

# ST. AGATHA'S PARISH

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**Office Hours:** Monday - Friday: 8.00am to 12.30pm and 1.30 pm to 4.30pm  
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**School Principal:** Mrs Carol Sayers **APRE:** Mr Nick Fogarty **Outside School Hours Care Coordinator:** Ashleigh Stacpoole

## Second Sunday of Lent (Yr. B) - 25<sup>th</sup> February 2018

### Readings

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

### WEEKDAY MASSES

**Monday 26 February:** 6.30am

**Wednesday 28 February:** 9am

**Thursday 1 March:** 9am

*Year 4 Class Mass*

**Friday 2 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*

#### FEBRUARY

- **Wednesday 28<sup>th</sup>**

Lenten Group 7pm Parish Office

#### MARCH

- **Thursday 1<sup>st</sup>**

Lenten Group 9.30am Parish Office

- **Friday 2<sup>nd</sup>**

Stations of the Cross 8.30am

- **Monday 5<sup>th</sup>**

SVDP Meeting 5pm Parish Office

- **Sunday 11<sup>th</sup>**

P26 Mass 9am

- **Monday 12<sup>th</sup>**

Community & Mission Council Meeting 7pm Parish Office

- **Sunday 18<sup>th</sup>**

Caritas Kitchen - after 5.30pm Mass

- **Tuesday 20<sup>th</sup>**

2nd Rite Reconciliation 7pm



*Jesus took with him Peter and James and John, and led them up a high mountain apart, by themselves. And he was transfigured before them, and his clothes became dazzling white, such as no one on earth could bleach them.*

Dear Friends,

This Sunday we offer a few welcomes to some newcomers. Firstly, we welcome Bahiya from Syria. You may remember that last year we raised money to support MDA's Work and Welcome program which helps refugees gain work experience in short-term placements. At the time, we raised enough money to fund a second placement, and so we have teamed-up with St. Rita's and St. Agatha's primary school again to offer another ten week placement to another trainee. Bahiya holds a Bachelor of Arts from Damascus University and speaks Arabic, English and French. Bahiya was forced to flee Syria with her young family because of the on-going and violent civil war. Even this week, the area of Eastern Ghouta, not too far from Damascus, continues to spiral into increasing brutality; over 250 people, including more than 50 children, have died in bombing raids during the last few days. We cannot change the past for Bahiya and her family, but we can support them into a more hopeful future. Thank you for your generosity in enabling Bahiya's placement in our parish office for the next ten weeks or so. Bahiya will be with us every Tuesday.

Secondly, we welcome three men from the seminary who will join us on their Sunday placements throughout the year at our 9am Mass. Tom Duncan, Emene Kelemete, and Josh Whitehead are all in their final year of seminary formation and, all going well, are towards diaconate ordination at the end of the year. Tom is preparing for Toowoomba diocese, Emene for Townsville diocese, and Josh for the Brisbane Archdiocese. Mostly, they will be visiting here as participants in Sunday Eucharist (9am), but over time they will be involved in various liturgical ministries, sacramental programs and the practice of preaching. I am sure that you will enjoy their presence here and that you will make them welcome.

Our supplies of centenary wines and merchandise are dwindling. Make sure that you have your order in before it is too late!

*Fr. Anthony*

### The Wisdom of Pope Francis

Between this beautiful Transfiguration and the Resurrection there will be another face of Jesus. There will be a face that's not so beautiful. There will be an ugly face, disfigured, tortured, despised and bloodied. Jesus' entire body is like something to throw away. Two transfigurations, and in the middle is Jesus Crucified, the Cross.



**RATTANAK, CAMBODIA**

Rattanak in Cambodia contracted polio as a child and also became deaf. The Deaf Development Program, supported by Caritas Australia, helped him become a barber and he is now supporting himself, his wife and baby.

*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 Rattanak from Cambodia.*

**Rattanak from Cambodia**

The readings invite us to reflect on the transformative power of seeing more clearly and listening more deeply. The love which unites Jesus and the Father is the same love which embraces us.

The readings also point to a call to discernment and a desire to learn about the blessings God showers on us. St Paul asks the powerful question “With God on our side, who can be against us?” When we recognise that God is for us, we are transformed.

Rattanak’s story featured this week by Caritas Australia’s Project Compassion gives us a glimpse into a story of courage and transformation. Rattanak is twenty-nine and a barber in the village of Poh Krom in south-eastern Cambodia. From fever and becoming ill with polio as a child, Rattanak has some difficulty walking and is profoundly deaf. His sister discovered the Deaf Development Program (DDP), run by

Caritas Australia partner, Maryknoll Cambodia. It provides sign language, job training and interpreting services to people aged 16 and over who are deaf or hard of hearing and aims to raise awareness about deafness in the hearing community. So far, it’s helped over 430 deaf or hard of hearing people with their education and more than 200 people to find jobs. It has also trained more than 300 people without deafness as sign language interpreters. Emerging from an isolated world at home in his early twenties, he gained skills at the Caritas supported Deaf Development Program. He can now use sign language to communicate and is now running a successful business, supporting himself, his wife and their newborn baby.

The program has been one of transformation for Rattanak. He can now understand and see the world in a whole new way. For Rattanak and other young people in his community, ‘a just future’ started with community. Listening to the scriptures today and to Rattanak’s story has the power to transform us. We can be partners in working for a just future for everyone.

VIEW A SHORT FILM ABOUT RATTANAK AT  
[www.caritas.org.au/projectcompassion](http://www.caritas.org.au/projectcompassion)

**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/> 

**YEAR OF YOUTH**

If you are 12-30 yrs old you are invited to participate in a North East Deanery survey to comment on your spiritual journey and the planning of a Deanery Retreat. The survey can be accessed at <https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/982NP9T> and on the Deanery Young Adults Facebook page <https://www.facebook.com/BNEDYA/> Survey will be completed by 1 March. Have your say!

**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 1<sup>st</sup> and 3<sup>rd</sup> 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 :

Jeanette Moore

### Those whose anniversaries occur about now:

Jack Bowden, Margaret Bowden, Lino Calabrese, Lucy & Salvatore Mangano, Fr Brendan Dooley

### 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: [stagathacentenarybook@gmail.com](mailto:stagathacentenarybook@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>.



### **SECOND SUNDAY OF LENT**

Rattanak in Cambodia contracted polio as a child and also became deaf. The Deaf Development Program, supported by Caritas Australia, helped him become a barber and he is now supporting himself, his wife and baby. **Please donate to Project Compassion 2018 and help deaf youth in Cambodia to build a just future, and live in communities that uphold everyone's**

**dignity. A Just Future starts with your support!** 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.**

### **STATIONS OF THE CROSS**

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

### **THE LITTLE KINGS'S MOVEMENT APPEAL - This weekend 24/25 February**

The Little King's Movement once a year conducts a Parish Appeal and a Door Knock supported by some Catholic Schools. 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. If at this time you are unable to help financially you may be able to give of your time or talents, if so please contact the Movement 3391 1432 or email: [lkm67@bigpond.net.au](mailto:lkm67@bigpond.net.au). **Envelopes available on the seats.**

### **RECONCILIATION PREPARATION PROGRAM 2018**

### **RECONCILIATION DATES**

3<sup>rd</sup> group session:  
Sunday 4 March 9am Mass  
Children to bring workbooks

4<sup>th</sup> group session:  
Sunday 11 March 9am Mass  
Children to bring workbooks

Saturday 17 March 4pm  
Sunday 18 March 4.30pm  
Tuesday 20 March 6pm



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

**5.00pm**

**7.00am**

**9.00am**

**5.30pm**

**READERS:**

24/25 Feb

Graham Gibson  
Julie-Anne Gibson

Mark Burton  
Jeanine Bygott

*Volunteer*  
Trish Ryan  
Clare Smethurst

Life Teen Mass

3/4 Mar

Eric van der List  
Phil Zammit

Andrew Douglas  
Jenny Close

Heidi Cooper  
Michael Crutcher  
Jane Arkininstall

Life Teen Mass

**COMMUNION MINISTERS:**

24/25 Feb

Ann Goves

Paulette Archer

*Volunteer*

Life Teen Mass

3/4 Mar

Jan Zammit

Helen Roberts

Christine Iannarella

Life Teen Mass

**ORGANISTS:**

24/25 Feb

*Volunteer*

*Volunteer*

Robyn Cuming

Life Teen Mass

3/4 Mar

*Volunteer*

*Volunteer*

Jenny McKeon

Life Teen Mass

**ALTAR SERVERS:**

24/25 Feb

*Volunteer/s*

*Volunteer/s*

*Volunteer/s*

*Volunteer/s*

3/4 Mar

Ella Shepherd

*Volunteer/s*

Xavier Coorey  
Dominic Coorey

Caitlin Marshall  
Alex Oliveri

**CHILDREN'S LITURGY:**

25 Feb

Ewan McPherson & Lisa Sos

4 Mar

Erin Bledsoe & Michelle Wille

**SANCTUARY CARERS:**

4 Mar

Victor Podesta

YEAR OF  
YOUTH  
2018

**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

**AUSTRALIAN CATHOLICS MAGAZINE**  
(Autumn 2018 issue) is now available.  
Please take a copy home

**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

At the 9.00am Mass this weekend we welcome year 6 students from Holy Spirit Seminary, Banyo:  
Tom Duncan (Toowoomba Diocese), Emene Kelemete (Townsville Diocese),  
Josh Whitehead (Brisbane Diocese).



**CHOIR PRACTICE FOR EASTER**

Thursday 1 March 6.00pm - 7.00pm in the Church. New members welcome



**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 - Third Sunday of Lent - 4 March 2018**

**1st Reading: Exodus 20:1-17; 2nd Reading: 1 Corinthians 1:22-25; Gospel: John 2:13-25**