



ST. AGATHA'S PARISH

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Eighth Sunday in Ordinary Time (Year C) - 3rd March 2019

Readings

1st Reading: Sirach 27:4-7; 2nd Reading: 1 Corinthians 15:54-58; Gospel: Luke 6:39-45

WEEKDAY MASSES

Monday 4 March: 6.30am

Wednesday 6 March:

Ash Wednesday - day of
fasting and abstinence

6.30am & 9.00am

Thursday 7 March: 9am

Friday 8 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 4th

SVDP Meeting

5pm Parish Office

Friday 8th

Stations of the Cross 9.45am



**ASH WEDNESDAY
MASSES**

6 March

6.30am

9.00am

The readings today prepare us for the coming Lenten season, a time for prayer, fasting and almsgiving. It is also a time for stepping away from the instinct to judge one another, be that close to home, or beyond into the human family of nations.

The responsorial psalm speaks of how the proclamation of justice is nourishing, the work of justice is life giving. Caring for others keeps us connected to the spirit of God, reminding us that the just will 'flourish like the palm-tree and grow like a cedar of Lebanon'.

The second reading urges us to 'never give in' and keep faithful to the Lord's work which is to ensure that there is justice among the nations and that peace will flourish. The gospel reading tells us that 'the fully trained disciple will always be like the teacher', reminding us that our example of living is to come from Jesus and his mission of bringing good news to the poor. It is by what we say and do, that people will see the face of God in the world. This is the "good" fruit.

In the coming weeks, we have the privilege of walking with some of our sisters and brothers who participate in Caritas programs, and who feature in the Project Compassion stories this year. How might we learn about living hope-filled lives in solidarity with one another and for the common good of our one human family?

As the season of Lent approaches, we might consider: What could we do to commit ourselves to the flourishing of hope in our time? How can we give Lent 100%?

God bless,
Fr Kevin.

Can one blind person guide another?
Why do you observe the splinter in your brother's eye?
Take the plank out of your own eye first.
Every tree can be told by its own fruit
A person's words flow out of what fills their heart
Jesus encourages his listeners to pursue utter integrity, to acknowledge their own failings and look gently upon the faults of their neighbour. The challenge is to cultivate authenticity in our internal dispositions so that we bear good fruit in our actions and in our words.



Clayfield Conversations

Eighth Sunday in Ordinary Time

UNDERSTANDING THE WORD - Looking inwardly - acting outwardly

The gospel today presents three unrelated sayings of Jesus which outline the qualities of a true follower of Jesus. The unifying theme is integrity - being honest and sincere with oneself and rejecting all forms of deception, superficiality, falseness or hypocrisy. In questioning the sense of a blind man leading the blind, Jesus is speaking to the importance of leaders having experienced a situation themselves before presuming to guide other people.

The instruction to remove the log from one's own eye before commenting on the splinter in another's eye, is a clear call to judge self and others honestly and fairly. Jesus speaks disparagingly of people who ignore their own failings while focussing on the faults of others and refers to them as 'hypocrites', a word which had previously been reserved for the Pharisees and scribes. Finally, in declaring that a good tree cannot bear bad fruit, and that a bad tree cannot bear good fruit, Jesus is emphasising that inward dispositions manifest themselves in external words and actions... *Liturgia*

ST AGATHA'S CHURCH, CLAYFIELD

(AMENDED 5 February)

RECONCILIATION PREPARATION PROGRAM FOR 2019

1st Group Session – 9am Mass	Sunday 3 March 9am Mass APAC Chapters 1 & 2 have to have been completed by this date.
2nd Group session – 9am Mass	Sunday 10 March 9am Mass APAC Chapter 3 has to have been completed by this date.
Practice	Monday 18 March 6pm in the Church 1 Parent/Guardian to attend with child. Chapter 4 has to have been completed by this date and books handed in at this session.
First Rite of Reconciliation	Saturday, 23 March 3.45pm Monday 25 March 3.30pm Thursday, 28 March 6.00pm Saturday 30 March 3.45pm (N.B. These dates are all TBC depending on numbers enrolled.)

LIFE TEEN MASS EVERY 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. Phone Anne O'Connor: 3256 6013 or 0419796988. Visit Aggies Youth: <https://www.facebook.com/aggiesyouth>

Are you between 18-35 years old and want to make a difference? Join us for the Canossian Australian Volunteer Immersion to Papua New Guinea from 23 June – 3 July 2019. This will be a formation based opportunity to help out in our Canossian mission in Port Moresby and to immerse yourself in another experience of life. Places are limited so get in quick. For more information contact Sr Mel on 0484 007 508.

Our Lady of Peace Catholic Church Kumbia in the parish of Kingroy celebrates its centenary 18/19 May 2019 and invites all former parishioners and interested people to this memorable occasion.

Details are available from kumbiacatholiccommunity@gmail.com or phone 07 4164 4262
Meal tickets and souvenirs at <https://www.trybooking.com/YSWA>



Please take home a Project Compassion box and/or a set of donation envelopes and support Caritas Australia this Lenten season themed **“Give Lent 100%”**.

This year's Project Compassion showcases the many ways we work around the world with our local partners to offer hope to people most vulnerable to extreme poverty and injustice.

As Pope Francis said, *“The future does have a name... and its name is hope.”*

Through your generosity during Project Compassion this year, you are empowering communities with hope and helping those in great need to shape a better future for themselves, their families and their communities.

Lives change when we all give 100%.

You can donate through Parish boxes and envelopes, or by visiting www.caritas.org.au/projectcompassion or phoning 1800 024 413.



ENCOUNTER TIMOR LESTE APRIL 7-19.2019

Book your immersive cultural experience with Palms Australia today.
Call 02 9560 5333 or visit palms.org.au/encounters

In our prayers we remember



Those who have died recently:

John Herron, Margaret Jones

Those whose anniversaries occur about now:

Fraser Ross, Gene Bartels, Lou Bartels, Richard Howard, Elizabeth Howard

Those who are sick:

Michael Cashman, Donald Morrisson, James McKeon, Joseph Tam, Harrison (Harry) Wiseman, Bryan Weaver, Val Barrett, Lorraine Douglas, Alexander Clark, Rosemary Douglas, Danielle Johnson, Gordon Hodge, Maureen Long, Anne Seymour, James Elliott, 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, Ken Kipping, Paul White, Edward Clark, Carmel See, Regina Hwan, Deanne Du Bour, Melissa Waka, Agnes Tam, Kerri Smith, Ann Tully, Patrick Gallagher, Mel Purwo, Hellen Passente

Reminder to let us know when names are no longer required to be shown on the sick list.

Statement from Archbishop Mark Coleridge: re the verdict in the Cardinal Pell case

The news of Cardinal George Pell's conviction on historical child sexual abuse charges has shocked many across Australia and around the world, including the Catholic Bishops of Australia. The Bishops agree that everyone should be equal under the law, and we respect the Australian legal system. The same legal system that delivered the verdict will consider the appeal that the Cardinal's legal team has lodged. Our hope, at all times, is that through this process, justice will be served. In the meantime, we pray for all those who have been abused and their loved ones, and we commit ourselves anew to doing everything possible to ensure that the Church is a safe place for all, especially the young and the vulnerable.



Those affected by abuse and misconduct by Church personnel need to be supported and encouraged to speak their truth. Their voices need to be heard. Disclosures of this nature should be made to the Professional Standards Office Qld, either by:

Email Fill in a [Professional Standards disclosure form](#) (accessed via our website psoqld.catholic.net.au) and email it to psoqld@catholic.net.au

Post Fill in a [Professional Standards disclosure form](#) and post it to us at: PO Box 3264, Brisbane Qld 4001

Phone 1800 337 928 OR (07) 3324 3070
Office hours 9.00am to 4.00pm Monday to Friday (excepting public holidays)

LENTEN REFLECTION GROUPS (6 March - 17 April)

"*Compassion*" is the title of this year's Lenten program. The Lenten reflection group will commence on Wednesday 6 March 7pm Parish Office, and will continue each Wednesday until 17 April. Please call or email Parish Office if you are interested in attending. Each meeting runs for approx. 80 minutes.



**International Women's Day
Friday 8 March**



Plenary Council 2020
Listen to what the Spirit is saying...

What do you think God is asking of us in Australia at this time?
Have you shared your story yet?

Submissions close on Ash Wednesday (6 March 2019).

[Submit your response here:](http://plenarycouncil.catholic.org.au/resources/have-your-say/) <http://plenarycouncil.catholic.org.au/resources/have-your-say/>

If you require assistance submitting your story on line, please place in a sealed envelope (marked "*Plenary Council*") and drop into the Parish Office by Tuesday 5 March and it will be submitted for you.

PLEASE SUPPORT FLOOD-AFFECTED FAMILIES IN NORTH QUEENSLAND.

The flood that is devastating North Queensland is affecting the lives of many families in the Diocese of Townsville. You can make a tax-deductible gift online or by calling the Catholic Foundation on 3324 3200. Your donation will be designated to individuals and families in hardship situations whose homes and businesses have been affected by the floods.

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. 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

Australian CATHOLICS (*Autumn 2019 edition*)
Copies are now available. Please take a copy home.

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

5.00pm

7.00am

9.00am

5.30pm

READERS:

2/3 Mar

Ann Goves
Marian Nolan

Annaliese Beckmann
Jeanine Bygott

Tim Hancock
Ryan Smethurst
Don Macpherson

Life Teen Mass

9/10 Mar

Jenny Close
Ann Goves

Kirsty Stevens
Mark Burton

Ryan Smethurst
Dominic Ryan
Lauren Mitchell

Life Teen Mass

COMMUNION MINISTERS:

2/3 Mar

Volunteer

Paulette Archer
Volunteer

Volunteer

Life Teen Mass

9/10 Mar

Volunteer

Volunteer

Julianne Ryan

Life Teen Mass

“HOME” COMMUNION MINISTERS:

3 Mar

Anna Coventry

10 Mar

Marjorie Wessels

ORGANISTS:

2/3 Mar

Volunteer

Volunteer

Robyn Cuming

Life Teen Mass

9/10 Mar

Volunteer

Volunteer

Robyn Cuming

Life Teen Mass

ALTAR SERVERS:

2/3 Mar

Xavier Coorey
Dominic Coorey

Daniel Benjamin
Thomas Benjamin

Caitlin Marshall
Alex Oliveri

9/10 Mar

Billy Crutcher
Dash Crutcher

Lachlan Hinneberg

Volunteer/s

Volunteer/s

CHILDREN’S LITURGY:

3 Mar

Eleanora Kowitz and Lucy Crowe

10 Mar

Mel Ryan and Erin Bledsoe

SANCTUARY CARERS:

16 Mar

Beverley O’Brien

BAPTISMS

We celebrate baptisms 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 SCHOOL

PREP ENROLMENTS FOR 2020

APPLICATIONS FOR NON SIBLINGS

If you have a **Prep** child born between 1/7/14 – 30/6/15, they are eligible to commence Prep in 2020.

The enrolment process for Prep 2020 commences at the beginning of 2019.

PREP NON SIBLING APPLICATIONS CLOSE – MONDAY 18th MARCH, 2019.

Please note all applications are submitted online via our website www.stagathasclayfield.qld.edu.au.

If you would like your child included in the enrolments for Prep 2020 please register online.

Little Black Books \$4.00 each

for sale at the Piety Stall.

Six-minute meditations on the Sunday Gospels of Lent (Cycle C).

A VOCATION VIEW: Since each person speaks from their heart’s abundance, let Jesus form your heart and your life. Follow Him willingly.



Readings - First Sunday of Lent (Year C) - 10 March 2019

1st Reading: Deuteronomy 26:4-10; 2nd Reading: Romans 10:8-13; Gospel: Luke 4:1-13

CATHOLIC PSYCHIATRIC PASTORAL CARE



We are called to be disciples of Christ

Could this be your Ministry?

Now in its thirty-third year Centacare’s Catholic Psychiatric Pastoral Care (CPPC) trains pastoral carers to support people with mental illness, through their spiritual and therapeutic ministry in hospitals, supported accommodation and our day Centre.

CPPC is seeking Catholics with the ability to relate personally and spiritually to those suffering from mental illness.

The volunteer training course (provided cost free) runs each Wednesday 9:00am – 3:30pm, from 1 May to 20 November 2019. Upon graduating the Pastoral Carers give a voluntary commitment of 8 hours per week in either one of the above ministries.

Applications close Thursday 18 April 2019.

Written applications can be sent to:

Fr Jim Smith, 58 Morgan Street, Fortitude Valley QLD 4006

Telephone: 07 3252 5461 Email: cppc@bne.catholic.net.au

Website: www.cppc.net.au

