



St Agatha's

CLAYFIELD

ST. AGATHA'S PARISH

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Fifth Sunday of Lent - 2nd April 2017

Readings

1st Reading: Ezekiel 37:12-14; 2nd Reading: Romans 8:8-11; Gospel: John 11:1-45

WEEKDAY MASSES

Monday 3 April: 6.30am
Wednesday 5 April: 9am
Thursday 6 April: 9am
Friday 7 April: 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

APRIL

- Monday 3rd
SVDP Meeting 5pm Parish Office
- Tuesday 4th
2nd Rite of Reconciliation 7pm
- Thursday 6th
Choir Practice 6-7pm Church
- Friday 7th
Stations of the Cross 8.30am



DATE CLAIMER

First Holy Communion
Weekend of 17/18 June



The Lord says this: I am going to open your graves; I mean to raise you from your graves, my people, and lead you back....

Dear friends,

This week we bid farewell to our friend, Omid, who has been working across St. Rita's College, St. Agatha's Primary School and St. Agatha's parish as part of the refugee Work and Welcome program. Omid has been here for the first school term thanks

to your generosity. Omid is pictured above with St. Rita's school principal, Dale Morrow and St. Agatha's principal, Carol Sayers and me. This is the first time that three organisations have worked in partnership to offer a placement. It has been an excellent opportunity to have Omid work with us, both for Omid to gain valuable work experience and for us to learn more of his story and connect with a refugee face to face. Omid is now looking for further work opportunities, and there is a notice inside our parish newsletter if you are able to assist Omid into the future. Please give that some thought, and if you are able to help, please contact me or the parish office. I would like to thank, in particular, Richard Rogusz, Assistant Principal, Mission at St. Rita's for his energetic organisation of Omid's placement. May Omid continue to find Australia a place of "work and welcome". Thank you for your financial support to enable this placement to happen.

This Tuesday night at 7pm we will be celebrating our 2nd Rite of Reconciliation. Lent is a penitential season, and gathering for a communal celebration of forgiveness would be an excellent way to prepare for the fast-approaching Easter celebrations. I encourage you to come along, particularly if you have never experienced a 2nd Rite previously. Speaking of the fast-approaching Easter celebrations, cards with our Easter celebration times are available at the front doors of the church. Please feel free to take some for yourself or distribute them to others whom you might like to invite to share in our Easter celebrations. *Fr. Anthony*

The Wisdom of Pope Francis

Lent is a time for remembering. It is the time to reflect and ask ourselves what we would be if God had closed his doors to us. What would we be without his mercy that never tires of forgiving us and always gives us the chance to begin anew? Lent is the time to ask ourselves where we would be without the help of so many people who in a thousand quiet ways have stretched out their hands and in very concrete ways given us hope and enabled us to make a new beginning?

Clayfield Conversations

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

STRONG TOGETHER



Across Fiji, the People's Community Network (PCN) empowers people living in informal settlements around Fiji. Since 2009, Caritas Australia has supported PCN communities in advocating successfully for rights, services, and a more secure future for their children. Here we share the voices of PCN community members, whose lives have been transformed by neighbourly love. Until recently, people living in informal settlements in Fiji have had no access to the most basic of rights – land tenure, housing, sanitation, roads, education, and a secure livelihood. As Tevita, a resident, says, "When you don't have land tenure, you are just like a log, floating." But now their voices are linked in powerful chorus through a country-wide network, the People's Community Network (PCN). Supported by Caritas Australia since 2009, PCN brings together informal settlements, enabling them to advocate to improve their access to education, housing and employment. Semiti, the National Director of the PCN, grew up in an informal settlement.

SEMITI: One thing that my past taught me is to give back to the community what I have learned. And to try and lift them up from their impoverished situation. I always tell them: I was once in your shoes. I was once a squatter, like you. I was once someone who had nothing. People in informal settlements have been living there for quite some time. So they start to believe that they are nobody, that they have no rights. Our main role is to empower them so that they can believe in themselves, and move out of that situation.

SAVU (PCN's Assistant Director): Our first work in settlements is to carry out workshops [on] community empowerment, social analysis and economic literacy. These three workshops are the big changers. They change mindset – they change relationships, and build relationships for people to become change agents in their communities. The program develops the understanding of shared goals by community members, and empowers community members to advocate for their rights as citizens to housing, education, and a secure future. We journey together with the people in saying that a new world [is] possible ... where families have access to new housing, to land security, to better education. Committees have been formed in each settlement to deal with many issues – health and hygiene; care of the elderly; activities for women, particularly those not working; education; and employment, to enhance the skills of young people. PCN has also established Savings Groups across Fiji, with women in leadership roles. These groups encourage people in the community to make weekly savings so they can access education, healthcare and housing.

VANI: Education is the most important thing in our life, because that is our future. PCN offers informal settlements a well-resourced educational environment for children. Children who were working are now back at school. Unemployed young men and women can undertake training, and there are homework centres where children from surrounding settlements can use computers or get help from the teachers or other students.

Through PCN, marginalised voices are now raised in hope:

TEVITA: PCN is not only about housing. It's not only about money. In talking about saving, they taught us to save your relationship, to save health, education, and look after your senior citizens. PCN is like a raft that was thrown to us in the waves. They gave us hope that there was still life within if we stand together and hold each other's hand and move together forward. Caritas Australia is proud to support this network of communities as they work in solidarity and grow in resilience.



School News

May I take this opportunity to thank our inspiring and hardworking teachers for a very productive term 1. Many parents have taken the occasion to meet with their child's teacher for a Parent/Teacher interview to celebrate their learning and to set goals for the term ahead. This week I have had the pleasure of welcoming Kate Taylor (Year 6) as Principal for the Day to my office. Kate's parents were the lucky winners of the Auction at the School Social Night last Saturday. She has had a wonderful experience in the role and I'm sure it will inspire her to be enthusiastic about her learning in having further insight into the workings of a school from behind the scenes. Well done, Kate.

Have a wonderful, relaxing and enjoyable Easter break, and I look forward to seeing everyone bright and early on Tuesday 18 April at St Agatha's, ready for another term of learning. Peace to you and your family,
Carol Sayers, Principal

CARE AND CONCERN Volunteers Needed

We would like to put together a team of volunteers who can on the rare occasion make themselves available to be of assistance to any parishioners in need, either by providing a meal, commuting them to Mass, doctors appointments or shopping. If you would like to assist in this ministry please contact the Parish Office 3262 2859.



Happy 80th Birthday to
REG GOVES
for Saturday 1 April.
Best wishes for a fantastic day
from all at St Agatha's.

In our prayers we remember

Those who have died recently :

Darryl Birtles, Bill Flamsteed, Noah Roe, Brian Cahill

And those whose anniversaries occur about now:

Anthony Hoskins, Reg Shun Wah (Snr), Herb Gosley

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.



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.

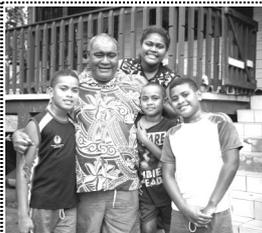


CATHOLICS RETURNING HOME - ST AGATHA'S CLAYFIELD

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

FIFTH SUNDAY OF LENT - 2 APRIL 2017

The People's Community Network is increasing the resilience and dignity of the thousands of landless Fijians living in informal settlements. Communities are advocating together successfully for better services, education and housing. **Please donate to Project Compassion 2017 and give children living with disabilities in Vietnam the opportunity for education and inclusion in their community.**
You can donate through Parish boxes and envelopes, by visiting www.caritas.org.au/projectcompassion or phoning 1800 024 413.



**PROJECT
COMPASSION**



EASTER RAFFLE - \$2.00 a ticket or 3 tickets for \$5.00.

Drawn Easter Sunday. Thank you to CCI Personal Insurance for their kind donation of the Easter hamper (1st prize) and to one of our parishioner for kindly donating the 2nd and 3rd prizes.

**Easter
Raffle**

Welcome

We welcome Damien Everitt, Matthew Hasking and Tom Zaranski at the 9am Mass.

HOLY WEEK MASSES 2017

Monday April 10 - 6.30am Mass

Wednesday April 12 - 9.00am Mass

Holy Thursday April 13

7.00pm Mass of the Lord's Supper

Good Friday April 14

10.00am Stations of the Cross

**3.00pm Celebration of the
Lord's Passion**

Holy Saturday April 15

7.00pm Easter Vigil

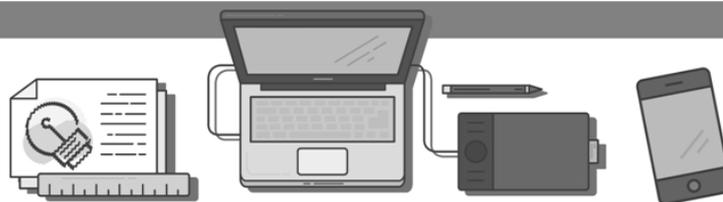
Easter Sunday April 16

7.00am and 9.00am Mass

Please Note: NO 5.30pm Mass

Easter Monday April 17

9.00am Mass



WORK WANTED CAN YOU HELP?

On Friday 31 March, Omid Masnabadi will complete his Work and Welcome placement at St Agatha's Parish, St Agatha's Primary School and St Rita's College. To assist Omid to transition to fulltime work, we are seeking the support of the parish and school communities to use their contacts to assist Omid to find a fulltime job.

While Omid's qualifications are in the area of industrial drafting, he would welcome any fulltime position in any field. During his Work and Welcome placement, Omid has gained experience in the area of general administration and office support. Omid is able to provide a resume and references and is available for an interview.

If you can assist, please contact:
Fr Anthony Mellor, St Agatha's Parish
Telephone: 3262 2859 Email: clayfield@bne.catholic.net.au

OMID'S NAME MEANS "HOPE" IN PERSIAN AND HE IS VERY HOPEFUL ABOUT BEING HERE AND FINDING EMPLOYMENT IN BRISBANE



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

5.00pm

7.00am

9.00am

5.30pm

READERS:

1/2 Apr	Cate Barrett Ryan Smethurst	Rafael Chase Ruby Chase	Tim Hancock Jane Arkinstall Peter Gilroy	Life Teen Mass
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8/9 Apr	Graham Gibson Julie-Anne Gibson	Anne O'Connor Annette Riba	Don Macpherson <i>Volunteer</i> Denis Keating	Life Teen Mass
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COMMUNION MINISTERS:

1/2 Apr	Eddie Foley	Helen Roberts	Erin Bledsoe	Life Teen Mass
8/9 Apr	<i>Volunteer</i>	Lorraine Atkinson-MacEwan	<i>Volunteer</i>	Life Teen Mass

ORGANISTS:

1/2 Apr	<i>Volunteer</i>	Mark Leung	Jenny McKeon	Life Teen Mass
8/9 Apr	<i>Volunteer</i>	Mark Leung	Catrina McPherson	Life Teen Mass

ALTAR SERVERS:

1/2 Apr	<i>Volunteer/s</i>	<i>Volunteer/s</i>	Daniel Benjamin	<i>Volunteer/s</i>
8/9 Apr	<i>Volunteer/s</i>	<i>Volunteer/s</i>	<i>Volunteer/s</i>	<i>Volunteer/s</i>

CHILDREN'S LITURGY:

2 Apr
9 Apr

School Holidays - No Children's Liturgy
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SANCTUARY CARERS:

15 Apr Beverley O'Brien

ST AGATHA'S YOUTH MINISTRY TEAM

NEXT MEETING: Tuesday 11 April 6.45pm Parish Office

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.

PARISH CENTENARY

We are putting 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 22, 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 encourage you to give consideration to becoming part of the preparation team.

CARITAS KITCHEN

Thank you to everyone who contributed to our Caritas Kitchen on 19 March. Despite the rain \$231 was raised and delicious food was shared so that others may eat.

Thank you cooks.

Thank You

OLIVE BRANCHES

Olive branches or golden cane palms (small to large) are required for Palm Sunday. If you are able to supply any, please deliver to the back of the Church, outside the back door on Friday 7 April.

AUXILIARY BISHOP

Fr Ken Howell, former parish priest of Burleigh Heads, has been appointed as an Auxiliary Bishop of the Archdiocese of Brisbane. Fr Howell will be ordained bishop in St Stephen's Cathedral on 14 June. Archbishop Coleridge said Bishop-elect Howell would then be appointed Parish Priest of Kangaroo Point. Prayers are with him as he looks to ordination and beyond. Our prayers are also extended to Bishop Joe Oudemann whose retirement was accepted by Pope Francis. We thank Bishop Joe for his many years of service to the Archdiocese and we wish him peace in retirement.

**CHOIR PRACTICE
FOR EASTER**

Thursday 6 April
6.00pm - 7.00pm in the Church.
New members welcome

Readings - Palm Sunday of the Passion of the Lord - 9 April 2017

1st Reading: Isaiah 50:4-7; 2nd Reading: Philippians 2:6-11; Gospel: Matthew 26:14-27:66