

ST. AGATHA'S PARISH

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Third Sunday of Easter (Yr. B) - 15th April 2018

Readings

1st Reading: Acts 3:13-15, 17-19; **2nd Reading:** 1 John 2:1-5; **Gospel:** Luke 24:35-48

WEEKDAY MASSES

Monday 16 April: 6.30am

Wednesday 18 April: 9am

Thursday 19 April: 9am

Friday 20 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 16th

Catholics Returning Home

7.30pm Parish Office

• Wednesday 18th OR

Thursday 19th

Sacramental Preparation

Parent Night (First Communion)

6.30pm APAC St Agatha's School

• Saturday 21st / Sunday 22nd

Sacramental Preparation (FC)

Rite of Enrolment at any of the

Masses

• Monday 23rd

SVDP Meeting 5pm Parish Office

Youth Ministry Meeting 6.45pm

Parish Office

• Wednesday 25th

Anzac Day Mass 9am



The two disciples told the eleven and their companions what had happened on the road to Emmaus, and how Jesus had been made known to them in the breaking of the bread.

Let us rejoice in the Risen Lord

No Christian can exist without joy: that's what Pope Francis said in his homily at the Mass in the chapel of the Santa Marta guesthouse.

"A Christian is a man, or a woman, of joy: a man and a woman with joy in their heart. There is no Christian without joy! You may be told that there are many such Christians," the pope warned, but "they are not Christians! They say they are, but they are not! They are missing something."

"The Christian identity card is joy, the Gospel's joy, the joy of having been chosen by Jesus, saved by Jesus, regenerated by Jesus; the joy of that hope that Jesus is waiting for us, the joy that - even with the crosses and sufferings we bear in this life - is expressed in another way, which is peace in the certainty that Jesus accompanies us, is with us."

Resurrection is a proclamation that Jesus is alive and present with us. In the Resurrection appearances, the disciples experienced Jesus in their midst. The same Jesus who had walked with them now again touched their lives, and spoke and ate with them.

Luke is announcing that Jesus is now present in every space and time. We encounter Jesus in the Scripture, in the sacraments, and in our brothers and sisters. As we recall the stories of the Resurrection appearances, Christ is once again with us, forgiving, feeding, and consoling. This is the christian joy that Jesus is with us.

Malcolm Muggeridge, an English journalist, was a Marxist before he found Christ. During the Cold War he travelled to Russia to write a story about the Communist party and the decline of religion in the atheistic regime. After conducting a series of interviews with officials in the Kremlin, he attended a Russian Orthodox Easter service. The church was packed. At the close of the service the priest announced, "Christ is Risen!", and the people shouted back, "He is Risen indeed!". Muggeridge looked into their faces and instantly realised that they were right and that Stalin was wrong. He said it was the reality of their joy that tipped the scales of his soul towards Christ. The reality of christian joy is compelling. Let us rejoice in Lord.

Fr. Prem

The Wisdom of Pope Francis

I like to contemplate the holiness present in the patience of God's people: in those parents who raise their children with immense love, in those men and women who work hard to support their families, in the sick, in elderly religious who never lose their smile. In their daily perseverance I see the holiness of the Church militant. Very often it is a holiness found in our next-door neighbours, those who, living in our midst, reflect God's presence.

We might call them "the middle class of holiness".

Clayfield Conversations

On Monday, Pope Francis released his latest Apostolic Exhortation called *Gaudete et Exsultate* ("Rejoice and Be Glad"). Here is a summary by Fr. James Martin of America magazine.

Top Five Takeaways from *Gaudete et Exsultate*

"Rejoice and be glad!" is what Jesus said on the Sermon on the Mount. It's also the title of Pope Francis' new apostolic exhortation on holiness in everyday life. Why should we "rejoice and be glad"? Because God, as Francis reminds us, calls us all to be saints. But how can we respond to that call? Well, here are five takeaways from Francis' new and very practical exhortation.

1. Holiness means being yourself

Pope Francis offers us many examples of holy lives throughout this document: St. Thérèse of Lisieux, the French Carmelite who found holiness in doing small tasks; St. Ignatius of Loyola, the Jesuit founder who sought to find God in all things; St. Philip Neri, the founder of the Oratorians who was renowned for his sense of humor. The saints pray for us and give us examples of how to live, but we are not meant to be cookie-cutter versions of them. We are meant to be ourselves, and each believer is meant to "discern his or her own path" and "bring out the very best of themselves." As Thomas Merton said, "For me to be a saint means to be myself."

2. Everyday life can lead to holiness

You do not need to be a bishop, a priest or a member of a religious order to be holy. Everyone is called to be a saint, as the Second Vatican Council reminded us—a mother or a father, a student or an attorney, a teacher or a janitor. "Saints next door," Francis calls them. All we need to do is to "live our lives in love" and "bear witness" to God in all we do. That also doesn't have to mean big, dramatic actions. Francis offers examples of everyday sanctity, like a loving parent raising a child; as well as "small gestures" and sacrifices that one can make, like deciding not to pass on gossip. If you can see your own life as a "mission," then you soon realize that you can simply be loving and kind to move towards holiness. You also do not have to be "swooning in mystic rapture" to be a saint or walking around with "lowered eyes." Nor do you have to withdraw from other people. On the other hand, you do not want to be caught up in the "rat race" of rushing from one thing to another. A balance between action and contemplation is essential.

3. Two tendencies to avoid: Gnosticism and Pelagianism

Pope Francis may send people racing to either dictionaries or their theology textbooks when asks us to avoid two dangers in the spiritual life. The first is *Gnosticism*, from the Greek word *gnosis*, to know. Gnosticism is the old heresy that says that what matters most is what you know. No need to be charitable or do good works. All you need is the correct *intellectual* approach. Today Gnosticism tempts people to think that they can make the faith "entirely comprehensible" and leads them to want to force others to adopt their way of thinking. "When somebody has an answer for every question," says Francis, "it's a sign that they are not on the right path." In other words, being a know-it-all is not going to save you. The second thing to avoid is *Pelagianism*, named for Pelagius, the fifth-century theologian associated with this idea. Pelagianism says that we can take care of our salvation through our own efforts. Pelagians trust in their own powers, don't feel like they need God's grace and act superior to others because they observe certain rules. Today's Pelagians often have, the pope says, "an obsession with the law, an absorption with social and political advantages, punctilious concern for the church's liturgy, doctrine and prestige." It's a real danger to holiness because it robs us of humility, sets us over others, and leaves little room for grace.

4. Be kind

"Gaudete et Exsultate" is filled with Pope Francis' trademark practical advice for living a life of holiness. For example, don't gossip, stop judging and, most important, stop being cruel. That goes for online actions, too. Francis' comments on this topic are memorable. Online, he writes, "defamation and slander can become commonplace...since things can be said there that would be unacceptable in public discourse, as people look to compensate for their own discontent by lashing out at others.... In claiming to uphold other commandments, they completely ignore the eighth, which forbids bearing false witness or lying and ruthlessly vilifying others." To be holy, be kind.

5. The Beatitudes are a roadmap for holiness

As you might guess from the document's title, the Beatitudes, Jesus' list of "blessed are," are central to this exhortation. The Beatitudes are not only what Jesus means by holiness, they are also a portrait of our Lord himself. So we're called to be poor in spirit, meek, peacemakers, to hunger and thirst for righteousness, and so on. But let me focus on one beatitude: "Blessed are the merciful." Pope Francis says mercy, one of the central themes of his papacy, has two aspects: helping and serving others but also forgiving and understanding. Jesus does not say, "Blessed are those who plot revenge!" And what is Pope Francis' overall summary of holiness? It's based on the Beatitudes: "Seeing and acting with mercy."

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:

Bill Malisano, Anthony Wilson, Maria Rego

Those whose anniversaries occur about now:

Loreto Barretto, Judy Power, Neville Clifford, Monsignor John English, Charles & Catherine Martin, Sid Tynan, Maria Rotolone, Ines Ambrosini

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.

Parish Office Hours

Monday, Tuesday, Wednesday, Thursday: 8.30am - 12.30pm and 1.30pm - 3.30pm
Friday 8.30am - 12.00pm



CARITAS KITCHEN

Thank you to everyone who contributed in any way to our Caritas Kitchen on 18 March. A total of \$302 was raised both with donations on the day and online.

Thank you to all the cooks and helpers.



WYDPANAMA2019

Are you interested in attending World Youth Day 2019 in Panama with the Archdiocese of Brisbane? Find out more and register your interest **now** at:

<http://wydbristbane.org.au/>



ANZAC DAY MASS Wednesday 25 April - 9.00am

Morning tea will be provided following the Mass.

Parishioners are asked to bring a plate to assist with catering.

EASTER RAFFLE - "Thank you" to everyone who bought tickets in our Easter Raffle.

A total of \$1,030.00 was raised.

Congratulations to our lucky winners: 1st prize: T Urzaa; 2nd prize: Ellen Horsbury; 3rd prize: Julie Davies

With great joy we welcome *Harrison Day, Averie Hogden, Hugo Hogden, and Landon McDermott* who will be baptised this weekend.

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:

14/15 Apr

Phil Zammit
Eric van der List

Helen Roberts
Jenny Close

Joseph O'Brien
Jane Arkinstall
Dominic Ryan

Life Teen Mass

21/22 Apr

Edward Foley
Ann Goves

Jeanine Bygott
Kirsty Stevens

Trish Ryan
Amrita Moss
Clare Smethurst

Life Teen Mass

COMMUNION MINISTERS:

14/15 Apr

Jan Zammit

Paulette Archer

Erin Bledsoe

Life Teen Mass

21/22 Apr

Deborah Hall

Helen Roberts

Amrita Moss

Life Teen Mass

ORGANISTS:

14/15 Apr

Volunteer

Volunteer

Robyn Cuming

Life Teen Mass

21/22 Apr

Volunteer

Volunteer

Robyn Cuming

Life Teen Mass

ALTAR SERVERS:

14/15 Apr

Volunteer/s

Volunteer/s

Volunteer/s

Volunteer/s

21/22 Apr

Ella Shepherd
Daniel Benjamin

Volunteer/s

Sofia Iannarella
Felicity Shepherd

Caitlin Marshall
Alex Oliveri

CHILDREN'S LITURGY:

15 Apr

No Children's Liturgy - School Holidays

22 Apr

Eleonora Kowitz & Jane Cameron

SANCTUARY CARERS:

21 April

Beverley O'Brien

This weekend we welcome Josh Whitehead, a sixth year seminarian, who is preaching at all the Masses.

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.

CATHOLIC PSYCHIATRIC PASTORAL CARE

Could this be your Ministry

Now in its thirty-second year Centacare's Catholic Psychiatric Pastoral Care (CPPC) trains pastoral carers to support people with mental illness, through their spiritual and therapeutic ministry. CPPC is seeking Catholics with the ability to relate personally and spiritually to those suffering from mental illness.

The volunteer training course runs each Wednesday 9.00am-3.30pm, from 2 May to 21 November 2018. Upon graduating volunteers commit to eight hours ministry per week across day centres, hospitals and hostels. **Applications close Friday 20 April.** Written applications can be sent to: **Fr Jim Smith**, 58 Morgan Street, Fortitude Valley Qld 4006 Telephone: 3252 5461 Email: cppc@bne.catholic.net.au

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

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