



# ST. AGATHA'S PARISH

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## Sunday of the Resurrection of the Lord (Yr. B) - 1<sup>st</sup> April 2018

### Readings

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

### WEEKDAY MASSES

**Monday 2 April:** 9am

**Wednesday 4 April:** 9am

**Thursday 5 April:** 9am

**Friday 6 April:** 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

#### APRIL

##### • Monday 9<sup>th</sup>

SVDP Meeting 5pm Parish Office

##### • Tuesday 17<sup>th</sup>

School resumes

##### • Tuesday 17<sup>th</sup>

Finance Meeting 6pm

Parish Office

##### • Wednesday 18<sup>th</sup> OR

##### Thursday 19<sup>th</sup>

Sacramental Preparation

Parent Night (First Communion)

6.30pm APAC St Agatha's School

##### • Saturday 21<sup>st</sup> / Sunday 22<sup>nd</sup>

Sacramental Preparation (FC)

Rite of Enrolment at any of the

Masses

##### • Wednesday 25<sup>th</sup>

Anzac Day Mass 9am



*As they entered the tomb, they saw a young man, dressed in a white robe, sitting on the right side; and they were alarmed. But he said to them, "Do not be alarmed; you are looking for Jesus of Nazareth, who was crucified. He has been raised; he is not here. Look, there is the place they laid him."*

Dear friends,

The time to cry out "Alleluia!" is here. The six week pilgrimage to the celebration of this sacred time has required prayer, commitment, and solidarity with the Christian community throughout the world. I hope that these dimensions have been part of your Lenten story and continue to be part of your Easter story.

My thanks to all who have helped us celebrate this Easter Triduum, especially those who have been part of our liturgies through organisation, preparation and ministry. I would like to acknowledge Robyn Cuming and the parish choir who have practiced weekly for a month or so and have lifted our parish liturgies with the talent and generosity. Thanks to Robyn too for once again organising the Easter raffle. Thanks especially to our hard-working parish staff, Rosemary Greer and Jane Cameron, and our loyal parish volunteer, Peter Bowden for his continuous dedication. Without Rosemary, Jane and Peter, our parish community would not run as smoothly or as efficiently. My thanks to all who have been part of another prayerful and wonderful Easter celebration.

Easter isn't just about a story from the past - about what happened on one Easter morn - nor is it just about an assurance of what might happen to us in the future - life beyond the grave. Easter is both of those things but it is also something more. It is about our lives here and now. Easter is about the suffering of the human family today, and about how God does not let this human suffering take a meaningless course. To every situation and circumstance of suffering, God comes as a presence who lifts people up in hope, through Jesus Christ. Easter is the gift of hope, no matter how hopeless things may seem. That is why we say, "Alleluia!" *Fr. Anthony*

### The Wisdom of Pope Francis

If the Lord is Risen, why is it that there is so much adversity: illness, human trafficking, human slavery, war, destruction, mutilation, vengeance, hatred? Where is the Lord then? Let us think for a while, each of us, think about the daily problems, the illnesses we have been through or of one that a relative has; let us think about wars, human tragedies and with simplicity, with a humble voice, without flowers, alone, before God, before one another, let us say, "I do not know how this is, but I am certain that Christ is Risen and I have put a wager on it". Brothers and sisters, this is what I wanted to say to you. Go home today repeating in your hearts: "Christ is Risen".

### Resurrection is Not an Answer

On Easter night last year, Pope Francis told this short story:

*"Yesterday I phoned a young man with a grave illness, an educated young man, an engineer, and while talking to him, to give him a sign of faith, I said: 'There are no explanations for what is happening to you. Look at Jesus on the Cross. God did this to his Son, and there is no other explanation'. And he answered: 'Yes, but He asked His Son and the Son said 'yes'. I was not asked if I wanted this'. This moves us. None of us is asked: 'Are you happy with what is happening in the world? Are you willing to carry this cross further?'"*

Yes, we are not asked. There is no invitation to accept suffering. We are simply born into this human condition, this beautiful yet flawed world. From the moment we realise that this fleshy life is finite, we live with the fear of death.

We rebel against decay. We cry out in vain, demanding answers to the random cruelty of this discordant cosmos.

Resurrection is not an answer — not in the ordinary sense of the word. It is difficult to understand an answer when we struggle to frame the question: Whatever is fully claimed by the mighty word "resurrection" remains beyond our comprehension. Rather, here and now, it is an "experience", a "sense", a "wordless promise"; a deep, instinctive, visceral intuition deep within the soul. It is the condition of hope which draws our longing beyond any horizon which limits our view in this world. We are not made for death and destruction, nor for some slow fragmentation of the spirit. We are made to be people who live in the hope and promise that even the most final of stones will be rolled away. Because of Jesus, there is no finality that can make any claim on us and by some miracle, we somehow "know" this to be true.



*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 a couple of weeks ago. The story was written by Emily Ng.*

### Syrian Refugee Family Find Happiness in Brisbane (Part 3)

Syrian refugee couple Bahiya and Adnan Al Mhanna lost all their money and nearly their lives in Damascus, but for the first time in years they have something to smile about. The Melkite Catholic married couple along with their two sons are now celebrating their first offer of employment in Australia. Queensland-based organisation Multicultural Development Association, who will work with the family for the first five years of their resettlement in Australia, settled the family in Clayfield where "everything changed". Emil was enrolled at Our Lady Help of Christians, along with another Syrian refugee family. Young Eilia is now attending the school as a Prep student. The young boys see their mum during her Wednesday shift at the school tuckshop. "We really love this school because we saw them like our family," Mrs Al Mhanna said. For their father, the children's happiness is all that matters. "I'm here to serve my kids and to protect my kids," he said. "They are very happy in this school." Mrs Tomov is excited to see what the future holds for the Al Mhanna family and will continue to support their life in Australia. "We are just delighted to be in a position to give a refugee family a head start," she said. "We are so proud of the way our community has embraced the refugees who came to us." As well as having work at Our Lady Help of Christians, the MDA offered Mrs Al Mhanna four days' work in Catholic schools in Clayfield. She will work in the administration office at St Rita's College, Clayfield, and St Agatha's Parish and School, Clayfield, through the MDA's refugee job placement program, Work and Welcome. Mrs Al Mhanna enrolled in the program until May, but is hopeful about finding more work. Her husband is also awaiting confirmation to return to work in the medical industry, but will not be able to practise as a doctor until his qualifications are recognised in Australia. The family has no plans to return to Syria. "We are very happy," Mr Al Mhanna said.



Happy  
Easter

### **VOLUNTEER WITH PALMS AUSTRALIA**

Communities in Myanmar, PNG, Samoa, Timor Leste, Kiribati and Kenya seek volunteers to mentor locals and build capacity. Palms volunteers don't do quick fixes, but immerse themselves in overseas communities for long-term skill exchange. If you have teaching, medical, business, admin or trade skills, share them with our global family! Contact Christine at Palms on 02 9560 5333 or go to [www.palms.org.au/volunteer/](http://www.palms.org.au/volunteer/).

### **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:*

Teresa Hamilton, Bob McDonald, Elaine Allen, Yvonne O'Dwyer, Monica Creevey, Merv Whimp, Dawn McKewen Delahunty

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

Anthony Hoskins, Reginald Shun Wah, Aldo Vacca

### *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: [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.

## **EASTER RAFFLE**

Drawn this Sunday 1 April  
at 9am Mass.

## **Little White Books \$4.00 each**

and other stock available for sale at the Piety Stall.



## **EASTER SUNDAY**



Happy Easter from all at Caritas Australia!

Thank you for supporting us this year as we demonstrate how A Just Future is possible for all generations, backgrounds, cultures and communities, who are part of one human family. You are empowering young people to build a just future for themselves, their families and their communities.

A Just Future has started with your support!

Thank you for supporting Caritas Australia's

Project Compassion 2018 Lenten appeal.

[www.caritas.org.au/projectcompassion](http://www.caritas.org.au/projectcompassion) #projectcompassion 1800 024 413

## **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.

### **Have you recently moved?**

### **Has your phone number changed?**

### **Email address changed?**

If you have answered yes to any of these questions, please contact the parish office, 3262 2859 or email: [clayfield@bne.catholic.net.au](mailto:clayfield@bne.catholic.net.au), so that we can update our parish records. Thank you.

**GIVE THE GIFT OF FAITH** - The dedication you have for St Agatha's Parish can go on forever when you make a gift to our parish endowment fund. With endowment funds, the principal is kept intact and the distributions to the parish come from growth and earnings. This provides a steady stream of income to our parish forever. For more information on naming St Agatha's Parish Endowment in your Will, please call the Catholic Foundation at 3324 3200 or call the parish office.

## **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.

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

**5.00pm**

**7.00am**

**9.00am**

**5.30pm**

**READERS:**

7/8 Apr	Marian Nolan Cate Barrett	Kate O'Neill Mark Burton	Don Macpherson Wilma O'Connell Denis Keating	Life Teen Mass
14/15 Apr	Phil Zammit Eric van der List	Helen Roberts Jenny Close	Joseph O'Brien Jane Arkinstall Dominic Ryan	Life Teen Mass

**COMMUNION MINISTERS:**

7/8 Apr	Deborah Hall	<i>Volunteer</i>	Christine Iannarella	Life Teen Mass
14/15 Apr	Jan Zammit	Paulette Archer	Erin Bledsoe	Life Teen Mass

**ORGANISTS:**

7/8 Apr	<i>Volunteer</i>	<i>Volunteer</i>	Robyn Cuming	Life Teen Mass
14/15 Apr	<i>Volunteer</i>	<i>Volunteer</i>	Robyn Cuming	Life Teen Mass

**ALTAR SERVERS:**

7/8 Apr	<i>Volunteer/s</i>	<i>Volunteer/s</i>	<i>Volunteer/s</i>	<i>Volunteer/s</i>
14/15 Apr	<i>Volunteer/s</i>	<i>Volunteer/s</i>	<i>Volunteer/s</i>	<i>Volunteer/s</i>

**CHILDREN'S LITURGY:**

1 Apr	<i>No Children's Liturgy - School Holidays</i>
8 Apr	<i>No Children's Liturgy - School Holidays</i>

**SANCTUARY CARERS:**

7 April	Victor Podesta
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On this day we thank God for His Son, Jesus, who died and rose for us. We celebrate and sing "Alleluia." Let's try to keep the joy of this Easter season in our hearts throughout the year! Pray daily and listen for how He is calling each of us to joyfully use our gifts to fulfill His salvation plan.



**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.



You are invited to *Our Lady of Victories*

**MEMORIAL MASS**

Remembering those who served as we mark the centenary of World War 1.

22 April 2018 | 8am Sunday Mass | Benediction 7.50am

1 Roche Avenue, Bowen Hills | *Morning tea from 9am - 10am*

We would love to hear from anyone whose family member may be listed on our honour roll of Qld Catholics who died in WW1.

RSVP: [olv.rsvp@gmail.com](mailto:olv.rsvp@gmail.com) or call 3219 2366



**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: 18 & 19 April, 6.30pm in APAC, St Agatha's School**

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

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

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

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

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

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

**St Agatha's Parish Sacramental Program 2018 - ( For all children in Year 3 and above)**

\* \* \* **SACRAMENT OF CONFIRMATION** \* \* \*

**Parent Information Evening: 1 August, 6.30pm or 2 August 6.30pm APAC, St Agatha's School**

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

**Rite of Enrolment: 4 & 5 August at any of the Masses**

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

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

**Readings - Second Sunday of Easter - 8 April 2018**

**1st Reading: Acts 4:32-35; 2nd Reading: 1 John 5:1-6; Gospel: John 20:19-31**