



ST. AGATHA'S PARISH

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

Readings

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

WEEKDAY MASSES

Monday 10 April: 6.30am

Wednesday 12 April: 9am

Thursday 13 April: 7pm

Mass of the Lord's Supper

Friday 14 April:

Stations of the Cross 10am

Celebration of the Lord's

Passion 3pm

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

• Tuesday 11th

Youth Ministry Meeting

6.45pm Parish Office

• Wednesday 19th

Finance Meeting 5pm

Finance & Community and

Mission Council combined

meeting 6pm Parish Office

• Monday 24th

SVDP Meeting 5pm Parish

Office

• Tuesday 25th

Anzac Day Mass 9am



From the sixth hour there was darkness over all the land until the ninth hour. And about the ninth hour, Jesus cried out in a loud voice: "My God, my God, why have you deserted me?" Jesus, again crying out in a loud voice, yielded up his spirit.

Dear friends,

Today we celebrate Palm Sunday of the Passion of the Lord which means that Easter is at our door-step. If you are going away for the Easter break, we wish you a safe trip, and holy, festive celebrations. If you are staying at home, please join us for the three celebrations of the Sacred Triduum. The word "triduum" means "three days" and refers to the three days of Holy Thursday, Good Friday and the Easter Vigil. These three celebrations which continue over three days are in reality one liturgy. It all unfolds like this: At the conclusion of the Holy Thursday liturgy, there is a procession of the Blessed Sacrament to the altar of reservation and, after a period of prayer, people depart in silence with no dismissal. The Good Friday liturgy begins where things left off — with a procession, a period of silent prayer, and then, the opening prayer. Good Friday also finishes in silence. One liturgy flows into the other.

At the Easter Vigil we gather around a fire outside the church for the blessing of the fire and the lighting of the paschal candle. This three-day liturgy, which began with the entrance and greeting on Holy Thursday evening, has moved us from suffering through death to resurrection. The fullness of the Easter mystery is celebrated from a different perspective on each of the three days. The Triduum is not a re-enactment of past events separated into neat historical or liturgical compartments. The death and resurrection which we celebrate is our dying and rising with Christ today. So I invite you to join us for the full rhythm of the Easter Triduum and experience the powerful unfolding story of Jesus' life, death and resurrection. Please remember that there is no Sunday evening Mass next Sunday evening. I wish you all a happy and holy Easter and may the joy of the Risen Christ fill our hearts and minds with hope and love.

Fr. Anthony

The Wisdom of Pope Francis

Lent is a path: it leads to the triumph of mercy over all that would crush us or reduce us to something unworthy of our dignity as God's children. Lent is the time to start breathing again. It is the time to open our hearts to the breath of the One capable of turning our dust into humanity. It is not the time to rend our garments before the evil all around us, but instead to make room in our life for all the good we are able to do.

Clayfield Conversations

Each week during Lent, *Project Compassion* shares a story from various parts of the world.

This week's story is from the Philippines.

Our Common Home: Our Future



In the coastal areas of the Philippines, extreme weather has caused extraordinary levels of devastation. Communities have been torn apart, lives lost and futures thrown into ruin. However, in the wake of Typhoon Santi, Aloma and her small children have moved from tragedy to triumph. In times of great need, our human instinct to help each other, to “love our neighbour”, comes to the fore.

Through Aloma's work with the Integrated Community Development Program, supported by Caritas Australia, she has become a community leader, helping develop sustainable farming practices, business knowledge, and resilience to disasters. A few years ago, Aloma's village in the Philippines was a scene of devastation – high winds and high seas battered a barren stretch of sand. Extreme weather is a common enough occurrence in this vulnerable area, threatening the safety and food security of families struggling to survive. In 2009, when Typhoon Santi raged, Aloma and her small children cowered while their home fell to shreds around them. Hope first took root for the family in 2011, when Aloma became a participant in the Integrated Community Development Program (ICDP) run by the Socio Pastoral Action Center Foundation Inc. (SPACFI). “I was so happy ... I understood that the program would help the poor people in the village.” Caritas Australia is a partner of SPACFI, and supports the ICDP. Aloma gained a range of skills through the program, including bookkeeping, managing logistics, and understanding ecology and environmental conservation. The program's training on the ‘Cornerstone’ principle guided her in developing a sense of accountability, and concern for others and for the environment. “All the skills that I learned, I pass on to friends and neighbours,” she says.

Along with others in the community, Aloma also undertook training in disaster risk reduction. She learnt how to manage the logistics of disaster response, and her husband had first-aid training. With Aloma's training, her confidence grew, and so did her awareness of the role she could play in caring for the land. “The greatest change in my life was to realise that the environment is very important. We grew up cutting down all the trees around us, including the mangroves ... and using [them] for firewood. Now, instead, we are planting the mangroves for our own protection. It is important to protect the environment. We are in a coastal area, and mangroves will protect us from a tsunami or flooding.” Aloma has always been a community leader. She was chair of the Council for Youth in her area, and is now a board member of the Small Farmers and Fisherfolk Association, and treasurer of her local area. She is also on the Disaster Risk Reduction Council. Inspired by Aloma's leadership, the whole community now comes together – children and adults – to work in the mangrove nursery. Aloma says, “The community finds it enjoyable. It's just like community bonding for them, going in this area, planting the mangroves. Now it's become their lifestyle, to protect the coastal area [using] mangroves.” Community-wide training in coastal management has enabled everyone to see the value of working together. Now the villagers are preparing a plan that will help them mitigate the impact of disasters in their area. Gazing out through the rows of mangroves, Aloma shares her dream for her family, for her community, and for their common home. “I have a simple dream for my family: that my children will be able to finish their schooling, unlike us, and eventually they will have a better future. “My dream for my community is to continue what we are doing right now, so that the next generation will benefit from what we have started.”

GOOD FRIDAY COLLECTION 2017

The annual collection for the support of the church in the Holy Land takes place on Good Friday. This collection promotes the missionary work of the Church in the Holy Land by providing welfare assistance to local Christians in areas such as health, education, employment and housing. Parishes, schools, orphanages and medical centres throughout the Holy Land also rely on assistance from the Good Friday collection. The collection is also used to maintain 74 churches and shrines associated with the life of Jesus. Last year, Australian Catholics donated \$1.4 million to this cause, despite tough economic times, rural droughts and increasing cost of living which put a strain on family budgets and financial resources. Your generosity is greatly appreciated. Please remember the Christians of the Holy Land again on this Good Friday. Please also pray that peace and harmony will become a reality in the birthplace of Jesus, the ‘Prince of Peace’.

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.



ANZAC DAY MASS

Tuesday 25 April - 9.00am

Morning tea will be provided following the Mass. Parishioners are asked to bring a plate to assist with catering.

In our prayers we remember

Those whose anniversaries occur about now:

Judy Power, Sid Tynan, Irene Hogan, Anthony Hoskins

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.

"As they were marching out, they came upon a man of Cyrene, Simon by name; this man they pressed into service to carry his cross." MATTHEW 27:32



ROSTERS FOR EASTER

We are still in need of an Oil Announcer and Oil Carriers (Holy Thursday), Altar Servers and Communion Ministers. Please see highlighted sections on roster sheets.



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



PALM SUNDAY - 9 APRIL 2017

Participation in the Integrated Community Development Program has offered Aloma a leading role in helping her vulnerable community prepare for extreme weather events and work together to protect their environment.

Please donate to **Project Compassion 2017** and help vulnerable communities in the Philippines learn how to work together to care for their common home, creating a more secure future for their children. 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 next 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**



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:

8/9 Apr

Graham Gibson
Julie-Anne Gibson

Anne O'Connor
Annette Riba

Don Macpherson
Volunteer
Denis Keating

Life Teen Mass

PLEASE NOTE: Holy Thursday, Good Friday
and Easter Vigil readings will be emailed to
volunteers as per the roster sheets.

HOLY THURSDAY, GOOD FRIDAY, EASTER VIGIL and
EASTER SUNDAY MASSES: READERS, COMMUNION MINISTERS,
ORGANISTS and ALTAR SERVERS as per the roster sheets.

COMMUNION MINISTERS:

8/9 Apr

Volunteer

Lorraine Atkinson-MacEwan

Volunteer

Life Teen Mass

ORGANISTS:

8/9 Apr

Robyn Cuming

Mark Leung

Catriona McPherson

Life Teen Mass

ALTAR SERVERS:

8/9 Apr

Volunteer/s

Volunteer/s

Volunteer/s

Volunteer/s

CHILDREN'S LITURGY:

9 Apr

16 Apr

School Holidays - No Children's Liturgy

School Holidays - No Children's Liturgy

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

Little White Books (Easter)

\$4.00 each

and other new stock
available in Piety Stall

First Holy Communion - Weekend of 17/18 June

(For all children in Year 4 that have been Confirmed)

Parent Information Evening: 15 & 16 May, 6.30pm, APAC St Agatha's School
(N.B. Parents need only attend 1 of these sessions)

Rite of Enrolment: 20/21 May at any of the Masses

Mass times: Saturday 5.00pm; Sunday 7.00am, 9.00am & 5.30pm

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.



Readings - Sunday of the Resurrection - 16 April 2017

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