



St Agatha's

CLAYFIELD

ST. AGATHA'S PARISH

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Third Sunday of Lent - 19th March 2017

Readings

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

WEEKDAY MASSES

Monday 20 March: 6.30am

Saint Joseph

Wednesday 22 March: 9am

Thursday 23 March: 9am

Friday 24 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 20th

SVDP Meeting 5pm Parish Office

• Tuesday 21st

Altar Serving Training 3.30pm Church

• Thursday 23rd

Choir Practice 6-7pm Church

• Friday 24th

Stations of the Cross 8.30am

APRIL

• Tuesday 4th

2nd Rite of Reconciliation 7pm



Jesus came to the Samaritan town called Sychar. Jacob's well is there and Jesus, tired by the journey, sat straight down by the well. It was about the sixth hour. When a Samaritan woman came to draw water, Jesus said to her, "Give me a drink...."

Dear friends,

Last weekend, the Community and Mission Council (formerly the Pastoral Council), put out a call for people to join the organising sub-committee for the approaching parish centenary celebrations next year. The first Mass was celebrated in the parish on September 22nd, 1918. Next year will mark the 100th anniversary of that occasion, and we are planning to mark this significant milestone with a number of celebrations. If you would like to be part of the plotting and planning, please include your name on the sheet near the front doors of the church. It would be wonderful to draw on the energies and creativity of as many people as possible, and I encourage you to give consideration to becoming part of the preparation team.

This Sunday's gospel, the 'woman at the well', is one of the best known of the Gospel stories, a story extremely rich in offering us insights into our own daily life. In fact, we have to be careful not to be so overwhelmed by the length and depth of the story that we do not receive its messages. At this well, Jesus speaks, heaven forbid, to a Samaritan, and a woman at that — double trouble! In their encounter, she jokes (mocks?) with him and he engages her in 'imaginative dialogue' that takes her to a new depth of understanding about herself. This offers her a way out of the cycle of emotional abuse in which she has been caught. His greatest gift is to treat her with respect for her personal dignity. Through this encounter she is transformed. Such is the promise of Lent and Easter. Can we open ourselves to recognise our deeper hungers and thirsts so as to encounter Jesus, who is the real food and drink for living a truly human life? The woman at the well went off in the heat of the day to complete her daily routine. Jesus broke into her world and offered her new life. May we ourselves sense something of this surprising presence in the week ahead.

Fr. Anthony

The Wisdom of Pope Francis

The breath of God's life saves us from this asphyxia that dampens our faith, cools our charity and strangles every hope. To experience Lent is to yearn for this breath of life that our Father unceasingly offers us amid the mire of our history. The breath of God's life saves us from this asphyxia that dampens our faith, cools our charity and strangles every hope.

Clayfield Conversations

Each week during Lent, *Project Compassion* shares a story from various parts of the world. This week's story is close to home.

HEARING OUR STORIES

Trauma has been part of Uncle Richard's life from the beginning. A survivor of the Stolen Generations, he was kidnapped from his country, his community, and his family at a very young age. Determined to re-program him by making him forget who he was, the State even stole his name, giving him a number instead. As an adult, Uncle Richard has battled anger and pain, which his work as an artist has helped him overcome. Working with Kinchela Boys Home Aboriginal Corporation (KBHAC), which is supported by Caritas Australia, has helped Uncle Richard and others like him restore their dignity and identity and heal.

Hundreds of Indigenous boys were held at the State-run Kinchela Boys Home (KBH) in Kempsey, NSW between 1924 and 1970. The Kinchela Boys Home Aboriginal Corporation (KBHAC) was formed by the KBH survivors to support them, their families and communities through a peer model of support and empowerment founded on brotherhood and neighbourly love. For Uncle Richard, a Gumbaynggir Dunghutti man, the KBH story began with sudden violence and loss: "They grabbed us ... and took us away from our people ... I was about nine, ten years old." Uncle Richard was denied his family, his identity and his culture: "First thing they say to you: forget your name. You are now a number. You are now 28." All KBH boys were assigned numbers and were prohibited from using their names.

The policy of assimilation was strictly enforced. Anything connecting the boys to their Aboriginal culture was prohibited. "They just kept saying, you're not black, you're white," Uncle Richard says. Now the KBH survivors are restoring their identity, family structures and connections to community through KBHAC, which they established in 2001. After he left KBH, Uncle Richard initially struggled with anger and pain, but his creative talents helped him: "I had a lot of anger before I came to KBHAC, but I used to take it out on my canvases, talking about being in the boys' home through my artwork." He gained a degree in Fine Arts and now teaches art, mentoring young Aboriginal artists. "A lot of my artwork is based on spirituality," he says — both Dreamtime, and Christian.

About three ago, Uncle Richard joined KBHAC, reuniting with other KBH survivors. "Joining KBHAC changed my life," he notes. "It lifted me a lot more compared with my artwork. It helps me ... especially listening to the other men's stories. We've still got a lot of anger but we're controlling it now, coming together. What we're doing now, besides helping [each other], we're helping communities, going out to actually talk about what happened to us in schools, institutions, businesses. We tell our stories, and we can hopefully show the way for other people to learn from our pain. And we're trying to be the leader, a role model for our kids."

KBHAC plays a vital role in reconciliation, says Uncle Michael, a KBHAC Board member and KBH survivor. "We can only do ourselves what needs to be done, to build self-esteem. Without the co-operation and the understanding of each other there isn't any future." The KBH survivors and their families have identified the need for a healing centre. Uncle Michael says, "This place will help the men heal their own minds and bodies so that they can go out in society and function and be a positive asset to the community." Uncle Richard hopes that KBHAC will be able to develop a shared understanding with the wider community. "Our door is open. We're the neighbours, knock on the door, say, can you teach me? Can we talk about Indigenous issues? Can we talk in a proper way?" Caritas Australia is proud to be a partner of KBHAC. Please join us in supporting KBHAC, our neighbour from whom we have much to learn, and whose members' identity, dignity and wellbeing we can all help to restore.

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

WHOLE SCHOOL SOCIAL

I look forward to seeing our school community gather together for our annual School Social at 150 Racecourse Rd on Saturday 25 March. I will be delighted to know the winner of the Auction, "Principal for a Day", as I have some wonderful activities lined up for them on Wednesday 29 March. Our beautiful Prep students have given me their ideas if they were Principal. These ideas revolve around disco parties, and playing with Lego. This, of course, is aligned with singing the Trolls' song until assembly time. Principal Rocco would let everyone do whatever they wanted. I am very impressed by the joys of childhood visions of our adult world. Thank you Miss Delbridge for your students' wonderful suggestions from Prep MacKillop. Peace to you and your families - *Carol Sayers, Principal*

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.

ORDER OF SAINT LAZARUS Fundraising Movie Morning

Movie - *It Happened One Night* (winner of 5 Oscars)
Sunday April 9, 2017 at 10am
The Powerhouse, 119 Lamington Street, New Farm
\$40.00 per person includes glass of bubbles
and homemade morning tea.
Contact - Pamela Casagrande 0419 728 153
or Regina McGuire 0407 732 740

In our prayers we remember



Those who have died recently:

Fr John Reilly SJ, Nellie Dahler, Mary Hegarty, Margaret Rilson, Mary Coyne

And those whose anniversaries occur about now:

Richard Williams, Mary McBride, Carmelo Fiumara, Marjorie McGoldrick, Ivan Harrison

Those who are sick:

Brenda Brodie, 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.

AGGIES YOUTH CARITAS KITCHEN

REMINDER we are holding a special supper after the 5.30pm Mass this 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!

Donate on the day or online: <http://my.caritasfundraising.org.au/AggiesYouth>

Who's hungry?

CARITAS KITCHEN

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 **24 April 7.30pm to 9pm** at St Agatha's Parish Office 52 Oriel Road. Please use the **blue** brochures to invite people you know.

For more information, please contact Lisa on 0418 734 147

THIRD SUNDAY OF LENT - 19 MARCH 2017

Kinchela Boys Home Aboriginal Corporation offers Uncle Richard and other former Stolen Generations survivors the chance to heal after a childhood of suffering, and manage the intergenerational effects of their pain.

Please donate to Project Compassion 2017 and help members of the Stolen Generations support each other on the journey to wellbeing.

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



PROJECT COMPASSION



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: you may have been given a new number.

With great joy we welcome **Finn McAuley-Daniels and Harry McGovern** who will be baptised this weekend.



ST AGATHA'S SCHOOL - PREP 2018 REMINDER

APPLICATIONS CLOSE ON 24 MARCH, 2017

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.

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

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.

Easter Raffle

Raffle tickets available this weekend.
\$2.00 a ticket or 3 tickets for \$5.00. Drawn Easter Sunday.

Easter Raffle

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

5.00pm

7.00am

9.00am

5.30pm

READERS:

18/19 Mar	Marian Nolan Eddie Foley	Jeanine Bygott Kirsty Stevens	Trish Ryan Clare Smethurst Wilma O'Connell	Life Teen Mass
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25/26 Mar	Jack Williamson Ann Goves	Helen Roberts Andrew Douglas	Michael Crutcher Heidi Cooper Eileen Duncan	Life Teen Mass
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COMMUNION MINISTERS:

18/19 Mar	<i>Volunteer</i>	Lorraine Atkinson-MacEwan	<i>Volunteer</i>	Life Teen Mass
25/26 Mar	<i>Volunteer</i>	<i>Volunteer</i>	<i>Volunteer</i>	Life Teen Mass

ORGANISTS:

18/19 Mar	<i>Volunteer</i>	Mark Leung	Jenny McKeon	Life Teen Mass
25/26 Mar	<i>Volunteer</i>	Mark Leung	Catriona McPherson	Life Teen Mass

ALTAR SERVERS:

18/19 Mar	<i>Volunteer/s</i>	<i>Volunteer/s</i>	Bridget Birchley Kate Taylor	Sophia Lazzarini Sharon Mathew
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25/26 Mar	<i>Volunteer/s</i>	Joey Douglas	Bart Marino Xavier Coorey Sofia Iannarella	Caitlin Marshall
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CHILDREN'S LITURGY:

19 Mar			Katrina Murphy & Wilma O'Connell	
26 Mar			Jane Arkinstall & Naoko Leotta	

SANCTUARY CARERS:

1 Apr	Victor Podesta			
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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.

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 23 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 - Fourth Sunday of Lent - 26 March 2017

1st Reading: 1 Samuel 16:1, 6-7, 10-13; 2nd Reading: Ephesians 5:8-14; Gospel: John 9:1-41