

ST. AGATHA'S PARISH

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Palm Sunday of the Passion of the Lord (Yr. B) - 25th March 2018

Readings

1st Reading: Isaiah 50:4-7; 2nd Reading: Philippians 2:6-11; Gospel: Mark 14:1-15:47

WEEKDAY MASSES

Monday 26 March: 6.30am

Wednesday 28 March: 9am

Thursday 29 March

Holy Thursday

No 9am Mass

Mass of the Lord's Supper 7pm

Friday 30 March

Good Friday

Stations of the Cross 10am

Celebration of the Lord's

Passion 3pm

WEEKEND MASSES

Saturday 5.00pm

(1st Rite of Reconciliation:

Saturday 4.30pm)

Sunday 7.00am

9.00am

5.30pm

Rosary before Mass.

Parish Calendar

APRIL

• **Monday 9th**

SVDP Meeting 5pm Parish Office

"Pilate again said to them, 'Then what shall I do with the man whom you call the King of the Jews?' And they cried out again, 'Crucify him.'" – MARK 15:12-13



And at the ninth hour Jesus cried out in a loud voice, 'Eli, Eli, lama sabachthani?' which means, 'My God, my God, why have you deserted me?' Jesus gave a loud cry and breathed his last.

Dear friends,

We have begun Holy Week. I encourage you to take part in our Triduum celebrations. We begin on Holy Thursday evening with the prayerful celebration of the Lord's Supper with the washing of the feet. I always find this a very moving celebration, and I often wish that more people were part of the celebration. So if you are around on Thursday evening, please join us for this liturgy which inaugurates the Paschal Triduum.

Holy Thursday-Good Friday-Holy Saturday actually form one liturgy. The liturgies of Holy Thursday and Good Friday give the sense of being unfinished. Holy Thursday ends in silence. Good Friday begins and ends in silence. They leave us up in the air, waiting for something more. And there is more. At the Easter Vigil we gather around a fire in silent darkness for the blessing of the fire and the lighting of the paschal candle. The three-day liturgy, which began with the entrance and greeting on Holy Thursday evening, has moved us from suffering through death to resurrection. The whole Easter mystery is celebrated from a different point of view on each of the three days. The Triduum is not a re-enactment of past events separated into neat historical or liturgical segments. The death and resurrection we celebrate is our dying and rising in Christ today.

So please give some consideration to how you can join us for these three Holy days called the Triduum. I hope that this is a special time for you and your family. Wherever you celebrate, whether it is with this community at Clayfield or wherever you might be on holidays, I pray that the power of the Resurrected Christ will rise you out of every despair, and sadness and worry and fill you with the light and joy of the new life that comes to us through the Paschal Mystery. This is Holy Week — the week that makes all other weeks holy.

Fr. Anthony

The Wisdom of Pope Francis

This Jesus, who accepts the hosannas of the crowd, knows full well that they will soon be followed by the cry: "Crucify him!" He does not ask us to contemplate him only in pictures and photographs, or in the videos that circulate on the internet. No. He is present in our many brothers and sisters who today endure sufferings like his own: they suffer from slave labour, from family tragedies, from diseases... They suffer from wars and terrorism, from interests that are armed and ready to strike. It is not some other Jesus, but the same Jesus who entered Jerusalem amid the waving of palm branches. It is the same Jesus who was nailed to the cross and died between two criminals. We have no other Lord but him: Jesus, the humble King of justice, mercy and peace.

Clayfield Conversations

PROJECT COMPASSION FOR A JUST FUTURE



A JUST FUTURE
STARTS WITH
OPPORTUNITY



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 Psyche Mae from Philippines .

Psyche Mae from Philippines

When Psyche Mae featured in Project Compassion 2008, she was living in a squatter settlement, on the edge of a giant rubbish dump outside Manila in the Philippines. Her family was forced to pick through the rubbish to sell what they could to survive. In 2018, Psyche Mae is now a young social worker, achieving her dream of helping others struggling to leave poverty behind them – with plans to study a Master's degree. Thanks to the support of individuals and Caritas Australia through Project Compassion, the Faithful Companions of Jesus (FCJ) program helps people like Psyche Mae to learn job and income-generating skills, encourages education, addresses health and runs programs that enable members to save money and take out small, low interest loans. It's estimated around 5000 people are assisted directly or indirectly by this program. Psyche Mae's mother has also become a part-time sewing teacher, her father works with the House Repair program, both run by FCJ and her three brothers and sisters are studying hard. With their jobs and the help of a community savings plan – Psyche Mae's entire family managed to lift themselves out of poverty and build a just future.

You may remember that we are supporting a refugee family through MDA's Work and Welcome Program. Bahiya is working in our parish office on Tuesdays until May. Over the coming weeks we will read Bahiya's story which first appeared in The Catholic Leader last week. The story was written by Emily Ng.



Syrian Refugee Family Find Happiness in Brisbane (Part 2)

Mr Al Mhanna was working a shift at the military hospital when a rebel group surrounded the facility, holding the workers and soldiers hostage for 43 days. "(There was) no connection between us, no food, nothing for him," Mrs Al Mhanna said. Mr Al Mhanna ate only what was inside the hospital – "some potatoes, something like that" – until the army intervened one-and-a-half months later. The situation worsened for the family when in 2015 their entire life's savings and valuables were stolen. "In 2015 on March 23, when I finished working at my private clinic, then I decided to go out to buy something for my son, for about thirty minutes," Mr Al Mhanna said. "When we came back, someone stole from my house, completely, all my money. "I put all the money in one bag because I was preparing to go anywhere, the situation was that bad." The following Monday, Mr Al Mhanna's car was stolen. "And we cannot stay home after that," Mrs Al Mhanna said. She fled with her children to live in her family home in Bassir, a Melkite Catholic village 45 minutes south of Damascus that is under military protection. Mr Al Mhanna remained in Damascus to complete work at the Red Cross Hospital and his own private clinic, which had been destroyed by two bombs. After two months the family reunited and eventually moved to Lebanon, where they heard about the Australian Government's plans to accept 12,000 Syrian and Iraqi refugees. They arrived not knowing any English or Australian culture, but can now hold a steady conversation in their new language, the second for Mrs Al Mhanna and the third for Mr Al Mhanna. "We didn't know anything about Australia, about the people, about anything," Mrs Al Mhanna said. "When we came to here, my husband Adnan couldn't speak a word of English, zero. "Myself, I was understanding a little bit, that's it."

(To be continued...)

GOOD FRIDAY COLLECTION 2018 - Envelopes will be available on Good Friday

The annual collection for the support of the church in the Holy Land takes place on Good Friday. This collection promotes the missionary work of the Church in the Holy Land by providing welfare assistance to local Christians in areas such as health, education, employment and housing. Parishes, schools, orphanages and medical centres throughout the Holy Land also rely on assistance from the Good Friday collection. The collection is also used to maintain 74 churches and shrines associated with the life of Jesus. Last year, Australian Catholics donated \$1.35 million to this cause, despite tough economic times, rural droughts and increasing cost of living which put a strain on family budgets and financial resources.

Your generosity is greatly appreciated. Please remember the Christians of the Holy Land again on this Good Friday.

Please also pray that peace and harmony will become a reality in the birthplace of Jesus, the 'Prince of Peace'.

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 who have died recently:

Dawn McKewen Delahunty

Those whose anniversaries occur about now:

Reginald Shun Wah, Aldo Vacca, Francis & Richard Martin

Those who are sick:

Warwick Jones, 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

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.

EASTER RAFFLE

\$2.00 a ticket or 3 tickets for \$5.00.

Drawn next Sunday.

Little White Books \$4.00 each

and other stock available for sale at the Piety Stall.



PALM SUNDAY



When Psyche Mae featured in Project Compassion 2008, she was living in a squatter settlement, on the edge of a giant rubbish dump outside Manila in the Philippines. She is now a young social worker, with plans to study a Master's degree, whilst helping others emerge from poverty, thanks to the support of individuals and Caritas Australia.

Please donate to Project Compassion 2018 and help improve the health and wellbeing of communities in the Philippines so they can work towards eradicating poverty, providing a just future for all.

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.

ROSTERS FOR EASTER

Thank you to everyone who have offered to be part of the Easter Masses this year. Please see roster sheets at the back of the Church for any parts yet to be filled. Thank you.

HOLY WEEK MASSES 2018

Monday 26 March - 6.30am Mass

Wednesday 28 March - 9.00am Mass

Holy Thursday 29 March

No 9.00am Mass

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

PLANNED GIVING ENVELOPE USERS

Please Collect Your New Packet

Your assistance is appreciated as it saves volunteers giving of their time to personally deliver them. Thank you.

With great joy we welcome **Frederik Festa, Theodore Festa, and Charlotte McPherson** who will be baptised this weekend.

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 Mar

Ann Goves
Anne O'Connor

Andrew Douglas
Jeanine Bygott

Wilma O'Connell
Dominic Ryan

Life Teen Mass

7/8 Apr

Marian Nolan
Cate Barrett

Kate O'Neill
Mark Burton

Don Macpherson
Wilma O'Connell
Denis Keating

Life Teen Mass

COMMUNION MINISTERS:

24/25 Mar

Volunteer

Helen Roberts

Amrita Moss

Life Teen Mass

7/8 Apr

Deborah Hall

Volunteer

Christine Iannarella

Life Teen Mass

ORGANISTS:

24/25 Mar

Volunteer

Mark Leung

Robyn Cuming

Life Teen Mass

7/8 Apr

Volunteer

Volunteer

Robyn Cuming

Life Teen Mass

ALTAR SERVERS:

24/25 Mar

Lachlan Hinneberg

Volunteer/s

Amelia Marino-Cebulski
Joy Kordic

Tia Manuel
Sharon Mathew

7/8 Apr

Volunteer/s

Volunteer/s

Volunteer/s

Volunteer/s

CHILDREN'S LITURGY:

25 Mar

1 Apr

Mel Ryan & Sophia Vangnaitham

No Children's Liturgy - School Holidays

SANCTUARY CARERS:

7 April

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 3rd and 4th Sundays of the month

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

PALM SUNDAY - Passion Readers

5.00pm

Passion Reader - Narrator: Ann Goves
Passion Reader - Crowd: Katrina Murphy
Passion Reader - Other: Ainsley Crutcher

7.00am

Passion Reader - Narrator: Dianne Eden
Passion Reader - Crowd: Nick Eden
Passion Reader - Other: Edward Foley

9.00am

Passion Reader - Narrator: Jane Arkinstall
Passion Reader - Crowd: Tom Duncan
Passion Reader - Other: Josh Whitehead



Jesus told us "whatever you do for the least of my brothers, you do for me."
Every day we are presented opportunities to help someone. Every day we have the opportunity to see the face of Jesus in others and be the face of Jesus to others.
Pray for the strength and courage to stand up for those in need of our help.

St Agatha's Parish Sacramental Program - 2018 (For all children in Year 4 that have been Confirmed)

* * * **SACRAMENT OF FIRST HOLY COMMUNION** * * *

Parent Information Evening: 18th & 19th April, 6.30pm in APAC, St Agatha's School

(N.B. Parents need only attend 1 of these sessions)

Rite of Enrolment: 21st & 22nd April at any of the Masses

Mass times: Saturday 5.00pm; Sunday 7.00am, 9.00am & 5.30pm

First Holy Communion dates: Saturday 26th May at 5.00pm & Sunday 27th May at 9.00am

Saturday 2 June at 5.00pm & Sunday 3rd June at 9.00am

For further information call Jane Cameron at the Parish office: 3262 2859 or email: clayfield@bne.catholic.net.au

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 - Sunday of the Resurrection - 1 April 2018

1st Reading: Acts 10:34, 37-43; 2nd Reading: Colossians 3:1-4; Gospel: John 20:1-9