



ST. AGATHA'S PARISH

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

Readings

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

WEEKDAY MASSES

Monday 11 March: 6.30am
Wednesday 13 March: 9.00am
Thursday 14 March: 9am
Year 3 Mass
Friday 15 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

Friday 15th

Stations of the Cross 9.45am

Monday 18th

SVDP Meeting

5pm Parish Office



As of last Wednesday purple appeared amongst the ashes and the alleluias are silent. We don't sing or recite the Gloria for several weeks! The Word of God each Sunday will take us from the rough terrain of the desert to stories of living water and sight amidst darkness and then we will hear an unbelievable account of someone brought back to life while his sisters and friends look on amazed. The Scriptures also provide us with some challenges such as on Wednesday when through prayer, fasting and almsgiving we turn the focus from our own needs, desires, consumption and distractions and look to the needs of others. As we respond to others in very practical ways we are drawn ever so much deeper into the life of Christ and the Kingdom of God.

I am referring of course to the season of Lent. Yes, it is here again when the whole Church, Christians everywhere and many others "turn again, "come back", "retreat" learn, pray and share their way together as brothers and sisters through this season of grace and blessing.

It is a time to be reminded of who we are through baptism and that sometimes we don't live that life and calling as fully as we could. How are we called to live? The three days of Easter for which we prepare during Lent will answer that most clearly!

The Lenten Season provides us with opportunities for prayer, fasting and almsgiving so as to deepen our life in Christ.

The Lenten Discussion Groups are an excellent way through prayer and discussion to grow in understanding of our faith and to encourage others to do the same. Please contact the parish office if you wish to take part.

Project Compassion is our combined outreach to the poor and the fact that thousands of families and many individuals unite in this common cause and support each other in giving to the poor of the world shows us that our "little" indeed makes the difference between life and death for many.

Ash Wednesday and Good Friday are days of **Fasting and Abstinence**. As we know each Friday in Lent is traditionally when we are invited to do likewise.

Prayer Opportunities. As a family it is good to use this time as a way to pray together. Perhaps family members can take turns to say grace before the evening meal if this is not already your practice. Before children go to bed the family can gather, light a candle and each share simply the one good thing and even the one difficult thing that was part of their day and then conclude with a simple prayer of thanks to God.

The Way of the Cross will be prayed at St Agatha's each Friday at 9.45am during Lent. Participating in Mass during the week or making a greater effort to spend time in prayer at home are all worthy and traditional Lenten practices.

Times for extra celebrations of the **Sacrament of Reconciliation** and Penance services will be advertised later.

The Prayer of the Church refers to Lent as "this joyful season". I hope it will be so for us as we pray for and encourage each other through these grace filled days. God bless, Fr Kevin.

Jesus was led by the Spirit through the wilderness, being tempted there.

The word is very near to you.

Everyone who calls on the name of the Lord will be saved.

Bow down in the sight of your God.

Be with me, Lord, when I am in trouble.

Jesus was 'led by the Spirit into the desert . . . to be tempted'. Not even the Son of God was exempt from the need for prayer, fasting, and struggling with temptation. Our Lenten imitation of Jesus in prayer, fasting, and resisting temptation strengthens us to follow Jesus by daily taking up our cross and laying down our life.



Clayfield Conversations

First Sunday of Lent

The temptations

Luke organises the temptations of Jesus to showcase some of the major themes. For Luke the ministry of Jesus fulfils God's promises to Israel. Thus, Luke is very respectful of Jewish traditions, institutions, and Scriptures. For this reason Luke places a special emphasis on the Temple, the visible sign of God's presence to the people. Luke begins the gospel with Zechariah in the Temple (1:8ff); he ends it with the disciples in the Temple praising God (24:52); the only episode from Jesus' youth, and the last story before his appearance as an adult, takes place in the Temple (2:46-52). In this Sunday's episode Luke puts the temptation at the Temple in the third and climactic position (Matthew 4:5-7 has it second). Here, at the Temple in Jerusalem, the devil tempts Jesus to have God preserve him from death. Jesus' refusal to yield to this temptation foreshadows the time when Jesus comes again to Jerusalem to face his death. Then, he will lay down his life rather than throw it away.

Jesus responds to each of the three temptations of the devil using only words from Scripture - he speaks no words of his own to the devil. Jesus quotes - and fulfils - Scripture. This highlights the centrality of God's word. It also attests to the power of Scripture which can be used to resist the power of the devil. Which brings us to the next point.

Before Jesus begins his ministry, he confronts the devil, the most powerful of his adversaries. This confrontation is merely 'the first round', as it were. Every time Jesus exorcises demons, heals the sick, and restores the handicapped, he is attacking and subduing the power of the devil. The devil departs for a time, only to return when he induces Judas to betray Jesus (22:3); similarly, the proceedings that lead to Jesus' death are the time for the power of darkness (22:53). These temptations are the first salvo in a struggle that will last throughout the gospel. They reveal Jesus as 'the Son of God' (4:3, 9) who demonstrates sonship not in power but in fidelity... *Liturgia*

ST AGATHA'S CHURCH, CLAYFIELD

(AMENDED 5 February)

RECONCILIATION PREPARATION PROGRAM FOR 2019

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.)

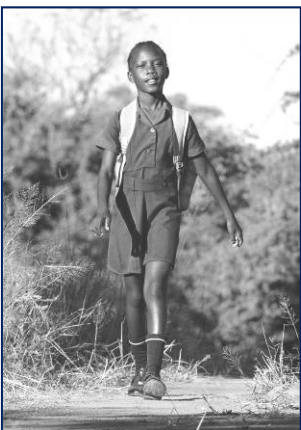
Living well longer



- The secret to living in your own home longer
- How to leverage government funding to do more of what you love
- Organising help and care - cutting through the complexity
- Wills and power of attorney - key areas of estate planning to be aware of

Free lunch and information session
12pm-2pm Tuesday 19 March
Toombul Bowls Club, Northgate
Phone 3255 7752 to RSVP

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PROJECT COMPASSION

Thandolwayo, a 12-year-old girl in Zimbabwe, would walk seven kilometres each day to collect contaminated water for her family. She then went to school exhausted from hours fetching and carrying water. It looked like she would never realise her hope of finishing her education and becoming a nurse, until a Caritas Australia supported project created access to clean water helping Thandolwayo to stay at school and achieve a future full of hope.

Please donate to Project Compassion 2019 to provide clean water and a future full of hope for vulnerable communities in Zimbabwe.

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.



St Rita's College, Clayfield

Enrolments now open for Year 7, 2023

Visit us for a College Tour on 13 March, 9:45am

Register at

www.stritas.qld.edu.au

PLANNED GIVING ENVELOPE USERS

Please Collect Your New Packet

If you wish to contribute to our Planned Giving, please contact the Parish Office. Options are available for direct debit or credit card contributions.

In our prayers we remember



Those who have died recently:

John Herron

Those whose anniversaries occur about now:

Chas Mansfield, Thomas McVeigh, Mary McBride, Fraser Ross, Gene Bartels, Lou Bartels

Those who are sick:

Ray Pavey, 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, Mel Purwo, Patrick Gallagher, Hellen Passente

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

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>

BURNIE BRAE The Burnie Brae not-for-profit community organisation at Chermiside is in need of pre-loved clothing items suitable for ages 50+. You can leave your pre-loved clothing items at the Parish Office during office hours or at the Church on the weekend, by the last Sunday of each month. Pre-loved clothing items will then be delivered to those in need at the Burnie Brae "Project Pantry" event which is held on the 1st Saturday morning of each month.



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

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



St Agatha's
Parish School, Clayfield

OPEN DAY

Friday 15th March, 2019 • 9am-10.30am

6 Hunter Lane, Clayfield Q 4011 | P 3326 9222 | www.stagathasclayfield.qld.edu.au



School tours
are available

Assembly
will be held at 9am
in the Presentation
Centre

Friday 15 March
9am-10.30am



Visit
classrooms
from Prep to Year 6

School choir
will perform



Meet the
Principal
Mrs Carol Sayers

Light
refreshments
will be served
during the Open
Day

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

This line from the Old Testament offers two challenges. First, do you give to God from your "first fruits", the best that you have to offer, or do you give from what is leftover? Second, do you recognize that everything you have has been given to you by God? Ask God for a grateful and generous heart, every day, in all circumstances.

Plenary Council Prayer

Come, Holy Spirit of Pentecost.

Come, Holy Spirit of the great South Land.

*O God, bless and unite all your people in Australia
and guide us on the pilgrim way of the Plenary Council.*

*Give us the grace to see your face in one another
and to recognise Jesus, our companion on the road.*

*Give us the courage to tell our stories
and to speak boldly of your truth.*

*Give us ears to listen humbly to each other
and a discerning heart to hear what you are saying.*

*Lead your Church into a hope-filled future,
that we may live the joy of the Gospel.*

*Through Jesus Christ our Lord,
bread for the journey from age to age.*

Amen.

*Our Lady Help of Christians, pray for us.
St Mary MacKillop, pray for us.*



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

5.00pm

7.00am

9.00am

5.30pm

READERS:

9/10 Mar

Jenny Close
Ann Goves

Kirsty Stevens
Mark Burton

Ryan Smethurst
Dominic Ryan
Lauren Mitchell

Life Teen Mass

16/17 Mar

Ann Goves
Edward Foley

Andrew Douglas
Sr Cecily Foster

Joseph O'Brien
Wilma O'Connell

Life Teen Mass
Life Teen Mass

COMMUNION MINISTERS:

9/10 Mar

Volunteer

Volunteer

Julianne Ryan

Life Teen Mass

16/17 Mar

Deborah Hall

Volunteer

Volunteer

Life Teen Mass

"HOME" COMMUNION MINISTERS:

10 Mar

Marjorie Wessels

17 Mar

Geraldine Swindells

ORGANISTS:

9/10 Mar

Volunteer

Volunteer

Robyn Cuming

Life Teen Mass

16/17 Mar

Volunteer

Volunteer

Jenny McKeon

Life Teen Mass

ALTAR SERVERS:

9/10 Mar

Billy Crutcher
Dash Crutcher

Lachlan Hinneberg

Volunteer/s

Volunteer/s

16/17 Mar

Eve Ryan
Claire Ryan

Volunteer/s

Bart Marino-Cebulski
Amelia Marino-Cebulski

Ella Shepherd
Alex Oliveri

CHILDREN'S LITURGY:

10 Mar

Mel Ryan and Erin Bledsoe

17 Mar

Katrina Murphy and Naoko Leotta

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.

The world tempts us to grab all we can. Even food becomes more when it is given than when it is taken. Follow Jesus: be a giver. Your vocation is a gift for others.

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.

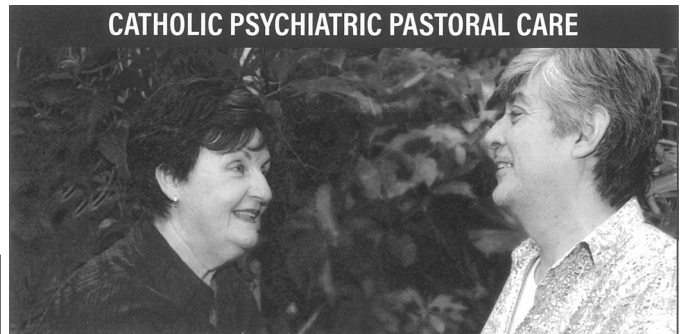
PREP NON SIBLING APPLICATIONS CLOSE – MONDAY 18th MARCH, 2019.

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).



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



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Readings - Second Sunday of Lent (Year C) - 17 March 2019

1st Reading: Genesis 15:5-12, 17-18; 2nd Reading: Philippians 3:17-4:1; Gospel: Luke 9:28-36