



St Agatha's

CLAYFIELD

ST. AGATHA'S PARISH

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Sunday of the Resurrection of the Lord - 16th April 2017

Readings

1st Reading: Acts 10:34, 37-43; 2nd Reading: Colossians 3:1-4; Gospel: John 20:1-9

WEEKDAY MASSES

Monday 17 April: 9am
Wednesday 19 April: 9am
Thursday 20 April: 9am
Friday 21 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

- **Tuesday 18th**
School resumes
- **Wednesday 19th**
Finance Meeting 5pm
Finance & Community and
Mission Council combined
meeting 6pm Parish Office
- **Monday 24th**
SVDP Meeting 5pm Parish
Office
- **Monday 24th**
Catholics Returning Home
7.30pm Parish Office
- **Tuesday 25th**
Anzac Day Mass 9am



*This is the day the Lord has made;
let us rejoice and be glad.*

Dear friends,

Happy Easter! Thank you to all who have been prepared and assisted in our celebrations over the last three days — all our parish staff, musicians, choir, ministers and helpers. Our liturgies have been wonderful celebrations of the Easter Mystery.

We also share in the joy of Joe Ashby-Cliffe, Reimen Hii, Taylah and Stephanie Moody who were fully initiated into the Church at the Easter Vigil. Congratulations also to Brooke Daniels and Makarla Wheate who were received into the Church, and Mitchell Carlow, Amelia Ryan and Harry Stoneman who completed their initiation. I am thankful to those who journeyed with them, and in particular their sponsors who have been companions to them as they walked the path through the font to the altar. My particular thanks to Trish Hickey and Jill Weld who have been faithful participants in our RCIA gatherings. Let us continue to pray for them that the Spirit of New Life may grow ever-stronger in their hearts and minds.

As I mentioned a few weeks ago, I head off on long service leave at the end of the week. I will be away for eight weekends as I spend some time walking the Camino in Spain and, later, attending a conference with Brisbane Catholic Education in Leuven in Belgium. I will be back just in time to celebrate First Communion in June. There will be a number of supply priests who will be covering my absence, and I am sure that you will make them welcome. I will leave you in the capable hands of Rosemary Greer, Jane Cameron and Peter Bowden who will, with their usual skill and efficiency, keep the wheels turning over. I am hoping to write a weekly blog of my adventures (which I'm sure will be a "must read"!), so either through the newsletter or website, you will be able to follow my footsteps.

As we celebrate Easter here, let us keep in mind the Christian communities throughout the world, particularly in the Middle East, who face the constant threat of violence and terror, which we saw so graphically on Palm Sunday in Egypt. May the crucified and Risen Christ be the source of our hope and trust in the power of God to renew and restore all of creation. Christ is Risen. Alleluia! Alleluia!

Fr. Anthony

The Wisdom of Pope Francis

We cannot discover life by being sad, bereft of hope. Let us not stay imprisoned within ourselves, but let us break open our sealed tombs to the Lord — each of us knows what they are — so that he may enter and grant us life. Let us give him the stones of our rancour and the boulders of our past, those heavy burdens of our weaknesses and falls.

Christ wants to come and take us by the hand to bring us out of our anguish.

Clayfield Conversations

The real miracle of Easter happens not in the darkened tomb. It happens in the darkened heart.

The real miracle of Easter happens not in the blocked cave. It happens in the blocked spirit.

The Easter light shines forth, the song of "Alleluia" rings out,
The praise of faithful witnesses fills the church, the hope of life is re-born.

You see, it was Mary Madeline who also experienced Resurrection on that first day of the week. A part of her had died on Good Friday. She had known the joy of healing because of Jesus; but it all seemed so short-lived – until now. She died with Christ and, she too, rose with him. Life, love, joy; Presence!

Joanna, Mary, the mother of James, and the other women, they came back to life too.

They didn't care that the men didn't believe them. They were alive, because Jesus was alive. They were transformed. The men would need to experience this for themselves. They would need to go to the empty tomb and look in. That's what Peter did. He ran, perhaps out of fear, probably out of shock, maybe out of hope. Nonetheless he ran. He stooped and looked in – there was nothing there, just cloth. He went home, amazed!

Or was he bewildered? Or confused? Or joyous?

Nonetheless he was transformed. Resurrection had happened to him too.

Now it is our turn. Are we ready? Have we prepared well-enough?

Have we asked God to lighten the heart, to unblock the spirit?

It doesn't matter. Christ didn't rise because Mary and Peter were ready. It was the last thing that they expected. And they most certainly didn't expect it to happen to them. But it did. That is how we know about the Resurrection – not because Jesus told us, but because they did; they spread the news.

Today is the day, today is the feast, when we proclaim that Resurrection happens to you and me in our lifetime. Here and now. It happens slowly; it happens quickly. It happens modestly; it happens spectacularly. Either way it happens. Even if it is the last thing that we expect. God tells the big story of life, death and resurrection – indeed the *only* story worth telling – through the life, death and resurrection of Jesus. God *keeps* telling it through us.

Resurrection is like this: its like the glimmer of forgiveness after the deep hurt;
the success that brings a smile of self-esteem and a quiet glow of pride after all the endless failures;
the touch of a hand after the argument; the little laugh after prolonged grief;
the strength of character to start again after the loss of almost everything;
the courage to face the world after the shame of sorrow and remorse;
the hug of acceptance after the damage is done;
the force of healing which overcomes the despair of being mortal and frail;
the new beginning after every ending; and the love and friendship that makes living worthwhile.

Resurrection is faith when there is nothing to believe in. Resurrection is hope when hope is gone.

Resurrection is love when our heart has broken. Resurrection is life's triumph – always!

Because of Jesus, resurrection keeps happening to us too.

In our life. In our day. Thank God.

Celebrate the
resurrection of
our Lord!

Happy
EASTER



With great joy we welcome **Augustine English,**
Max Nicholls and Henry Vu
who will be baptised this Sunday.

Have a safe journey
Bon Voyage



*Safe travels Fr Anthony. We hope
you have a good trip. Fr Anthony
leaves on Friday 21 April and
returns weekend of 17/18 June.*

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:

Joe Quinn, 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.



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", 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

EASTER SUNDAY - 16 APRIL 2017

Happy Easter from all at Caritas Australia!

Thank you for supporting us this year as we demonstrate how love for our neighbours can transform lives. You are helping to empower our most vulnerable neighbours worldwide to build a better future for their families and communities.

Thank you for supporting Caritas Australia's Project Compassion 2017 Lenten appeal.
www.caritas.org.au/projectcompassion 1800 024 413



EASTER RAFFLE - Drawn this Sunday 16th April at the 9am Mass

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.



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

Little White Books (Easter)

\$4.00 each

and other new stock
available in Piety Stall

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.

LIFE TEEN MASS - Sunday 5.30pm - (No 5.30pm Mass this Sunday 16th)

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 1st and 3rd 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>

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
29/30 Apr	Eric van der List Phil Zammit	Kirsty Stevens Lauren McMullan	Michael Crutcher Jane Arkinstall Heidi Cooper	Life Teen Mass

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

SANCTUARY CARERS:

6 May Victor Podesta

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.

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

Contact Marianne Eadie
Marianneeadie16@gmail.com or
0410 720 067 for more information.

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 Monday 24 April 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 - Second Sunday of Easter - 23 April 2017

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