



St Agatha's
CLAYFIELD

ST. AGATHA'S PARISH

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First Sunday of Lent - 5th March 2017

Readings

1st Reading: Genesis 2:7-9, 3:1-7; 2nd Reading: Romans 5:12-19; Gospel: Matthew 4:1-11

WEEKDAY MASSES

Monday 6 March: 6.30am
Wednesday 8 March: 9am
Thursday 9 March: 9am
Friday 10 March: 9am

WEEKEND MASSES

Saturday 5.00pm
(1st Rite of Reconciliation:
Saturday 4.30pm)
Sunday 7.00am
9.00am
5.30pm

Rosary before Mass.

Parish Calendar

MARCH

- **Monday 6th**
SVDP Meeting 5pm Parish Office
- **Wednesday 8th**
Community & Mission Council Meeting 7pm Parish Office



LITTLE BLACK BOOKS

(Lent Reflections)
Available for sale at the
Piety Stall - \$4.00 each



Jesus was led by the Spirit out into the wilderness to be tempted by the devil. He fasted for forty days and forty nights...

Dear friends,

This Sunday, at 3pm at the Cathedral, the Rite of Election is celebrated. This is an important step for those preparing to be initiated at the Easter Vigil. For those preparing to be baptised, Reimen Hii, Joe Ashby-Cliffe, Taylah and Stephanie Moody will be welcomed as members of the Elect. This means that they, along with at least two hundred others across the diocese, are moving into their final stage of preparation. Also we acknowledge, Brooke Daniels and Makarla Wheate, who are baptised in other Christian traditions and who will be received into the Catholic tradition at the Easter Vigil. Please continue to pray for them all as they journey with us throughout Lent. They are a sign to us of the vitality of the Church and the rich calling of faith. May we be a sign to them of the joy, friendship and consolation which comes from being a follower of Christ.

I invite you to give some consideration to the various opportunities and ministries of service within the parish community. In particular, we are in need of extraordinary ministers of Communion, both for our Sunday Masses and also to take Communion to those who are sick and housebound. Training will be given, and you will be able to request to be rostered on the Masses and Sundays which suit your circumstances. Lent is the perfect opportunity to commit ourselves in service to one another and the broader community. Please give some thought to this and speak to me or contact the parish office for further information.

The gospel takes us into familiar territory this weekend. Today we are brought into graphic struggles with temptation. The problem with temptations is that they are so tempting. We are not tempted so much by fantasy but rather by choices that appear to be genuine alternatives. Temptations are a catalogue of credible options; possibilities, that on the face of things, seem to contain the promise that we are searching for. In reality, they are an illusion, and when we discover that the hoped for promise has vanished, or indeed never existed in the first place, it is all too late. The idea of an external being enticing us into regrettable acts is fertile ground for the religious imagination. The story of Jesus, fully human and fully Divine, is not complete without telling the story of his wilderness encounter with a character who proposes genuine alternatives. Lent is an intensified time for each of us to confront the voice that seems real, but is in fact, the voice of falsehood. May we grow, like Jesus, to resist the voice that leads us away from our true selves. *Fr. Anthony*

The Wisdom of Pope Francis

Lent is a new beginning, a path leading to the certain goal of Easter, Christ's victory over death. This season urgently calls us to conversion. Christians are asked to return to God "with all their hearts" (Joel 2:12), to refuse to settle for mediocrity and to grow in friendship with the Lord. Jesus is the faithful friend who never abandons us. Even when we sin, he patiently awaits our return; by that patient expectation, he shows us his readiness to forgive.

Clayfield Conversations

Below is Archbishop Mark Coleridge's Lenten Pastoral Message for 2017

LEARNING TO LAMENT

Dear brothers and sisters, on Ash Wednesday we heard the prophet's words: "Come back to me with all your heart, fasting, weeping, mourning" (Joel 2:12) – words which echo one of the key themes of Scripture, the theme of lament. Ancient Israel had to make sense of the blood, sweat and tears that so often marked their history; they had to learn to lament. So too do we personally and the Church as a whole. In a sense the Church is always in crisis, always under judgement – not only the judgement of the tribunals of this world but the judgement of God. That's why we need to learn anew the art of lamentation which the Bible wants to teach us – especially perhaps in these days of Lent. That's part of what it means to come back to God with all our heart.

For the Bible, lament is firstly a refusal of silence before God – at a time when silence may seem the only possible response. Lament gathers up the most powerful emotions – rage, shame, sorrow, depression, frustration, bewilderment, all of which can be part of our response to whatever crisis we may face. What are we to do with all the negativity? The Bible says: Acknowledge it, give it a voice and let that voice be heard by God. It says that, even in a time of crisis, a time of break-down, we approach a God who is personal, accessible and attentive to our cry. This isn't a God who is absent or who looks the other way but a God who is present and wants us to speak, even in the most negative ways. God wants our rage, our shame, our sorrow and so on; so we submit them all to him – not for his sake but for ours. God also wants to hear our most anguishing spiritual and theological questions, which at times we hardly dare formulate. Where is God in the midst of the mess? Is there a future to hope in? Is there healing for wounds that seem incurable? Has the Church lost touch with the real Jesus? Does love really have the last word? Are justice and peace a mirage? These and many others are the questions God wants us to acknowledge, the questions God wants to hear, especially through the Lenten season. Putting them to God is part of what it means to come back to him with all our heart.

But that's not the end of the story. Biblical faith goes further, because lament leads to petition. The God who listens to our cry wants us to ask him for what we most need. We submit our need to a God who we believe won't be indifferent, a God who will respond and who wants us to work with him to build the future. Lament is a dialogue between God and us that, step by step, grows more intense; without that dialogue there is no future of the kind Scripture promises and we desire. As we let go of our rage, our shame, our sorrow, entrusting them to God, the first glimmerings of real hope appear. Another future becomes imaginable, and biblical lament always looks to the future, as the Church must do at this time. We may not be able to sing the praises of God in a time of crisis, be it personal or communal, but lament always contains the promise that praise will come again. Lament believes that even from a crisis with all its negativity the time will come, by God's grace and our hard work, when weeping and mourning will finally cease, and we – all of us – will be able to say with the Song of Songs, "the winter is past, the rain is over and gone, flowers appear on the earth and the time for singing has come" (2:11-12). So may it be as we move through the desert of Lent towards the garden of Easter.

CARE AND CONCERN Please contact the Parish Office on 3262 2859.

LIFE TEEN 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 food and friendship after Mass on the 1st and 3rd Sundays of each month.

NOTE: The third Sunday menu will be drinks and nibbles and first Sunday will remain as the usual supper.

Volunteers eagerly accepted.

Visit AggiesYouth:

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

Gregory Terrace Open Day - Wednesday 8 March 4-7pm



Thank you to everyone who attended the Safeguarding Children Training Workshops.



St Agatha's School News

Leave Your Family's Mark Appeal 2017

The school is currently launching the "Leave Your Family's Mark Appeal 2017" that gives all families the opportunity to donate to the school's Library Fund this year. This donation is tax-deductible and all donations are recognised by the school.

The project we ran five years ago was a wonderful success and the wall erected in recognition of donations, is a very elegant feature at the Crombie Street entrance to the school. I take this opportunity to thank sincerely Libby Baynton, mother of Leo and Harvey, for managing this Appeal and for her enthusiasm and support for our school. Peace to you and your families

- Carol Sayers, Principal

In our prayers we remember



Those who have died recently:

Fr Bruce Little, Bill Kelly

And those whose anniversaries occur about now:

Jack Bowden, Paul Archer, Gene Bartels, Phil Brooks, Fraser Ross

Those who are sick:

Brenda Brodie, Delphine Schulz, Michael Hogan, Harry Akhil, Isabel Leddick, Carmel Elms, Helen Orosz, Trevor Simpson, Lisa Bowes, Sophia Horrocks, Mario Di Filippo, Betty Beaton, Norma Fiore, Joan Healy, Rakesh Akhil, Dell McHugh, Fr Michael Cooney, Craig Gerran, Ken Kipping, Paul White, Edward Clark, Alexandra Manning, Joyce Rodgers, Carmel See, Regina Hwan, Val Boevinlic, Deanne Du Bour, Melissa Waka, Agnes Tam, Kerri Smith, Ann Tully, Matthew Gray, Frank Wilkie, Patrick Gallagher, Eileen Clarke, Rob Bruce, Mel Purwo, Hellen Passente, Philomena L'Hiullier.

STRENGTHEN THE HOUSEHOLD OF FAITH

Jesus asks us to demonstrate our love for Him through our generosity to others. In our everyday lives, He calls us to share our gifts. "Amen I say to you, whatever you did for one of these least brothers of mine, you did for me." (Matthew 25: 40). Please consider a gift in any amount given through your Will to strengthen our Parish.

For more information about how you can leave a legacy to St Agatha's Parish, call the Catholic Foundation at 3324 3200 or call the parish office.



FIRST SUNDAY OF LENT - 5 MARCH 2017

Like many of her neighbours in her rural village in the Philippines, Dinia struggled to feed and educate her children. She now has the skills to earn a better income for her children and help her neighbours.

**PROJECT
COMPASSION**

Please donate to Project Compassion 2017 and help people in rural areas of the Philippines build better futures for their families and their neighbours.

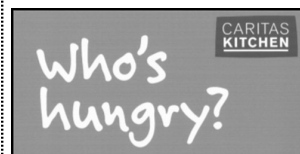
You can donate through Parish boxes and envelopes, by visiting www.caritas.org.au/projectcompassion or phoning 1800 024 413.

ST AGATHA'S PARISH P26 MASS - 12 March, 9am

All children in Grades Prep to Year 6 are invited to participate in our next P26 Mass which will be at 9am on 12 March 2017. At the Mass, children are asked to do the readings, bring the gifts to the Altar, collecting, altar serve and welcome people as they arrive. If your child/children would like to participate please phone the Parish office on 3262 2859 or email: clayfield@bne.catholic.net.au by no later than Monday 6 March.

AGGIES YOUTH CARITAS KITCHEN

We will be holding a special supper after the 5.30pm Mass on Sunday 19 March. Please join us at our "Caritas Kitchen" for the cost of a donation to help someone who may not even have a kitchen!



PREP 2018

If you have a child born between 1/7/12– 30/6/13, they are eligible to commence Prep in 2018. All enrolment applications are to be completed on-line through our website: www.stagathasclayfield.qld.edu.au Non Sibling Applications for Prep 2018 close on 24 March 2017, interviews usually take place in April/May, and placements offered in June. Sibling interviews are currently taking place.



Two lawn movers needed to support refugee families in the North Brisbane area. If you can assist, please contact the Parish Office 3262 2859.



VOLUNTEER POSITION - FLOWER ARRANGER

The parish is in need of a flower arranger who is able to assist us with flower arrangements for the Church.

This job entails the preparing of two flower arrangements for special occasions such as: Easter, Christmas, Confirmation, Holy Communion, Mother's Day, St Agatha's Feast Day.

If you are able to assist please contact the Parish Office 3262 2859. Thank you!



This weekend we welcome Fr Orm Rush, for the 5pm & 5.30pm Masses.

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

5.00pm

7.00am

9.00am

5.30pm

READERS:

4/5 Mar	Ann Goves Cate Barrett	Rafael Chase Ruby Chase	Denis Keating Don Macpherson Amrita Moss	Life Teen Mass
11/12 Mar	Katrina Murphy Lauren McMullan	Mark Burton James Robinson	St Agatha's P26 Mass	Life Teen Mass

COMMUNION MINISTERS:

4/5 Mar	<i>Volunteer</i>	<i>Volunteer</i>	Erin Bledsoe	Life Teen Mass
11/12 Mar	Eddie Foley	Paulette Archer	<i>Volunteer</i>	Life Teen Mass

ORGANISTS:

4/5 Mar	<i>Volunteer</i>	Mark Leung	Catriona McPherson	Life Teen Mass
11/12 Mar	<i>Volunteer</i>	Mark Leung	Robyn Cuming/ Paul Fiumara	Life Teen Mass

ALTAR SERVERS:

4/5 Mar	<i>Volunteer/s</i>	<i>Volunteer/s</i>	Charlotte Corrigan Xavier Coorey Sofia Iannarella	Sophia Lazzarini
11/12 Mar	Felicity Shepherd Charlotte Shepherd Laura Barrett	<i>Volunteer/s</i>	P26 Mass	Caitlin Marshall Eve Ryan Clare Ryan

CHILDREN'S LITURGY:

5 Mar			Jane Cameron & Giulia Coorey	
12 Mar			P26 Mass - No Children's Liturgy	

SANCTUARY CARERS:

18 Mar	Beverley O'Brien
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BAPTISMAL PREPARATION

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.

TUESDAY MORNING ACTIVITIES

Little Flower Parish Hall
80 Turner Road, Kedron
10am-12pm.

You are invited to join parishioners from various parishes for a morning of fun and friendship at Tuesday morning activities. Bingo, Arts and Crafts, Cards, Scrabble, Raffles just some of the activities, followed by a delicious morning tea. Get a group together and book a maxi taxi for 10, which will work out at approximately \$6.00 each return. For enquiries call Jill Crawford, 0438 612 177.

ST RITA'S COLLEGE MEMORIAL MASS

Memorial Mass for Students and Staff who have died whilst at St Rita's. St Rita's College will host a Memorial Mass on 20 May this year for students and staff who died during their time at St Rita's. This, our Inaugural Memorial Mass, will also bless a Plaque of Memoriam for each of our deceased students. Sadly, the College has no family member contact details for a number of the deceased, and we seek the assistance of parishioners and the local community in our attempt to ensure at least one family member of every student and staff is made aware of and invited to the Mass.

If you can assist the College in tracing a relative/s of following students and staff, please contact Mrs Anna Roberts, Manager Community Development, St Rita's College. Email: aroberts@stritas.qld.edu or telephone: 3862 1615. Your assistance would be greatly appreciated.

Deceased students:

- Carmel Frances Guthrie (1941-1954)
- Judith Desailly (1937-1955)
- Corinne Margaret Ellen Baker (1941-1956)
- Anne-Maria Mooney (1955-1968)
- Janice Albury (1953-1970)
- Marie Pereira (1956-1972)
- Melissa Tribe (1976-1993)
- Michelle Smith (1975-1993)

Deceased staff:

- Sr Imelda Turner (1898-1934)
- Sr Anita Quinn (1888-1967)



Readings - Second Sunday of Lent - 12 March 2017

1st Reading: Genesis 12:1-4; 2nd Reading: 2 Timothy 1:8-10; Gospel: Matthew 17:1-9