

# ST. AGATHA'S PARISH

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## Fourth Sunday of Lent (Yr. B) - 11<sup>th</sup> March 2018

### Readings

**1st Reading:** 2 Chronicles 36:14-16, 19-23; **2nd Reading:** Ephesians 2:4-10; **Gospel:** John 3:14-21

### WEEKDAY MASSES

**Monday 12 March:** 6.30am

**Wednesday 14 March:** 9am

**Thursday 15 March:** 9am

*Year 3 Class Mass*

**Friday 16 March:** 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

#### MARCH

• **Monday 12<sup>th</sup>**

Community & Mission Council Meeting 7pm Parish Office

• **Wednesday 14<sup>th</sup>**

Lenten Group 7pm Parish Office

• **Thursday 15<sup>th</sup>**

Lenten Group 9.30am Parish Office

Choir Practice 6pm

• **Friday 16<sup>th</sup>**

Stations of the Cross 8.30am

• **Sunday 18<sup>th</sup>**

Caritas Kitchen - after 5.30pm Mass

• **Monday 19<sup>th</sup>**

SVDP Meeting 5pm Parish Office

• **Tuesday 20<sup>th</sup>**

2nd Rite of Reconciliation



*For by grace you have been saved through faith, and this is not your own doing; it is the gift of God. This is not the result of works, so that no one may boast. For we are what he has made us, created in Christ Jesus for good works.*

Dear Friends,

Easter is fast approaching and, therefore, we have some important celebrations coming-up. Firstly, around 60 of our children will be celebrating their First Reconciliation. These children have been preparing during the 9am Mass over the course of Lent, and will receive the Sacrament of Penance over next weekend and on Tuesday evening. These children remind us of the power of the sacrament which puts us at rights with God and others. Our parish Second Rite will be celebrated on Tuesday, 20<sup>th</sup> March at 7pm. Please put these date aside and gather with other members of the parish to be reconciled. If you haven't experienced this celebration previously, make a special effort to come this year. May we all lighten the burdens that we carry so that, in peace and joy, we can celebrate the Easter season.

I would also encourage you to make a special effort to join us for our Triduum celebrations, and in particular, the beautiful liturgy of Holy Thursday night. Again, if you have not experienced a Holy Thursday liturgy before, why not come along this Holy Thursday? The liturgy includes the ritual of the washing of the feet and is always filled with a special prayer atmosphere. It is also the best time to return our Project Compassion contributions which will form part of our procession of the gifts. Holy Thursday can be a busy time with the rush of Easter upon us, but Holy Thursday night can focus our minds differently and help us truly enter into the spirit of these sacred days. I encourage you to share with this community as many of the Easter ceremonies as possible.

Don't forget that we are also asking for your contributions to our parish centenary recollections book. Any and all personal memories are important, so let us put pen-to-paper or fingers-to-the-keyboard, and generate a wonderful collection of personal stories which becomes a living memory of the community of St. Agatha's. There will be more information about how you can help at all our parish Masses this weekend, as well as details inside the parish newsletter.

*Fr. Anthony*

### The Wisdom of Pope Francis

Above all, 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! God constantly gives us a chance to begin loving anew.

## Clayfield Conversations

### PROJECT COMPASSION FOR A JUST FUTURE



*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 Evangeline from Australia.*

### Evangeline from Australia

**A JUST FUTURE  
STARTS WITH  
CULTURE**



The symbolism in today's readings remind us of the richness of God's mercy and grace. The first reading recalls the struggles of the people of God to remain faithful to God and to remember God's promises to them through the prophets. The role of the prophet in biblical times was to preserve in the people the reality that they were precious in God's eyes and that God was always present with them. In the Gospel today we see Jesus speaking with Nicodemus. The same Nicodemus we are told a few verses earlier, who came to Jesus by night [John 3:10-12]. In the scriptures night is often associated with secrecy and darkness. In contrast, later in John's Gospel, Jesus tells us he is the "light of the world." As the Church continuously revisits the long history of God's relationship with God's people, Caritas Australia takes this opportunity to revisit and explore the impact of its relationships. We first heard about Evangeline, a young First Australian woman a couple of years ago. She lives in the remote community of Beswick in the Northern Territory. Evangeline's work is, of itself, life-giving for her and her community. She helps to preserve and bring into the light her own precious gifts and talents and the art and culture of her people. We are blessed by their willingness to share their gifts with the broader Australian community. In doing this, like St Paul reminds us, we are "God's work of art".

Evangeline is strengthening Aboriginal culture, while making a living for herself and creating opportunities for her community. Featured in Project Compassion 2016, Evangeline was employed by the Caritas Australia supported Djilpin Arts Aboriginal Corporation and quickly rose to the role of Senior Artswoker. Her work at Djilpin Arts has supported the organisation's growth from a multi-media project to a multi-level contemporary arts and culture centre. An example of excellence in Indigenous tourism, it's now a key employer for young people in Beswick (Wugularr). This year, in 2018, Evangeline is busy guiding tourists, coordinating cultural activities and helping community members to practice and market their arts, such as weaving and jewellery-making. "Now we have a new gallery up. And we have our new kitchens, we look after these and we now maintain this to make sure it's running okay and in good condition. We're also trying to open up another tour for tourists to go around the waterfall, we're just planning that now." Evangeline's career has flourished and she has become an inspirational youth leader. Evangeline says that Caritas Australia's support for Djilpin Arts, through Project Compassion, is vital for all Wugularr's young people. Although their families do their best to pass on knowledge, Elders are dying and she is keen to spearhead the preservation of culture and lore for future generations. "It's good for them to learn and to keep their culture strong," Evangeline says. Just as Evangeline is shining a light on her culture and lore for future generations, we can ask ourselves: how are we living in Christ's light?

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### SCHOOL NEWS

#### **UPCOMING EVENTS**

#### **SAY NO TO BULLYING LAUNCH**

We will be involved in the "Say No to Bullying" campaign that will be held in March, with our Launch on Tuesday 13 March at afternoon assembly. We do not tolerate bullying at St Agatha's, and we positively work towards supporting good choices in children's interactions with each other. All parents are welcome to our launch.

#### **OPEN DAY**

Our annual Open Day will be held on Friday 16 March from 8.40am - 10.30am. School tours will be held with our Year 6 leaders, and the choir will perform for our guests. Peace to you and your family, *Carol Sayers, Principal*



### **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 **16 April, 7.30pm to 9pm** at St Agatha's Parish Office 52 Oriel Road.

Please use the *pink* brochures to invite people you know.

For more information, please contact Lisa on 0418 734 147



## In our prayers we remember

### Those whose anniversaries occur about now:

Valma Jones, Gene & Lou Bartels, Fraser Ross, Thomas McVeigh

### Those who are sick:

Warwick Jones, 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](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.

### **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. We can make a difference to vulnerable and marginalised people around the world. You can donate on the night or at <https://fundraise.caritas.org.au/fundraisers/aggiesyouth>.

### **FOURTH SUNDAY OF LENT**



Evangeline featured in Project Compassion 2016. With the support of Caritas Australia, she has risen to the role of Senior Artsworker at Djilpin Arts Aboriginal Corporation, now a multi-level contemporary arts centre and major employer for young people in her remote Northern Territory community.

**Please donate to Project Compassion 2018 and help provide employment and training for First Australians, allowing them to remain on country and keep their culture alive, essential for a just future.** You can donate through Parish boxes and envelopes, by visiting [www.caritas.org.au/projectcompassion](http://www.caritas.org.au/projectcompassion) or phoning 1800 024 413. Envelopes available on the seats.



### **HOLY WEEK MASSES 2018**

**Monday 26 March** - 6.30am Mass

**Wednesday 28 March** - 9.00am Mass

**Holy Thursday 29 March**

7.00pm Mass of the Lord's Supper

**Good Friday 30 March**

10.00am Stations of the Cross

3.00pm Celebration of the  
Lord's Passion

**Holy Saturday 31 March**

7.00pm Easter Vigil

**Easter Sunday 1 April**

7.00am and 9.00am Mass

**Please Note: NO 5.30pm Mass**

**Easter Monday 2 April**

9.00am Mass

### **ROSTERS FOR EASTER**

Are you available to be on roster for Palm Sunday or at any of the Easter Masses? Please fill in the sheets on the clipboard at the back of the Church.

**Planned Giving Envelopes will be ready for collection  
next weekend 17/18 March**



Happy birthday  
Fr Anthony  
for Sunday 11<sup>th</sup>

Hope you enjoy your day!!!  
Best wishes and God bless from all  
at St Agatha's.

**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 Mar Marian Nolan Aleira Egan St Agatha's P26 Mass Life Teen Mass  
Ann Goves Sr Cecily Foster

17/18 Mar Katrina Murphy Anne O'Connor Ryan Smethurst Life Teen Mass  
Lauren McMullan Annette Riba Eileen Duncan  
Tim Hancock

**COMMUNION MINISTERS:**

10/11 Mar Edward Foley Volunteer Julianne Ryan Life Teen Mass  
17/18 Mar Deborah Hall Volunteer Erin Bledsoe Life Teen Mass

**ORGANISTS:**

10/11 Mar Volunteer Volunteer Robyn Cuming & Life Teen Mass  
Paul Fiumara  
17/18 Mar Volunteer Volunteer Jenny McKeon Life Teen Mass

**ALTAR SERVERS:**

10/11 Mar Billy Crutcher Joe Douglas St Agatha's P26 Mass Sophia Lazzarini  
Dash Crutcher Max Lazzarini

17/18 Mar Eve Ryan Volunteer/s Charlotte Shepherd Caitlin Marshall  
Claire Ryan Felicity Shepherd Ella Shepherd

**CHILDREN'S LITURGY:**

11 Mar  
18 Mar No Children's Liturgy - P26 Mass  
Katrina Murphy & Naoko Leotta

**SANCTUARY CARERS:**

17 Mar 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.

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

**2nd Rite of Reconciliation**  
Tuesday 20 March 7pm



**CHOIR PRACTICE FOR EASTER**  
Thursday 15 March 6.00pm - 7.00pm in the Church. New members welcome.

**EASTER RAFFLE**

\$2.00 a ticket or  
3 tickets for \$5.00.  
Drawn Easter Sunday.

**Date Claimer**

Centenary High Tea  
Sunday 10 June 2018

"For God so loved the world that he gave his only Son..." - John 3:16

**RELIGIOUS INSTRUCTION**

Help needed with teaching Religious Instruction at Eagle Junction State School. Classes take place on Tuesday and Wednesday afternoons. Is God calling you to share your love and knowledge of God to the next generation? If you can give half an hour or an hour a week to these beautiful and extremely well behaved children, you will receive more than you give. Training can be provided, or you can assist an experienced teacher if you have never done it before. Please call Genevieve 3256 7493; 0434 284 251 for more information.

**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 - Fifth Sunday of Lent - 18 March 2018**

**1st Reading: Jeremiah 31:31-34; 2nd Reading: Hebrews 5:7-9; Gospel: John 12:20-33**