



# ST. AGATHA'S PARISH

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**Office Hours:** Monday - Friday: 8.00am to 12.30pm and 1.30 pm to 4.30pm  
 (Please note: the Office is closed between 12.30 - 1.30pm)

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**School Principal:** Mrs Carol Sayers **APRE:** Mr Nick Fogarty **Outside School Hours Care Coordinator:** Ashleigh Stacpoole

## Sixth Sunday in Ordinary Time (Yr. B) - 11<sup>th</sup> February 2018

### Readings

**1st Reading:** Leviticus 13:1-2, 44-46; **2nd Reading:** 1 Corinthians 10:31-11:1; **Gospel:** Mark 1:40-45

### WEEKDAY MASSES

**Monday 12 February:** 6.30am

**Wednesday 14 February:**

6.30am, 9am

Ash Wednesday

**Thursday 15 February:** 9am

**Friday 16 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 12<sup>th</sup>

Community & Mission Council  
 Meeting 7pm Parish Office

##### • Tuesday 13<sup>th</sup>

Reconciliation - Parent night  
 6.30pm APAC (School)

##### • Wednesday 14<sup>th</sup>

Ash Wednesday Masses 6.30am  
 and 9am (with school community)

##### • Friday 16<sup>th</sup>

Stations of the Cross 8.30am

##### • Saturday 17<sup>th</sup>/Sunday 18<sup>th</sup>

Caritas - Project Compassion  
 Introduction Weekend

##### • Sunday 18<sup>th</sup> 9am Mass

Reconciliation - Enrolment

##### • Monday 19<sup>th</sup>

SVPD Meeting 5pm Parish Office



*A leper came to Jesus and pleaded on his knees: 'If you want to,' he said, 'you can cure me.' Feeling sorry for him, Jesus stretched out his hand and touched him.*

Dear Friends,

What a marvellous celebration last Sunday was. Again, my thanks to all who had a hand in organising the day, and all who participated in the celebration. We managed to raise \$100.00 for "Mummy's Wish", which supports the children of those who suffer from breast cancer. Last Sunday was just the beginning of our centenary year, and I hope that we continue to build monument throughout the year, culminating with our centenary Mass in August and our ball in September. It was wonderful to see so many of our school families celebrating, and one of my hopes for this year is that we can strengthen the bonds which already exist between our school and parish. Don't forget our centenary memorabilia — there is a dazzling array of items and when you purchase any of the items, you help our fund-raising activity which will go towards updating our AV equipment. Our stained-glass window project is still in the hands of the Brisbane City Council as we await their decision regarding an exemption which would allow us to replace our heritage listed circular air vents with new circular stained-glass windows.

The year continues with some more immediate liturgical events. Ash Wednesday is commemorated this coming Wednesday. There will be two Masses in the parishes: **6:30am and 9am** (with the school community). This weekend, after each of the Masses, we will burn the palms from last year's Palm Sunday and the ashes will be used for Ash Wednesday. Please gather outside after each of the Masses for a short ritual. Ash Wednesday is traditionally a day of fast and abstinence. Fasting means limiting ourselves to one substantial meal during the day and, abstinence means refraining from meat. Of course, these obligations do not apply to the very young, the elderly or the sick. Don't forget to collect your Project Compassion envelopes, which supports the work of Caritas within Australia and around the world. Almsgiving, along with prayer and fasting, form the three great pillars of Lent. This Sunday evening we are celebrating our annual "Re-Connect 7" Mass when we invite those who completed their schooling at St. Agatha's last year, and the boys who left that year level in Grade 4. I hope that all our returning families feel welcomed and enjoy the pizzas afterwards.

*Fr. Anthony*

### The Wisdom of Pope Francis

If this leper broke the law, Jesus did likewise by touching the man and cleansing him of the disease. The Lord's example teaches us not to be afraid to reach out and touch the poor and the needy in our midst. The Lord invites each of us to feel our own need and to ask for his healing touch and let our lives proclaim his gift of mercy.

## Clayfield Conversations

*This year, Archbishop Mark Coleridge has published his Pastoral Letter in the lead-up to Lent.*

### **BEGINNING THE JOURNEY TO LENT: A WORD FROM ARCHBISHOP MARK**



*Greetings of peace to you all as we look towards Lent and to Easter that lies beyond.*

Last December, the Royal Commission into Institutional Responses to Child Sexual Abuse handed down its final report, as you know. Like the Australian Government and many other institutions, the Catholic bishops of Australia and leaders of religious institutes are currently studying the final report and its recommendations.

In the long years since the tragedy of child sexual abuse within the Catholic community became known, the Church has committed to policies, procedures and structures to respond better to survivors of abuse and their families, to establish professional standards for all ministers and Church workers, and to safeguard children and vulnerable people in every way. For the Church, as for other institutions, this has involved gradual learning and development, and so it will continue to be.

Through these years, Australia's bishops and other Church leaders have often expressed their sorrow and have offered their apology for what has occurred in the past – the harm suffered by victims, the instances of cover-up, the failure to believe survivors' stories and to respond with compassion and justice, and the distress that many still experience. Our apologies have at time seemed too little – not because they were insincere but because trust has been broken. So we stand firm in our resolve to ensure that the abuse of children never happens again in the Catholic Church and to build new bonds of trust.

With the Royal Commission concluded, our country and our Church enter into a new moment. We are calling upon the Catholic community in Australia to embrace the new moment by beginning this penitential season of Lent with three days of fasting and reparation. Ash Wednesday, the Thursday following and the Friday following. So Wednesday, Thursday, Friday. Now these are spiritual practices which express our desire for God's reconciling and healing grace. Through fasting, we stand in solidarity with the victims of abuse whose much deeper hunger is for healing and peace in their lives. Through reparation, we make amends for the sin of those in the Church who abused children or failed to listen and act when they should have.

The days of fasting and reparation in sorrow for child sexual abuse and for the healing of victims will be marked by prayer – in our homes and in our Catholic communities. *The bishops have produced special resources for these days, and they have been distributed to the parishes for use far and wide; they will also be available on the Archdiocesan website.* Please take to heart the importance of these days in preparing the *whole* Church to respond to the recommendations of the Royal Commission and to make the great journey from Ash Wednesday to Easter. We can't undo the past. But we can, with God's help, make the future better.

*Archbishop Mark Coleridge*

### **“IT TAKES A VILLAGE TO BUILD A COMMUNITY”**

*Thank you to all of the following people who helped make St Agatha's Feast Day such a wonderful celebration:*

Father Anthony, Fr Prem, Peter Bowden, Jane Cameron, Rosemary Greer, Erin Bledsoe, Mary-Caroline van Paassen, Julianne & Dominic Ryan, Liz O'Connor, Geraldine Swindells, Amrita Moss, Cate Barrett, Helen Roberts, Eileen & Jim Duncan, Julie Kordic, Ainsley Crutcher, Julia Copley, Anita Fogg, Donald Cameron, James Benjamin, David Schlect, Charles Kirby, Mel & Gary Lillicrap, Anne-Marie & Tim Quinn, Gloria & Rupert Lee, Monica & Sean McBride, Sabrina Menkens, Tracey Pate, Jane Pyle, AOK Youth Group, Kerrie McEwan, Christine Iannarella, Eleonora Kowitz, Regina Cotter, Ewan McPherson, Billy, Dash & Sam Crutcher.

### **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/>



## *In our prayers we remember*



### *Those who have died recently:*

Sarina Caruso, Joan Maggs, Raymond Angus, Ron Walker

### *Those whose anniversaries occur about now:*

Myrtle, Les & Arthur Brumpton, Sr Marcella Claffey, Fr Vincent Rowan, Daphne Mellor

### *Those who are sick:*

Shirley Odenhal, Gordon Hodge, Maureen Long, Anne Seymour, Bev O'Brien, Margaret-Mary Hayes, James Elliott, Paul Gaynor, Lorraine Atkinson-McEwen, 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](mailto: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](mailto: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.

## **ST AGATHA'S PARISH SACRAMENTAL PROGRAM - 2018**

Reconciliation - *For children in Grade 5*

**ENROLMENT NEXT WEEKEND: 18 February 9.00am Mass only**

Enrolment forms available from the Parish Office.

1<sup>st</sup> Rite of Reconciliation: 17 March 4pm & 18 March 4.30pm

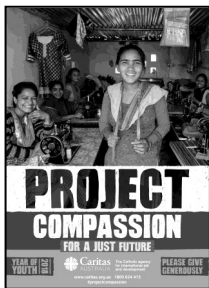
For further information call Jane Cameron at the parish office: 3262 2859

## **STATIONS OF THE CROSS**

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



This pink bag was found last Sunday. Please contact the Parish Office 3262 2859, if it belongs to you.



Please take home a Project Compassion box and/or a set of donation envelopes and support Caritas Australia this Lenten season themed "A Just Future".

**Envelopes and Compassion boxes will be given out after each Mass.** You will be empowering young people 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, or by phoning 1800 024 413 or visiting [www.caritas.org.au/projectcompassion](http://www.caritas.org.au/projectcompassion).



## **LENTEN REFLECTION GROUP (14 February - 28 March)**

"*Blessed + Broken*" is the title of this year's Lenten program. The Lenten reflection group will commence on Wednesday 14 February, 7pm Parish Office, and will continue each Wednesday until 28 March. Please call or email Parish Office if you are interested in attending. Each meeting runs for approx. 80 minutes.

## **DAY TIME LENTEN REFLECTION GROUP - "Blessed + Broken"**

A (day time) Lenten reflection group, facilitated by Sister Cecily Foster will commence on Thursday 15 February, 9.30am at the Parish Office and will continue for six weeks.

Please call or email Parish Office if you are interested in attending.

**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:**

10/11 Feb	Marian Nolan Cate Barrett	Annette Riba Jenny Close	St Agatha's P26 Mass	Life Teen Mass
17/18 Feb	Edward Foley Ann Goves	Kirsty Stevens Helen Roberts	Amrita Moss Joseph O'Brien Don Macpherson	Life Teen Mass

**COMMUNION MINISTERS:**

10/11 Feb	Edward Foley	Helen Roberts	<i>Volunteer</i>	Life Teen Mass
17/18 Feb	Deborah Hall	<i>Volunteer</i>	Erin Bledsoe	Life Teen Mass

**ORGANISTS:**

10/11 Feb	<i>Volunteer</i>	<i>Volunteer</i>	Robyn Cuming/ Paul Fiumara	Life Teen Mass
17/18 Feb	<i>Volunteer</i>	<i>Volunteer</i>	Jenny McKeon	Life Teen Mass

**ALTAR SERVERS:**

10/11 Feb	Eve Ryan Claire Ryan	Lachlan Hinneberg	Bridget Birchley <i>Volunteer</i>	Caitlin Marshall Ella Shepherd
17/18 Feb	Joe Douglas	<i>Volunteer/s</i>	Bart Marino Amelia Marino	Tia Manuel Sharon Mathew

**CHILDREN'S LITURGY:**

11 Feb  
18 Feb  
*No Children's Liturgy - P26 Mass*  
Julie Kordic & Ewa Marino-Cebulski

**SANCTUARY CARERS:**

17 Feb  
Beverley O'Brien

**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.

**PREP 2019 SIBLING ENROLMENTS**

If you have a child born between 1/7/13– 30/6/14, they are eligible to commence Prep in 2019. All enrolment applications are to be completed on-line via our website: [www.stagathasclyfield.qld.edu.au](http://www.stagathasclyfield.qld.edu.au). All sibling applications for Prep 2019 close on Friday 16 February, 2018.

Do a quick check of your priorities. Where does God rank in that list? If He's not first, you have some work to do. Putting God first in everything helps us from putting other "gods" (like our pride and ego, money and possessions to name a few) before God. Before making a decision, ask yourself I'm I going this for the glory of God or for the glory of me?



The Ceremonial Cross which is carried up the aisle at the commencement of Mass was given in memory of Craig Andrews, at Father Rowan's request, by the Andrews Family. Craig was a particular friend of Fr Rowan and they held many interesting meetings and animated conversations throughout Craig's 3 year battle with cancer, during his years 10, 11 and 12 at St Joseph's College Gregory Terrace. He was an Altar Server from 1970-1978, and to put it in Fr Rowan's words... a very diligent one, always turning up on time, even for the weekly 6am Masses in winter. Yes, there was a 6am Mass every day of the week in those days.



**Please note that the Caritas Australia event 'An Evening with Psyche Mae' on 13 February 2018 at 7pm at the Father Denis Power Building, 333 Given Terrace, Paddington has been cancelled. Apologies for any inconvenience caused.**



**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 - First Sunday of Lent - 18 February 2018**

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