

ST. AGATHA'S PARISH

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First Sunday of Lent (Yr. B) - 18th February 2018

Readings

1st Reading: Genesis 9:8-15; 2nd Reading: 1 Peter 3:18-22; Gospel: Mark 1:12-15

WEEKDAY MASSES

Monday 19 February: 6.30am

Wednesday 21 February: 9am

Thursday 22 February: 9am

The Chair of Saint Peter

Friday 23 February: 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

FEBRUARY

• Monday 19th

SVDP Meeting 5pm Parish Office

• Wednesday 21st

Finance Meeting 6pm Parish Office

• Friday 23rd

Stations of the Cross 8.30am

• Saturday 24th & Sunday 25th

Little Kings Movement Appeal

RECONCILIATION PREPARATION PROGRAM 2018



2nd group session:

Sunday 25 February 9am Mass

Children to bring workbooks

3rd group session:

Sunday 4 March 9am Mass

Children to bring workbooks



After Jesus was baptised, the Spirit drove him out into the wilderness. He was in the wilderness forty days, tempted by Satan; and he was with the wild beasts; and the angels waited on him.

Dear Friends,

This Sunday, a number of our children will begin their preparation to celebrate the First Rite of Reconciliation. Today they will enrol in this preparation time and receive a purple wrist band with the exhortation, "Be A Lenten Light!" As the children wear these bands throughout Lent, they are reminded of the commitment that all of us are intended to make during Lent, and this is that these next six weeks change our hearts in preparation for the Easter feast.

I said to these children's parents the other night that these weeks of Lent are about three things:

✦ This is a time of **reflection** upon the choices that we are making. *What kind of person am I growing into?*

✦ This is an opportunity to begin to take **responsibility** for our faith. *Is Jesus important to me and do I ask his help to become a better person?*

✦ This is a time of preparation to **receive** God's love and mercy in a particular way through the sacrament of Penance. *Am I ready to say to God, "I need your help to be loving and kind and generous"?*

If this is true for these children, it is also true for us. Lent is a time to reflect, a time to take responsibility for our actions or inaction, and a time to prepare to receive God's love and mercy. The three pillars of Lent are prayer, fasting and almsgiving. We commit ourselves to praying a little more, consuming a little less, and giving to others more freely and generously.

These children do not journey alone towards the celebration of reconciliation; they journey with the whole community towards the new life that Easter offers us. Let us prayer for them and let us pray for each other that this Lenten time may truly be "a time of grace and reconciliation".

Fr. Anthony

The Wisdom of Pope Francis

I urge the members of the Church to take up the Lenten journey with enthusiasm, sustained by almsgiving, fasting and prayer. If, at times, the flame of charity seems to die in our own hearts, know that this is never the case in the heart of God! He constantly gives us a chance to begin loving anew.

Clayfield Conversations

PROJECT COMPASSION
FOR A JUST FUTURE



Lent has begun. Project Compassion enables us to contribute to creating a better world for others through our weekly giving. Each week during Lent, we will share a story from different parts of the world. This week we meet Janaki from Nepal.

Janaki from Nepal

All our readings today remind us of the faithfulness of God and God's desire that we participate and be in relationship with all creation. The second reading from the first letter of St Peter highlights Jesus' mission: to lead us to God. In the Gospel story of the tempting of Jesus in the desert, a version of which is proclaimed every year on this first Sunday of Lent, we learn of Jesus' 'stay' in the wilderness.

In biblical times the wilderness or the desert is often 'code' for a time of searching, even challenge. If we think about the desert, we imagine a dangerous place, a lonely place where people get lost and confused. The wind blows and the whole landscape changes. It is also the place where our God who is ever faithful and always present speaks into our hearts in the silence and loneliness of our own desert experiences. The Caritas Australia *Project Compassion* story this week tells us of Janaki. Her story suggests that she too has experienced a time of wilderness in her life. She grew up in a world of poverty and disadvantage in Nepal and was forced to marry at an early age.

Janaki made a number of choices that put her on the path to a better future. She joined a youth club where she took part in training and was encouraged to follow her dream of having her own sewing business. She took a loan from the youth club to purchase her first sewing machine and two years on, Janaki is living a life of independence and influence. She has 11 sewing machines and is running her own business, as well as teaching others how to sew. She is considered a role model in the community. Janaki was committed to following her dream of having her own business.

With the supportive relationships of Caritas Australia's partners, Caritas Nepal and Ekata Foundation Surkhet, Janaki gained the confidence and the skills that empowered her to support herself and her family. In the words of her mother Khima, "due to her we are able to live a happy life." The *Project Compassion* theme is 'A Just Future'. For Janaki and others in her community, a just future started with empowerment. Janaki's story reminds us of the words of Pope Francis when speaking to young people he said, 'let us not be satisfied with a mediocre life. Be amazed by what is true and beautiful, what is God.'

WORLD DAY OF PRAYER - Friday 2 March

Our Lady Help of Christians, Mother of Mercy Parish is the Clayfield/Hamilton Committee host for World Day of Prayer Australia 2018. We thank God for the small and beautiful country **Suriname** *All of God's Creation is Very Good!* We would love to see as many parishioners from the Anglican, Baptist, Catholic, Presbyterian and Uniting Church in Australia communities in the Clayfield/Hamilton area join us in this world wide ecumenical prayer event. A service will be held at

Our Lady Help of Christians at 10.00am on Friday 2 March 2018, 9 Bowman Street, Hendra

with morning tea afterwards in OLHC Parish Hall from 11.00am onwards. All offers of assistance are warmly welcomed.

Please contact Mary Nicholls on 0408080723 or alternatively OLHC Parish Office 3268 3040 for further information & assistance coordination. <http://www.worlddayofprayeraustralia.org/world-day-of-prayer/wdp-2018/>



VOLUNTEERS NEEDED

We are looking for volunteers to join our Children's Liturgy Team. The ministry is open to all over the age of 18. (A blue card will be organised for you if you do not already have one). Each session is run by two adults, one to facilitate and the other to assist. You will only be needed once or twice a term and not at all in school holidays.

No experience necessary. Session content is provided.

If you would like to assist please email: clayfield@bne.catholic.net.au or phone the parish office on 3262 2859



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>

In our prayers we remember



Those who have died recently :

Sarina Caruso, Joan Maggs, Raymond Angus

Those whose anniversaries occur about now:

Fr Brendan Dooley, Myrtle, Les & Arthur Brumpton, Sr Marcella Claffey, Fr Vincent Rowan

Those who are sick:

Lorraine Douglas, Shirley Odenhal, Gordon Hodge, Maureen Long, Anne Seymour, Margaret-Mary Hayes, James Elliott, Paul Gaynor, Camille Butler-Storms, Mary Ann Marcelo, Isabel Leddick, Carmel Elms, Helen Orosz, Lisa Bowes, Sophia Horrocks, Mario Di Filippo, Norma Fiore, Joan Healy, Dell McHugh, Fr Michael Cooney, Ken Kipping, Paul White, Edward Clark, Joyce Rodgers, Carmel See, Regina Hwan, Val Boevinlic, Deanne Du Bour, Melissa Waka, Agnes Tam, Kerri Smith, Ann Tully, Patrick Gallagher, Eileen Clarke, Mel Purwo, Hellen Passente

PARISH CENTENARY RECOLLECTIONS BOOK – DO YOU HAVE SOMETHING TO SHARE?

Commemorating our Parish Centenary is all about the people of our Parish, past and present. We need your stories, memories, photographs, snippets, recipes. We will be collecting your contributions at each of the Masses over the next weeks. All contributions are welcome – even if it is only a few lines!

The Book of Parish Recollections will not be the same without YOUR contribution.

Please pass this onto those who have left the Parish – we would love to hear from them too.

The Book Team: stagathascentenarybook@gmail.com

As part of our centenary at St Agatha's, we are also planning to celebrate 100 years of *tying the knot* at the parish. By sending in your wedding image, you will have a chance to be part of a commemorative poster to mark the centenary. So if you were married at the church or know someone who was, feel free to email your wedding shot (at the church) to stagathasweddings@gmail.com. Please use the following wording in the subject line of the email: "WEDDING - (YOUR SURNAME)". This will make it easier for us to keep a track of the photos. Please also include the names of the couple, their wedding date and a contact number in the email so we can get in touch. Some images may be used on our social media platforms. If you have any questions, please feel free to call Ainsley Crutcher on 0417792212.

DATE CLAIMER – “CARITAS KITCHEN”

Aggies Youth will be holding another Caritas Kitchen this year on Sunday 18 March. For the price of a donation join us after the 5.30pm Mass for a tasty dinner. This year we would like to experiment with more international cuisine. If anyone would like to help us cook up some interesting dishes for the night please let me know. Please contact Anne O'Connor 0419796988 or 32566013.

STATIONS OF THE CROSS

Stations of the Cross will be held every Friday during Lent at 8.30am.



With great joy we welcome **Samuel O'Neill** who will be baptised this weekend.

After John had been arrested, Jesus came to Galilee proclaiming the gospel of God....” - Mark 1:14



FIRST SUNDAY OF LENT

In Nepal, a Caritas Australia supported program has helped Janaki turn her life of poverty and disadvantage around. She is now running her own successful sewing business and has become a role model in her community. **Please donate to Project Compassion 2018 and empower vulnerable young people like Janaki in Nepal to build a just future for themselves, their families and their communities.**

A Just Future starts with your support! You can donate through Parish boxes and envelopes, by visiting www.caritas.org.au/projectcompassion or phoning 1800 024 413.

Envelopes and Compassion boxes will be given out after each Mass.



THE LITTLE KINGS'S MOVEMENT APPEAL - Next weekend 24/25 February

The Little King's Movement once a year conducts a Door Knock and a Parish Appeal. The Movement caters for people with disabilities in social and spiritual activities. There is no Government funding and the Movement is staffed by volunteers. Each year the calls for their services are increasing. The Movement, though based on Catholic beliefs is truly ecumenical, and all members are welcomed and respected for their own beliefs. There is no charge for any of the services provided by the Movement. **Envelopes will be available next weekend.**

THE LITTLE BLACK BOOK *Six-minute reflections on the Passion according to Mark.*

For sale at the Piety Stall for \$4.00 each.

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

5.00pm

7.00am

9.00am

5.30pm

READERS:

17/18 Feb	Edward Foley Ann Goves	Kirsty Stevens Helen Roberts	Amrita Moss Joseph O'Brien Don Macpherson	Life Teen Mass
24/25 Feb	Graham Gibson Julie-Anne Gibson	Mark Burton Jeanine Bygott	Volunteer Trish Ryan Clare Smethurst	Life Teen Mass

COMMUNION MINISTERS:

17/18 Feb	Deborah Hall	Volunteer	Erin Bledsoe	Life Teen Mass
24/25 Feb	Ann Goves	Paulette Archer	Volunteer	Life Teen Mass

ORGANISTS:

17/18 Feb	Volunteer	Robyn Cuming	Jenny McKeon	Life Teen Mass
24/25 Feb	Volunteer	Volunteer	Robyn Cuming	Life Teen Mass

ALTAR SERVERS:

17/18 Feb	Joe Douglas	Volunteer/s	Bart Marino Amelia Marino	Tia Manuel Sharon Mathew
24/25 Feb	Volunteer/s	Volunteer/s	Volunteer/s	Volunteer/s

CHILDREN'S LITURGY:

18 Feb			Julie Kordic & Ewa Marino-Cebulski	
25 Feb			Ewan McPherson & Lisa Sos	

SANCTUARY CARERS:

4 Mar	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.



PREP 2019 SIBLING ENROLMENTS

All sibling applications for PREP 2019 close Friday 16 February.

Please contact the enrolment secretary if you have a sibling for prep 2019

wkwhite@bne.catholic.edu.au Ph: 3326 9222

ST AGATHA'S PRIMARY SCHOOL - OPEN DAY
Friday 16 March 2018 | 9am - 10.30am

CENTACARE

Pastoral Ministries

The following brochures are available at the back of the Church.

Centacare Pastoral Ministries
and
Hospital Pastoral Care

Date Claimer - Centenary High Tea
Sunday 10 June 2018

Position Vacant – Administration Officer

Applications are open for a position at Catholic Psychiatric Pastoral Care. A person who is spiritually mature and a pastoral person who is both an efficient office administrator with excellent computer skills and be able to relate and converse with a range of professional practitioners, volunteer pastoral carers and with people suffering from a mental health issue is required for a full time position of Administration Officer for 37.5 hours a week.

For additional information, please visit the Archdiocese of Brisbane website <https://brisbanecatholic.org.au/> and to careers.

The Archdiocese of Brisbane has standards of conduct for employees and volunteers to maintain a safe and healthy environment.

Our commitment to these standards requires that we conduct background referencing for all persons who will engage in direct and regular involvement with children, young people and/or vulnerable adults.



CHRISM MASS

Archbishop Mark Coleridge invites you to the Annual Chrism Mass to be held in the Cathedral of St Stephen on **Thursday 22 March 2018** commencing at 7.00pm. This is a celebration for the entire Archdiocese and all are welcome.



ST AGATHA'S CENTENARY WINE / MERCHANDISE

If you would like to order a bottle/case of St Agatha's Centenary Wine or Centenary Merchandise or perhaps order one of our "great" valued packs, please complete order forms found on table at the back of the church and email to Parish Office.

Readings - Second Sunday of Lent - 25 February 2018

1st Reading: Genesis 22:1-2, 9-13, 15-18; 2nd Reading: Romans 8:31-34; Gospel: Mark 9:2-10