



St Agatha's

CLAYFIELD

ST. AGATHA'S PARISH

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Second Sunday of Lent - 12th March 2017

Readings

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

WEEKDAY MASSES

Monday 13 March: 6.30am

Wednesday 15 March: 9am

Thursday 16 March: 9am

Friday 17 March: 9am

Saint Patrick

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

• Thursday 16th

Choir Practice 6-7pm Church

• Friday 17th

Stations of the Cross 8.30am

School Open Day 8.40-10.30am

• Monday 20th

SVDP Meeting 5pm Parish

Office

• Tuesday 21st

Altar Serving Training 3.30pm

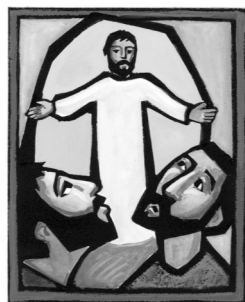
Church

APRIL

• Tuesday 4th

2nd Rite of Reconciliation

7pm



Jesus took with him Peter and James and his brother John and led them up a high mountain where they could be alone. There in their presence he was transfigured.

Dear friends,

This is a landmark weekend for me. March 11th marked my 50th birthday. It doesn't sound so bad if you say it quickly. I mention this not to be flooded with birthday wishes, but to explain what is happening over the next couple of months.

Turning 50 (the new 30) is one of those milestones that is worth celebrating in a significant way. After Easter, I will take 5 weeks long service leave and go on a long walk. From April 21st, I will be away on the Camino walk through Spain with some family and friends. I will reach Santiago de Compostela towards the end of May. Following the walk, I will be attending a conference in Leuven (Belgium) as part of my role with Brisbane Catholic Education. I will be returning just in time for First Communion celebrations on the weekend of June 17/18th. I have organised supply priests for the Sunday Masses and throughout the eight weekends, you will be joined by Frs. Orm Rush, John Grace, Paul Chandler and John Sullivan. We are still working on the weekday Masses, but it may not be possible to cover all the weekday Masses while I am away. However, we will try our best to make sure that all Masses are covered.

No doubt you have noticed the fruits of my training for the walk — trim and taut! As much for myself as anyone, I hope to write a blog each week while undertaking the walk and during the conference. I might even send through the odd photo or video, which surely will be unmissable viewing. I am sure that it will be a renewing time for me, and a worthy way to mark a significant birthday.

But to turn to this pilgrim time of Lent. We pause this Sunday up a mountain, with the account of the Transfiguration. It is a strange word, but it is the hope of all pilgrimages, whether up a mountain, or on a path, or during the season of Lent. We look towards God and ask that our shadows and darkness be transfigured, if only in the smallest way, by the Light of Christ.

Fr. Anthony

The Wisdom of Pope Francis

Lent is the road leading from slavery to freedom, from suffering to joy, from death to life. The mark of the ashes with which we set out reminds us of our origin: we were taken from the earth, we are made of dust. True, yet we are dust in the loving hands of God, who has breathed his spirit of life upon each one of us, and still wants to do so.

God wants to keep giving us that *breath of life*.

Clayfield Conversations

This week's reflection is an edited version of a reflection written by Sr. Joan Chittister.

TRANSFIGURATION STORY: To take holiness into the Groaning Cities

Mount Tabor, site of the Transfiguration, is one of those places that is not "on the way" to anywhere. It is steep and rugged and hard to scale. The path that leads to the top of the mountain is hand-hewn out of rock. It is also narrow and dangerous and long: a journey not to be made lightly. Then, at the top, with the exception of the view of the vast, unending plain of Jezreel below -- there is nothing there. It's an out of the way place that has all the character of a dead end. And it is bleak, isolated, stark Mount Tabor to which Jesus took Peter, James and John. If we want to understand precisely to what kind of Lenten conversion we ourselves are being called on the Second Sunday of Lent all we need to do, I think, is to look at Peter, James and John on Tabor. In the first place, Peter, James and John thought they had been called to go up the mountain to be with Jesus alone. So, the scripture says they "left the world" below and went off by themselves, prepared, apparently, to follow Jesus and find God, to become "contemplative." But mountains in ancient spiritualities, Judaism included, were always thought of as points of contact with God since they were the places where earth touched heaven. To go "up to a high mountain" - to which there are eight major references in the Judeo-Christian scriptures - is always then to be seeking a very special relationship with God. On this particular excursion up this particular mountain theirs was a very select group: No one else was with them and they had Jesus all to themselves. It was a pietist's dream. And, sure enough, scripture records that a strange and wonderful thing occurred there. Up on the top of that faraway mountain, Peter, James and John got a new insight into Jesus. Up there by themselves, they began to see Jesus differently. And he was a great deal more than they had ever imagined: He was dazzling and intense and all-consuming. The idea was overwhelming. And very, very heady. It was also very, very disturbing. Because then and there, in a gospel that is apparently about the mystical, the privatized dimensions of religion we begin to see the perennial struggle between piety and Christianity, between religion-for-real and religion-for-show. Peter knows a good thing when he sees it and Peter plans to settle down. No sooner has Peter decided to be a church bureaucrat, the irony of the situation shocks us all: Scripture dashes the entire thought in mid-air. "While he was still speaking," the scripture records, "The voice of God said, 'This is my son ... Listen!'"

This Lenten gospel is the very bedrock lesson of the Christian life. If the great spiritual journey is to have any meaning whatsoever in our times, we, you and I, too, will have to wade into the throngs of hurting people on every plain of this planet, listening, listening, listening to the prophet Jesus, and exposing to people the underlying causes of all the wounding in this world and healing what we touch. The call to a Christianity that is profoundly prophetic presupposes of course a long, long journey up a mountain to find God. It certainly implies a deep personal spiritual life. But the call to Christianity also means that we cannot have a real Christian life and expect to stay on the top of our antiseptic little mountains. The call of the spiritual life is the call to take all the insights into the life of Christ that we have ever been able to gather and to go alone back down our private little mountains to the grasping, groaning world of our own time. It is one thing to be devout. It's relatively easy, in fact, to enclose ourselves in a cocoon of pious practices. It is another thing entirely to live a life worthy of a follower of Jesus, the prophet.

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

SCHOOL OPEN DAY

Our Year 6 leaders will be offering School Tours at our annual Open Day on Friday 17 March beginning at 8.40am – 10.30am. Please invite all friends and family members who would like to visit our school to this special morning at school. Our beautiful choir will be performing and you will be able to see our hard working learners demonstrating their learning dispositions in their classrooms. A refreshing morning tea will be available for our visitors courtesy of our supportive Parents & Friends group. Peace to you and your families - *Carol Sayers, Principal*



Happy birthday Fr Anthony
for Saturday 11th
Hope you enjoy your very
special day!!!
Best wishes from all at
St Agatha's...

ALTAR SERVING TRAINING

Fr Anthony would like to invite any children from Grades 3 to 6 that would like to altar serve, to a training session on Tuesday 21 March at 3.30pm in the Church. If your child is interested and is able to come, please email the parish office: clayfield@bne.catholic.net.au with your child's name and grade.

Thank you to everyone who attended the St Agatha's Feast Day Breakfast and who helped in any way. A total of \$450.00 was donated to Mummy's Wish through your kind donations and raffle tickets.



2nd Rite of Reconciliation
Tuesday 4 April 7.00pm

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

In our prayers we remember



Those who have died recently:

Fr Bruce Little, Bill Kelly

And those whose anniversaries occur about now:

Carmelo Fiumara, Marjorie McGoldrick, Ivan Harrison, 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.



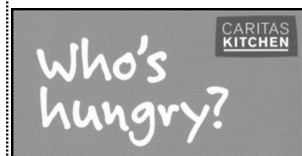
SECOND SUNDAY OF LENT - 12 MARCH 2017

In Timor-Leste, Martina was driven from her home by domestic violence. The Protection Program connected her with livelihood training opportunities, offering the chance to afford education for her eight children and a safe life in a supportive community.



Please donate to Project Compassion 2017 and help empower women in Timor-Leste to recover from domestic violence, develop sustainable livelihoods, and lead a life of dignity.

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



AGGIES YOUTH CARITAS KITCHEN

We will be holding a special supper after the 5.30pm Mass next 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.

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!

RELIGIOUS INSTRUCTION

Do you feel called to assist with teaching Religious Instruction in State schools? Experience the joy of sharing your faith with children and learn on the job observing and assisting experienced catechists.

For further information, call Genevieve Swan 3256 7493; 0434 284 251



Oriel Park 2.00 - 5.30pm / Free entry / All local residents welcome

All proceeds will go towards the purchase and training of a service dog for a local resident who has recently suffered a permanent spinal injury.

For more information please visit: www.luvthyneighbour.com.au



This weekend we welcome Fr Orm Rush, for the 5pm & 5.30pm Masses. We also welcome back Damien Everitt, Matthew Hasking and Tom Zaranski at the 9am Mass.

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

5.00pm

7.00am

9.00am

5.30pm

READERS:

11/12 Mar Katrina Murphy Mark Burton St Agatha's P26 Mass Life Teen Mass
Lauren McMullan James Robinson

18/19 Mar Marian Nolan Jeanine Bygott Trish Ryan Life Teen Mass
Eddie Foley Kirsty Stevens Clare Smethurst
Wilma O'Connell

COMMUNION MINISTERS:

11/12 Mar Eddie Foley Paulette Archer Volunteer Life Teen Mass
18/19 Mar Volunteer Lorraine Atkinson-MacEwan Volunteer Life Teen Mass

ORGANISTS:

11/12 Mar Volunteer Mark Leung Robyn Cuming/ Life Teen Mass
Paul Fiumara
18/19 Mar Volunteer Mark Leung Jenny McKeon

ALTAR SERVERS:

11/12 Mar Felicity Shepherd Volunteer/s P26 Mass Caitlin Marshall
Charlotte Shepherd Eve Ryan
Laura Barrett Clare Ryan

18/19 Mar Volunteer/s Volunteer/s Bridget Birchley Sophia Lazzarini
Kate Taylor Sharon Mathew

CHILDREN'S LITURGY:

12 Mar
19 Mar P26 Mass - No Children's Liturgy
Katrina Murphy & Wilma O'Connell

SANCTUARY CARERS:

18 Mar Beverley O'Brien

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.

CHRISM MASS

Archbishop Mark Coleridge invites you to the Annual Chrism Mass to be held in the Cathedral of St Stephen on Thursday 6 April 2017 commencing at 7.00pm. This is a celebration for the entire Archdiocese and all are welcome.

CHOIR PRACTICE FOR EASTER

Thursday 16 March
6.00pm - 7.00pm in the Church.
New members welcome

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 - Third Sunday of Lent - 19 March 2017

1st Reading: Exodus 17:3-7; 2nd Reading: Romans 5:1-2, 5-8; Gospel: John 4:5-42