

ST. AGATHA'S PARISH

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Third Sunday of Lent (Yr. B) - 4th March 2018

Readings

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

WEEKDAY MASSES

Monday 5 March: 6.30am

Wednesday 7 March: 9am

Thursday 8 March: 9am

Friday 9 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 5th**

SVDP Meeting 5pm Parish Office

• **Wednesday 7th**

Lenten Group 7pm Parish Office

• **Thursday 8st**

Lenten Group 9.30am Parish Office

• **Friday 9th**

Stations of the Cross 8.30am

• **Sunday 11th**

P26 Mass 9am

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Youth Ministry Meeting 6.30pm Parish Office

• **Monday 12th**

Community & Mission Council Meeting 7pm Parish Office

• **Sunday 18th**

Caritas Kitchen - after 5.30pm Mass



Making a whip of cords, he drove all of them out of the temple, both the sheep and the cattle. He also poured out the coins of the money changers and overturned their tables. He told those who were selling the doves, "Take these things out of here! Stop making my Father's house a marketplace!"

Dear Friends,

To understand the scandal and nervousness that unrest around the Temple caused, it is essential to understand the importance of the Temple to the economic life of Jerusalem. The Temple provided the two major sources of income for the citizens of Jerusalem and both are alluded to in this gospel reading. King Herod began a project to re-build the Temple in 19 BC and this undertaking lasted for eighty years. It is estimated to have employed almost 20 000 workers. Disturbances in the Temple area had the potential to raise the suspicions of the Romans and delay the work of re-construction, if not halt it permanently. Jewish leaders and construction workers, therefore, did not appreciate protestors in the Temple.

The city of Jerusalem was, and still is, the home of Jewish pilgrimage and this was the other major source of income. The role of the money-changers was to exchange Roman coinage for currency that was acceptable to the Jewish authorities. Roman coins were minted with images of Caesar, whom the Romans considered a deity, and were inscribed with reminders of imperial domination. To the Jews this was offensive and they insisted on the usage of other coins bearing acceptable inscriptions, usually shekels minted in the city of Tyre. The pilgrims would exchange their currency in order to pay Temple taxes or purchase animals to be sacrificed. Worshippers preferred to select animals at the Temple courts because this was a guarantee of a near-perfect sacrificial specimen; certainly one that would not be damaged by travelling any great distance. Set against the backdrop of the greatest and most sacred of Jewish feasts, the Passover, Jesus could not have chosen a more public or dramatic moment to make his stand against the Temple system.

Only in John's gospel does Jesus make a whip from cords. It is worth remembering that Jesus only used this to drive out the animals. He overturned the tables of the money-changers and demanded the removal of the dove-sellers. This stunning demonstration was more than an attempt to stop profane activities in a sacred place. It was a judgement against a whole religious structure that had commercialised and marketed access to God.

In the Temple system, the only way to cross the threshold to mercy and forgiveness was to pay for it. Jesus' statement declared that this whole religious system's days were numbered. He was the new Temple; the freely available and accessible doorway to the compassion of God. Jesus' action was not only a judgement upon the Temple economy, but also, it was a telling and confronting judgement upon any religious system which profits from its people and oppresses those most in need.

Fr. Anthony

The Wisdom of Pope Francis

Jesus urges each of us never to stop at the surface of things, especially when we have a person before us. We are called to look beyond, to focus on the heart in order to see how much generosity everyone is capable of. No one can be excluded from the mercy of God; everyone knows the way to access it and the Church is the house where everyone is welcomed and no one is rejected.

**A JUST FUTURE
STARTS WITH
A SAFE PLACE
TO LEARN**

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 Bayan from Jordan.

Bayan from Jordan



We all cherish our freedom. In the shared religious history of both Jews and Christians, the story of the exodus is one of God's liberating presence, drawing the people of Israel out of slavery to freedom.

It is in the middle of this desert journey that the story of the Ten Commandments is found. God speaks face to face with Moses. The Ten Commandments are as valid today as when they were first given on Mt Sinai. The Commandments continue to guide people of all the ages to live in right relationship with God and one another, to work for justice and peace. In the second reading we get a

glimpse of the community of the early church which is struggling to live in right relationships because they still carry the baggage of their former lives. In the Gospel reading Jesus recognised that the commercial practices of buying and selling in the precinct of the holy place were a barrier to people living in right relationship with God and others. He passionately intervenes to stop what appears to have become common practice in the temple precinct and 'calls out' the injustice.

Caritas Australia's Project Compassion story this week takes us to Jordan to meet 12 year old Bayan who with her family made the perilous journey from Syria. For Bayan the trauma of the conflict, and the disruption of her childhood, the Caritas Education Program in Jordan has been a source of encouragement. With this support Bayan looks with hope towards a future where she can finish her education and achieve her dreams.

The Project Compassion theme is 'A Just Future'. For Bayan and many other children around the world, a just future starts with a safe place to learn. The major humanitarian crisis which continues to unfold in Syria highlights the inevitable chaos when we forget we are one human family. Programs such as these are an example of what a community like ours can contribute. By supporting and acting for justice and speaking out for the hundreds of thousands of children, women and men who have become displaced in Syria, we imitate Jesus taking action in the temple.

VIEW AN INSPIRING SHORT FILM ABOUT BAYAN AT
www.caritas.org.au/projectcompassion

SCHOOL NEWS



UPCOMING EVENT

I look forward to welcoming all the parents of our Year 6 students at the Commissioning ceremony at 2pm on Friday 9 March. Our school leaders will receive their Leadership shirts and badges as they commit to their leadership duties for the year. Their Prep buddies will be very supportive of their friends.

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*

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.



ST AGATHA'S PARISH P26 MASS - SUNDAY 11 MARCH 2018 - 9AM

All children in Grade Prep to Year 6 are invited to participate in the P26 Mass which will be at 9am on 11 March.

At the Mass, children are asked to do the readings, bring the gifts to the Altar, collecting, altar serve and welcome people as they arrive. If your child/children would like to participate please phone the Parish office on 3262 2859 or email: clayfield@bne.catholic.net.au by no later than Monday 5 March. All welcome.

In our prayers we remember



Those who have died recently :

Jeanette Moore

Those whose anniversaries occur about now:

Fraser Ross, Thomas McVeigh, Jack Bowden, Margaret Bowden, Lino Calabrese, Lucy & Salvatore Mangano

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. 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>.



THIRD SUNDAY OF LENT



Bayan, a 12 year old Syrian girl in Jordan, struggled to overcome the trauma of living in a conflict zone, facing the prospect of missing out on school. With Caritas Australia's support, Bayan is excelling in her studies with ambitions to become an ophthalmologist.

Please donate to Project Compassion 2018 and help equip young people to succeed in the future, bringing stability to vulnerable youth, providing just futures for others like Bayan. 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 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

STATIONS OF THE CROSS

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

RECONCILIATION PREPARATION PROGRAM 2018 RECONCILIATION DATES



4th group session:

Sunday 11 March 9am Mass

Children to bring workbooks

Saturday 17 March 4pm

Sunday 18 March 4.30pm

Tuesday 20 March 6pm

EASTER RAFFLE

\$2.00 a ticket or

3 tickets for \$5.00.

Drawn Easter Sunday.

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

5.00pm

7.00am

9.00am

5.30pm

READERS:

3/4 Mar	Eric van der List Phil Zammit	Andrew Douglas Jenny Close	Heidi Cooper Michael Crutcher Jane Arkinstall	Life Teen Mass
10/11 Mar	Marian Nolan Ann Goves	Aleira Egan Sr Cecily Foster	St Agatha's P26 Mass	Life Teen Mass

COMMUNION MINISTERS:

3/4 Mar	Ann Goves	Helen Roberts	Christine Iannarella	Life Teen Mass
10/11 Mar	Edward Foley	Volunteer	Julianne Ryan	Life Teen Mass

ORGANISTS:

3/4 Mar	Volunteer	Robyn Cuming	Jenny McKeon	Life Teen Mass
10/11 Mar	Volunteer	Volunteer	Robyn Cuming & Paul Fiumara	

ALTAR SERVERS:

3/4 Mar	Ella Shepherd	Volunteer/s	Xavier Coorey Dominic Coorey	Caitlin Marshall Alex Oliveri
10/11 Mar	Billy Crutcher Dash Crutcher	Joe Douglas	P26 Mass	Sophia Lazzarini Max Lazzarini

CHILDREN'S LITURGY:

4 Mar			Erin Bledsoe & Michelle Wille	
11 Mar			No Children's Liturgy - P26 Mass	

SANCTUARY CARERS:

17 Mar	Beverley O'Brien
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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

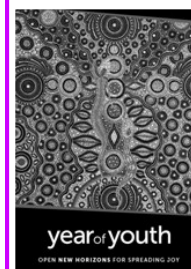
For bookings and further information, please phone the parish office on 3262 2859.

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



YEAR OF YOUTH
prayer cards are available at the back of the church.

Date Claimer
Centenary High Tea
Sunday 10 June 2018

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 - Fourth Sunday of Lent - 11 March 2018

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