



St Agatha's

CLAYFIELD

ST. AGATHA'S PARISH

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Third Sunday of Easter - 30th April 2017

Readings

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

WEEKDAY MASSES

Monday 1 May: 9.00am
Wednesday 3 May: 9am
Saints Philip and James
Thursday 4 May: 9am
Friday 5 May: 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

MAY

- Monday 1st
Catholics Returning Home
7.30pm Parish Office
- Monday 8th
SVDP Meeting 5pm Parish
Office
- Sunday 14th
P26 Mass 9.00am



Those who had brought this stranger home to their table don't recognize yet with whom they sit. But she in the kitchen, absently touching the wine jug she's to take in, a young black servant intently listening, swings round and sees the light around him — and is sure.

(Denise Levertov)

Dear friends,

Scripture scholar, Nicolas King points out that the rhythm of the narrative is a parallel rhythm to our liturgy. It begins on the first day of the week, our most important gathering day to recall the resurrection. We meet the disciples on the road. The whole of Luke's gospel has been like a road trip to Jerusalem where the climatic events of Jesus' Passion, death and resurrection would take place. Here, we discover that the disciples are walking away from Jerusalem. In a sense, they are doing more than travelling to Emmaus. They are walking away from the heart of the story. Even as they walk away, they are joined by an unexpected companion. King sees in the first conversation the opening movement of the liturgy. Christ meets the disciples where they are as they stand still and look sad. Christ asks about their discussions and they respond, declaring their own disappointments. This forms a kind of Penitential Act. This is followed by a movement into the Liturgy of the Word as Jesus interprets the scriptures for the two disciples.

The urging of the disciples for Jesus to stay with them mirrors a form of the Prayers of the Faithful. At the heart of these communal prayers is the plea of the Church for God to continue to watch the world and the Church. It is the cry of the Church for God to "remain with us". The Liturgy of the Eucharist which follows breaks open an understanding of Eucharist better than any theological treatise on the matter. In the breaking of the bread, they recognise the presence of the Risen Christ. However, it is only a glimpse. It is an elusive presence that cannot be captured, let only intellectually reasoned. No matter how mysterious, the disciples know that they have encountered Christ. This encounter has an effect on their lives. It turns them around. They return to Jerusalem as proclaimers of the Resurrection.

This encounter with the Risen Christ provides us with a model for interpreting our liturgical rhythm and action. We gather as a people on the road. We are a pilgrim people on the move, but we do not travel alone. We are accompanied by Christ, even beyond our recognition. Christ meets us where we are and encourages our faith beyond our own doubts and fears.

Fr. Anthony

The Wisdom of Pope Francis

The Lord is alive and wants to be sought among the living. After having found him, each person is sent out by him to announce the Easter message, to *awaken and resurrect hope* in hearts burdened by sadness, in those who struggle to find meaning in life. There is so necessary today. However, we must not proclaim ourselves.

Rather, as *joyful servants of hope*, we must announce the Risen One by our lives and by our love.

Clayfield Conversations

Fr. Anthony is away walking the ancient pilgrimage route of the Camino in Spain.
Below is his second report of his journeys.

Step by Step along The Way (Week 2)

We were travelling on the day of the French Presidential election (last Sunday). It was sobering to see armed military personnel patrol the busy transit station of Montparnasse. The sight of soldiers armed with rapid fire weapons didn't make me feel any safer, but the French are probably more used to such things. The elections were held, relatively trouble-free – only the odd protest here and there – with a run-off election to be held between the two leading candidates next week. It is being described as a contest between an “open and optimistic” France, and a “fearful, pessimistic” France. Perhaps much of French history can be described that way.

A group of ten started the Camino trek on Friday. The group will grow to twelve when my sister and brother-in-law join us along the track. In this past week, we travelled to Chartres, then onto Bordeaux, through Lourdes and onto our starting line for the Camino in the Pyrenees. Chartres Cathedral was a magnificent experience. Its luminous stained-glass is matched by the medieval sculptures which encase the sanctuary area of the church. The detail, depicting ordinary things such as sowing, baking, and carpentry, must surely have elevated the medieval mind out of the worldly mundane and towards a sense of enchantment with divine goodness.

An unexpected gift was the civic celebration of *Chartres en Lumières*. Public buildings around the city were lit-up with colourful displays of light and movement – a modern, digitised take on stained glass windows art of story-telling. The Cathedral display was truly remarkable and impossible to describe. However, my amateur time lapse slideshow can be seen on our parish website.

On Anzac Day, we travelled to Lourdes. Places of sacred pilgrimage are common to all religious traditions, particularly sites associated with healing. Lourdes is the second highest tourist destination in France, after Paris, and one that holds a particularly important place in the Catholic imagination. I didn't know what to expect, but I certainly didn't expect my dodgy ankle and elbow to be restored to their original splendour (I'll let you know how that goes). Places of healing are so appealing to human spirit because we all seek remedy from all sorts of spiritual, emotional, physical, mental and personal ailments. Yes, miracles transform; but most miraculous occurrences are gradual, unhurried and can appear to be quite natural in the course of things. That we can experience an un-disappointed hope that God can re-make what is worst in us, what is damaged in us, into what is best in us, and into what is strength in us, is the deepest and truest of all miracles. Places such as Lourdes are simply earthy reminders of what God can do anywhere and everywhere, any time and all the time. I lit a candle and prayed for the whole parish while I was there, especially our sick and frail.

As with all shrines, there were a few “OMG” moments (“Oh, my gordy!” – in both the English and French meaning of the word), but there is something about the nature of popular piety that gives Lourdes a three dimensional sense. The sick, frail, elderly, and incapacitated were given privileged access by the many volunteers who minister at Lourdes. Is this what the public ministry of Christ looked like - minus the grand edifices? (E.g. Matthew 14:35-36: “After the people of that place recognised him, they sent word throughout the region and brought all who were sick to him, and begged him that they might touch even the fringe of his cloak; and all who touched it were healed.”)

Is there too much human aggrandisement cluttering this little spring of hope and trust in divine healing? Probably, for our gaze at Lourdes, and everywhere else for that matter, needs to be directed towards the compassionate healing ministry of Christ. His are the waters of new life and re-birth. A true Catholic faith presents Mary, not as some kind of substitute for the divine, but as both a pathway and fellow traveller towards the God of Jesus Christ. Earlier this year, Pope Francis said of Mary: “The true Virgin Mary is not the Virgin of a post office that every day sends a different letter, saying: ‘My children, you do this and then, tomorrow, you do something else.’ This fashion of the Virgin Mary superstar, (who) puts herself at the centre, isn't Catholic.” A handy reminder when stepping into the flowing waters of popular devotion and piety, be it Lourdes or anywhere else. For now, however, onwards along the Camino.

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.

ST RITA'S 50 YEAR SCHOOL REUNION

The 1965 Junior and the 1967 Senior classes have organised a Buffet Luncheon to be held at St. Rita's College Clayfield on Saturday 3 June 2017.

If you are interested in attending this special reunion, please contact Diana Wilson - phone 33595646 or email margdiwilson@bigpond.com.

RSVP: 15 May 2017.



We invite you to pray for,
or consider registering to attend:

Mission: One Heart, Many Voices

From the Gospel for this weekend, we see one of the earliest examples of evangelisation: the two disciples who encounter Jesus have their hearts and minds transformed. They then return, the Gospel tells us, to the others, to share in hospitality and recount their tale. This is evangelisation. From such personal encounters with Jesus, comes Mission. It is how the religious priests, Brothers and Sisters who we support overseas and across Australia live their lives but it is also how each of us are called to be missionary as well. As this coming conference will help us understand, when our hearts burn with the gospel message, we then want to share our Emmaus story. For more info, please visit: www.mohmv.com.au/2017conference/

In our prayers we remember



Those who have died recently:

Esther Condon, Sr Chris Zammit, Margaret Khoo

and those whose anniversaries occur about now:

Monsignor John English, Jim See, Jim Ryan, Lily Chinn

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

Monday **1 May 7.30pm to 9pm** at St Agatha's Parish Office, 52 Oriel Road.

For more information, please contact Lisa on 0418 734 147

COMMUNITY AND MISSION COUNCIL

Pleased to announce and welcome **James Robinson** to the Community and Mission Council Committee.

PARISH CENTENARY

The first meeting for the Parish Centenary Committee will be held on Sunday 7 May at 10.30am.

Please contact Erin Bledsoe 0409 877 116 for venue details.

If you would like to be a part of the plotting and planning, please write your name on the sheet provided near the front door of the church.

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

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 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>

WORLD DAY OF PRAYER FOR VOCATIONS - 7 May

Next Sunday is the World Day of Prayer for Vocations. In his Letter for this Day, Pope Francis asks each of us to pray for more vocations to the priesthood and consecrated life.

If each person who reads this offers one small prayer, it will make a difference.

FEAST IN HONOUR OF THE MARTYRED THREE SAINTS - *Alfio, Filadelfo and Cirino*

Holy Cross Church, Woolloowin | Sunday 7 May 2017 | 9:30am Solemn Mass | 11.30am Food stalls and entertainment
2:00pm Exit of the Saints and street procession | 3:00pm Entertainment continues

This weekend we welcome Fr Or Rush for the 5pm & 9am Masses and Fr John Grace for the 7am and 5.30pm Masses. We also welcome 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:

29/30 Apr	Eric van der List Phil Zammit	Jane Arkinstall Lauren McMullan	Michael Crutcher Jane Arkinstall Heidi Cooper	Life Teen Mass
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6/7 May	Jack Williamson Cate Barrett	Rafael Chase Ruby Chase	Eileen Duncan Peter Gilroy Tim Hancock	Life Teen Mass
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COMMUNION MINISTERS:

29/30 Apr	Jan Zammit	<i>Volunteer</i>	<i>Volunteer</i>	Life Teen Mass
6/7 May	Eddie Foley	Helen Roberts	<i>Volunteer</i>	Life Teen Mass

ORGANISTS:

29/30 Apr	<i>Volunteer</i>	Mark Leung	Jenny McKeon	Life Teen Mass
6/7 May	<i>Volunteer</i>	Mark Leung	Catrina McPherson	Life Teen Mass

ALTAR SERVERS:

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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6/7 May	Milla Brady	Joey Douglas	Xavier Coorey Dominic Coorey Milly Ryan	Caitlin Marshall Eve Ryan Claire Ryan
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CHILDREN'S LITURGY:

30 Apr			Julie Kordic & Ewa Marino-Cebulski	
7 May			Ewan McPherson & Susan DeMedici	

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 3rd and 4th Sundays of the month

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

EASTER RAFFLE

Thank you to everyone who purchased tickets.

\$920.15 was raised.

Congratulations to the winners:

Phil Ryan, Kurt Hardy and Peter Bowden!!

QIA DANCERS INC

Irish Dancing classes with QIAD
New Beginner's Class
Wednesday 4.45 - 5.30pm
Jacaranda Room, Brothers Rugby Club,
103 Crosby Road, Albion
For more information contact Kate on
0419 719 931

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 Saturday 20 May, 10.00am at St Rita's College Chapel 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)



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Readings - Fourth Sunday of Easter - 7 May 2017

1st Reading: Acts 2:14, 36-41; 2nd Reading: 1 Peter 2:20-25; Gospel: John 10:1-10