



# ST. AGATHA'S PARISH

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## Second Sunday of Easter - 23<sup>rd</sup> April 2017

### Readings

1st Reading: Acts 2:42-47: 2nd Reading: 1 Peter 1:3-9; Gospel: John 20:19-31

#### WEEKDAY MASSES

**Monday 24 April:** 6.30am

**Tuesday 25 April:** 9am

Anzac Day

**Wednesday 26 April:** 9am

Saint Mark

**Thursday 27 April:** 9am

**Friday 28 April:** 9am

Saint Peter Chanel

#### 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 24<sup>th</sup>**

SVDP Meeting 5pm Parish Office

• **Monday 24<sup>th</sup>**

Catholics Returning Home 7.30pm Parish Office

• **Tuesday 25<sup>th</sup>**

Anzac Day Mass 9am



Dear friends,

Faith and doubt go hand in hand. Doubt is not an enemy of faith; doubt can often be the doorway that leads to a deeper faith. It is unfortunate that Thomas is often given the description "doubting", because he is actually a firm believer, not just by the end of this story but throughout the whole of gospels – it is simply that his faith, like ours, needs to be fine-tuned by the events of life.

Where was Thomas on that first Sunday evening when Jesus appeared to his disciples? We don't know where he was, but we do know two things: firstly that the disciples were huddled together in a locked room because they were afraid; and secondly we know that Thomas was somewhere else. Was he being brave, out and about getting food or supplies; was he involved in some desperate search for the body of Jesus; or had he simply given up hope that day and decided that there was no point in hanging around with the others? Whether brave or disappointed, Thomas was outside the locked room and so missed the opportunity to experience the Risen Christ with the others.

Ultimately, Thomas' dilemma is every believer's dilemma. He doesn't want to base his life on shadows or a vague, elusive dream. Thomas wants to know. None of us will ever know for sure, not in this life. What we have instead of rational facts is instincts for the truth. This is something unspoken and indescribable which guides our way. In that sense, we are different from Thomas. Thomas' faith was based on what he could see and touch; ours is based on what we can't see and touch, but which we sense nonetheless.

Thomas' faith was re-affirmed when he touched the wounds of the Risen Christ. For us, it is through our wounds and the wounds of our family and our friends and the people that we share our life with that we come to really know the presence of the Risen Christ. The irony is that, unlike Thomas, it is not us who touches wounds in order to believe. It is the opposite. We need to let the presence of the Risen Christ touch what is wounded in us. When Christ touches our wounds and sorrows, we begin to believe in ourselves again. Once we have begun to experience healing for ourselves, we begin to bring healing and forgiveness to others.

Fr. Anthony

### The Wisdom of Pope Francis

"After the Sabbath, as the first day of the week was dawning, Mary Magdalene and the other Mary went to see the tomb" (Mt 28:1). We can picture them as they went on their way... They walked like people going to a cemetery, with uncertain and weary steps, like those who find it hard to believe that this is how it all ended.

We can picture their faces, pale and tearful. And their question: can Love have truly died?

## Clayfield Conversations

Fr. Anthony is away walking the ancient pilgrimage route of the Camino in Spain.

Below is his first report of his journeys.

### Step by Step along The Way (Week 1)



I have set out along the way. Well – almost. This weekend, all going well, I have landed in Paris and travelled with the troupe to Chartres Cathedral. A visit to Chartres Cathedral has been a hope of mine for some time. I didn't have the opportunity in the two and half years that I lived in Rome, but Chartres Cathedral is one of the great architectural achievements of human history. Even Stephen Fry, the noted atheist and UK comic, says that it is not possible to build "a humanist equivalent of Chartres Cathedral". That is to say, there is something of the transcendental spirit, of the world beyond this world, which inspires such work – like music, and art, and poetry. The cathedral is more or less unchanged since the 13<sup>th</sup> century, and serves as the cathedral church of one of the most ancient dioceses in the world, dating back to the fourth century. About 80kms south-west of Paris, the cathedral is listed as an UNESCO heritage site.

According to tradition, the Cathedral houses the relic of the *Sancta Camisia*, the tunic worn by Mary during the birth of Christ. Whatever about that, my desire to visit the cathedral is based more on the architecture, sculptures, 13<sup>th</sup> century labyrinth and stained glass windows. Chartres Cathedral is one of the most complete examples of medieval art in the western world, and therefore, a set back into time and a snapshot of the Catholic tradition at certain point in time. But even stone, the Catholic tradition lives. There is an old saying: "Tradition is not the dead voice of the living, but the living voice of the dead." The reason why Chartres Cathedral remains not only a place of religious pilgrimage, but also a cultural asset, is that it continues to speak to faith today. Its architecture raises our spirits. That is the gift of grand and beauty sacred spaces. They direct our gaze to the life beyond, and help us step into the endless river of generations of faith.

This week also holds a visit to Lourdes, and later in the week a couple of days in Boudreaux. This is purely for reasons of preparation for the *Camino* – and to celebrate the birthdays of two of our troupe. On Friday, we will commence the way at *St Jean Pied de Port* and begin the trek over the Pyrenees in France. Like the *Cathédrale Notre-Dame de Chartres*, this too, is an ancient pilgrimage track. Originally, it formed an important trade route of the Roman Empire, from Rome to the Atlantic coast in Spain. For this reason, the shell has become an important symbol of pilgrimage because of its connection to the coastline. It also signifies an openness of spirit that is at the heart of pilgrimage. Tradition holds that the tomb of St. James, brother of St. John, and one of the sons of Zebedee, is buried in the *Cathedral of Santiago de Compostela*, which lies at the end of the pilgrimage. I will carry the St. Agatha's community with me, as I will the Holy Spirit Seminary and Brisbane Catholic Education, both places of my other responsibilities, as I walk through the weeks ahead. I am hoping to write something every week, plus include other bits and pieces for our parish website and Facebook. May we feel the power of each other's prayers over the weeks ahead.

### EASTER RAFFLE

Thank you to everyone who purchased tickets.

\$920.15 was raised.

Congratulations to the winners:

Phil Ryan, Kurt Hardy and Peter Bowden!!



With great joy we welcome  
**Conor Dunleavy and Barnaby Gray**  
who will be baptised this Sunday.

### FURNITURE NEEDED

The St Vincent de Paul Society is presently very low in furniture stock. If anyone has any furniture, especially beds, in reasonable condition, that are no longer required, please contact the SVDP depot at Lawnton on 1300 551 894 to arrange for it to be picked up.

### 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**



### 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 who have died recently :*

Sr Chris Zammit, Margaret Khoo

### *and those whose anniversaries occur about now:*

Jim See, Jim Ryan, Lily Chinn, Joe Quinn

### *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.

### **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.

### **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", from this Monday **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



Caritas Australia would like to **THANK YOU** for supporting Project Compassion.

**If you still have your Project Compassion box or set of envelopes at home, please bring them back next week** or visit [www.caritas.org.au](http://www.caritas.org.au) to make your donation online. Through your generosity you are helping to empower our most vulnerable neighbours worldwide to build a better future for their families and communities.

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### **ST AGATHA'S PARISH SACRAMENTAL PROGRAM - 2017**

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

#### **First Holy Communion**

Weekend of **17/18 June**: Saturday 5.00pm; Sunday 7.00am, 9.00am and 5.30pm

#### **Sunday 25 June (9am Mass only)**

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

### **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 100<sup>th</sup> 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.

### **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 1<sup>st</sup> and 3<sup>rd</sup> 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>

This weekend we welcome Fr John Grace for the 5pm and 5.30m Masses and Fr Paul Chandler for the 7am and 9am 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:**

22/23 Apr	Lauren McMullan Katrina Murphy	James Robinson Jeanine Bygott	Clare Smethurst Wilma O'Connell Trish Ryan	Life Teen Mass
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29/30 Apr	Eric van der List Phil Zammit	Jeanine Bygott Lauren McMullan	Michael Crutcher Jane Arkinstall Heidi Cooper	Life Teen Mass
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**COMMUNION MINISTERS:**

22/23 Apr	<i>Volunteer</i>	Lorraine Atkinson-MacEwan	<i>Volunteer</i>	Life Teen Mass
29/30 Apr	Jan Zammit	<i>Volunteer</i>	<i>Volunteer</i>	Life Teen Mass

**ORGANISTS:**

22/23 Apr	<i>Volunteer</i>	Mark Leung	Robyn Cuming	Life Teen Mass
29/30 Apr	<i>Volunteer</i>	Mark Leung	Jenny McKeon	Life Teen Mass

**ALTAR SERVERS:**

22/23 Apr	Felicity Shepherd Charlotte Shepherd Laura Barrett	<i>Volunteer/s</i>	Charlotte Corrigan Billy Crutcher	Caitlin Marshall Alex Oliveri Tia Manuel
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29/30 Apr	<i>Volunteer/s</i>	<i>Volunteer/s</i>	Bridget Birchley Kate Taylor Sofia Iannarella	Sophia Lazzarini Max Lazzarini Sharon Mathew
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**CHILDREN'S LITURGY:**

23 Apr		Eleonora Kowitz, Michelle Wille
30 Apr		Julie Kordic & Ewa Marino-Cebulski

**SANCTUARY CARERS:**

6 May	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 3<sup>rd</sup> and 4<sup>th</sup> Sundays of the month

For bookings and further information, please phone the parish office on 3262 2859.

**Please note: the date shown in last week's newsletter for ST RITA'S COLLEGE MEMORIAL MASS was incorrect.  
The correct date is Saturday 20 May, 10am  
at St Rita's College Chapel**

Thank you to everyone who donated to  
"The Little Kings Movement for the Handicapped" Appeal in January.  
A total of \$1,065.00 was raised from St Agatha's Parish.



Thank you to CV Services Group  
and CV Signage Solutions  
for generously repairing the  
Church light fittings.



**2017 St Joseph's College Gregory  
Terrace Past Mothers' Mass  
and Morning Tea**

All past Terrace mothers are cordially invited to attend this year's Past Mothers' Mass and Morning Tea on Sunday 28 May at 10.00 am, in the Chapel of the Holy Family, Gregory Terrace, followed by morning tea in the Founders' Room.

Cost \$20 plus booking fee. Book via the [www.terrace.qld.edu.au/events](http://www.terrace.qld.edu.au/events)

Contact Marianne Eadie  
[Marianneeadie16@gmail.com](mailto:Marianneeadie16@gmail.com) or  
0410 720 067 for more information.

**MARY IMMACULATE SCHOOL CENTENARY CELEBRATION**

616 Ipswich Road, Annerley

You are invited to a weekend of celebrations to mark Mary Immaculate School's centennial year. On Saturday 29 April from 4 - 8 pm, the school will be hosting a reunion-type evening under the stars with live music, gourmet pizzas, free drink on arrival, and guest speaker, Hugh Lunn. On Sunday 30 April at 11am, Archbishop Mark Coleridge will celebrate a mass for the centenary followed by a roast/picnic lunch in the grounds.

There will be school displays to view and experience throughout the weekend. **Please note: ticket purchases need to be finalised by Wednesday 26 April at: [www.maryimmaculate.qld.edu.au](http://www.maryimmaculate.qld.edu.au)**

For further information email Leanne Delaney at [ldelaney@bne.catholic.edu.au](mailto:ldelaney@bne.catholic.edu.au) or call the school 3848 8965.

**Readings - Third Sunday of Easter - 30 April 2017**

**1st Reading: Acts 2:14, 22-33; 2nd Reading: 1 Peter 1:17-21; Gospel: Luke 24:13-35**