CLAYFIELD**

Have you been away from the Church and you are seeking to reconnect and get an update on your Catholic faith? Perhaps you know someone who has left the Church? or just beginning to worship with us again? Please invite them to join us for 6 sessions, "Catholics Returning Home", Mondays from **9 May** 7.30pm to 9pm at St Agatha's Clayfield, 52 Oriel Road. For more info, please contact Lisa on 0418 734 147.

THANK YOU!! - I would like to say thank you to all people of St Agatha's. First of all, I really appreciate Fr Anthony Mellor who has spent precious time with me for these last 5 months. He is a good cook (I hope you will get some opportunities to taste his food) and has a sense of humour (getting funnier and funnier). I can imagine that all St Agatha's people will be happier with his presence as time goes by. Secondly, I would like to thank Mrs Rosemary Greer and Mrs Jane Cameron because they have been like warm-hearted mothers to me. I won't forget the "smokos" that we have had together. And also to Mr Peter Bowden who has helped and advised me from the beginning of my life at St Agatha's. Without him, I cannot imagine that I would have survived here. To be honest there are A LOT OF PEOPLE that I have to give thanks to: all groups belonging to the parish, such as, PPC, PFC, SVDP, YM as well as the school leadership team. Whenever I participate in the meetings, all members of these groups have shown me great generosity and kindness. To the rest that I cannot remember at this moment, I would like to extend my thanks. Last but not least, I would like to specially thank all our St Agatha's family members. For me, you are the best people ever. You have given great love, shown a lot of patience to me and encouraged me with your smiling faces. The life as a pastor should be a giving-life for his sheep, but in my case I have to confess that you are my pastors. I cannot find a proper way to express how I feel about the gift of your presence to me. I hope that your love towards others will endure forever so that many can experience God's love by you. I promise that you will be in my prayer. Once again, I thank you so much! *Fr Stephen*

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

6.00pm

7.00am

9.00am

5.30pm

READERS:

2/3 Apr	Jack Williamson Marie Ho	Aleira Egan Sr Cecily Foster	Peter Gilroy Leanne O'Shea Tim Hancock	Life Teen Mass
9/10 Apr	Phil Zammit Eric van der List	Anne-Marie Quinn Anne O'Connor	Angela Larosa Don Macpherson Denis Keating	Life Teen Mass

COMMUNION MINISTERS:

2/3 Apr	Trish Hickey	Paulette Archer	Michele Pink	Life Teen Mass
9/10 Apr	Jan Zammit	Helen Roberts	Erin Bledsoe	Life Teen Mass

ORGANISTS:

2/3 Apr	Robyn Cuming	Mark Leung	Catriona McPherson	Life Teen Mass
9/10 Apr	Volunteer	Mark Leung	Jenny McKeon	Life Teen Mass

ALTAR SERVERS:

2/3 Apr	School Holidays - Volunteers
9/10 Apr	School Holidays - Volunteers

CHILDREN'S LITURGY:

27 Mar - 10 April No Children's Liturgy - School Holidays

SANCTUARY CARERS:

2 Apr	Victor Podesta & Jane Lynn
9 Apr	Santina Catalano & Maria Fistrovic



DRAWN THIS SUNDAY 27 MARCH

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.

THE CATHOLIC LEADER COPIES ON SALE - \$2.00

* Work program started by Catholic school inspires businesses to offer opportunities for Syrian refugees.

* Josephites gather around Australia to celebrate 150th anniversary of Mary MacKillop's order.



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 - Second Sunday of Easter - 3 April 2016

1st Reading: Acts 5:12-16; 2nd Reading: Revelation 1:9-13, 17-19; Gospel: John 20:19-31