



ST. AGATHA'S PARISH

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

Readings

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

WEEKDAY MASSES

Monday 18 March: 6.30am

Saint Patrick

Wednesday 20 March: 9.00am

Thursday 21 March: 9am

Prep & Year 6

Friday 22 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 18th

SVDP Meeting

5pm Parish Office

Friday 22nd

Stations of the Cross 9.45am



The Rite of Election also known as the Enrolment of Names was celebrated with great enthusiasm in the Cathedral of St Stephen last Sunday afternoon. According to the Rites of Christian Initiation of Adults those people seeking to be baptised and who have gone through a prolonged period of catechesis shall on the First Sunday of Lent participate in the Rite of Election. It is recommended that this take place in the local cathedral where the Archbishop publicly acknowledges their new status as well as their readiness for the Easter Sacraments.

Alexandra Brock with the support of a number of parishioners has undergone a time of teaching, learning and sharing about the Christian faith in our Catholic Tradition. On Sunday Archbishop Mark acknowledged her as one of the elect and her name was enrolled in the Parish Book of the Elect to remind us of the significance of this moment in her journey of faith.

We often refer to newly elected Prime Ministers or Presidents as Prime Minister Elect or President Elect. They are referred to as such until they are sworn into their position in a public ceremony which officially confers the role upon them. So the Elect of God are considered ready for Initiation until the public ceremony which will be the celebration of the Sacraments of Baptism, Confirmation and Eucharist at the beautiful Easter Vigil. In the early Church when the journey to the Easter Sacraments took much longer, perhaps even years, the status of the Elect was very important. The Elect although not yet baptised and who died were buried as Christians. It was the same in the celebration of Marriage. The Elect were considered 'baptised in anticipation' and so they could enter into a Sacramental Marriage.

We congratulate Alexandra and assure her of our ongoing prayers. The season of Lent in her journey is not so much a time of teaching but rather one of prayer and purification. The gatherings with parishioners now concentrate on praying for Alexandra as she prepares for the celebration of the Sacraments. On some Sundays of Lent Alexandra will participate in the Scrutinies. These are small ceremonies during Sunday Mass which give public witness to the new direction in life that Alexandra seeks in Baptism. These are also opportunities for the parish to give witness to their prayerful support for her.

God bless, Fr Kevin

SAINT PATRICK - Born in Roman Britain around the end of the fourth century. Died in Ireland about the middle of the fifth century. Faced hardship as a missionary bishop in Ireland, and opposition even from his friends and fellow Christians. Yet worked to conciliate, to evangelise, and to educate local chieftains and their families. Remembered for his simplicity and pastoral care, for his humble trust in God, and for his fearless preaching of the gospel to those who had enslaved him in his youth. Specially honoured in Australia because the many Irish people who came to settle here brought with them the faith and zeal of St Patrick.

SAINT JOSEPH - A carpenter, though born of the royal house of David, Joseph was an upright man who, as husband of the Virgin Mary, cared for Mary and the child Jesus. Venerated in the East after the fourth century, and his cult flowered in the West during the fifteenth century, following the development of medieval nativity plays, the Christmas crib, and increased devotion to Mary.

Clayfield Conversations

Second Sunday of Lent

Transfiguration and passion

Several features of the transfiguration story highlight the glorious aspects of this event: Jesus' changed appearance, his dazzlingly white robes, the presence of Moses and Elijah, the manifestation of Jesus' glory, the cloud of divine presence, the heavenly voice announcing Jesus as the Son of God.

But several features also point to the passion /death /resurrection of Jesus. The Lectionary begins the reading in the middle of verse 28. The omitted half of the verse indicates that this event took place 'about eight days after' Peter's confession that Jesus is 'the Messiah of God' (9:20). 'Eight days' was interpreted by the early Fathers of the Church as a reference to the resurrection: in Jewish reckoning, Saturday (the Sabbath) is the seventh day of the week which makes Sunday the first day of the week or, if counting continuously, the eighth day. The expression 'the eighth day' became shorthand for the resurrection. While this usage is not attested in the New Testament, early Christian documents moved in this direction.

Only Luke indicates what Moses and Elijah were talking about: 'his passing which he was to accomplish (Greek = fulfil) in Jerusalem'. The use of the term 'passing' may be a reflex from the reference to Moses, the hero of the Exodus, in which case Jesus is being identified as the long-expected 'Prophet like Moses' (Deut 18:15,18; see also Acts 3:22; 7:37). Or, because of the future reference, 'he was going to accomplish in Jerusalem', it possibly refers to his coming death /resurrection /ascension. The immediate reference to his 'glory' makes this very likely.

Two more details point this story to the passion. The disciples will once again be found sleeping, next time in Gethsemane (Luke 22:45-46). And finally, the words 'this is my Son, the Chosen One' reflect the vocabulary of the Servant of the Lord (42:1), the same Servant who 'gives his life as an offering for sin' (Isaiah 53:10) and whose death 'shall justify many' (Isaiah 53:11). Glory and passion are the two sides of the paschal mystery... *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

Tati lives in the remote forest of Indonesia. She is a mother of three who was earning an income working in a local rubber plantation.



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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.



With great joy we welcome *Grace Girardi* and *Daisy George* who will be baptised this weekend.

EASTER RAFFLE

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

A VOCATION VIEW: After the transfiguration, Peter, John and James wanted to stay up the mountain. However, Jesus said, "Move," with the knowledge that ships are safe in harbours, but not meant to stay in harbours.

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:

Frank English, Gary Cierlitz, Edward O'Malley

Those whose anniversaries occur about now:

Albert Tesch, Sally Tesch, James Delahunty, Kathleen Delahunty, Chas Mansfield, Thomas McVeigh, Mary McBride

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>

GOOD READS FROM ST AGATHA'S LIBRARY

All of our latest additions to the library are very exciting. It is hard to choose just what to recommend but we suggest two very different books, whose subject is the giving of help to those in need of love. They are:

Just Compassion by Fr Wally Dethlefs (set in Brisbane) and
The Shattering of Loneliness by Erik Varden.

Our new books are displayed on the table outside the library.

AGGIES YOUTH DATE SAVER!

Caritas Kitchen - St Agatha's Clayfield
Join us to raise funds for Caritas

SUNDAY 7 APRIL 2019
MORE DETAILS TO COME

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:

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WHS Incident Reporting

Parishioners and visitors are reminded of the requirement to immediately report any health or safety incident, injury or damage that occurs within our Parish. Reporting assists our Parish to provide the necessary assistance, take remedial action and provide mandatory notifications to the Archdiocese and the Division of Work Health and Safety QLD.

TWO-MINUTE HOMILIES Priests from around the Archdiocese are preparing "Two Minute Homilies" and uploading them on social media platforms on a weekly basis now. To view or listen (at your leisure) to a podcast please visit <http://brisbanecatholic.org.au/multimedia/two-minutehomilies/>

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

5.00pm

7.00am

9.00am

5.30pm

READERS:

16/17 Mar	Ann Goves Edward Foley	Andrew Douglas Sr Cecily Foster	Joseph O'Brien Wilma O'Connell	Life Teen Mass Life Teen Mass
23/24 Mar	Graham Gibson Julie-Anne Gibson	Nick Eden Dianne Eden	Amrita Moss Clare Smethurst Trish Ryan	Life Teen Mass

COMMUNION MINISTERS:

16/17 Mar	Deborah Hall	<i>Volunteer</i>	<i>Volunteer</i>	Life Teen Mass
23/24 Mar	Edward Foley	Paulette Archer	Amrita Moss	Life Teen Mass

"HOME" COMMUNION MINISTERS:

17 Mar	Geraldine Swindells
24 Mar	Georgia Allan

ORGANISTS:

16/17 Mar	<i>Volunteer</i>	<i>Volunteer</i>	Jenny McKeon	Life Teen Mass
23/24 Mar	<i>Volunteer</i>	<i>Volunteer</i>	Robyn Cuming	Life Teen Mass

ALTAR SERVERS:

16/17 Mar	Eve Ryan Claire Ryan	<i>Volunteer/s</i>	Bart Marino-Cebulski Amelia Marino-Cebulski	Ella Shepherd Alex Oliveri
23/24 Mar	Xavier Coorey Dominic Coorey	Joseph Douglas	Sophia Perkins Max Elliott	Tia Manuel

CHILDREN'S LITURGY:

17 Mar	Katrina Murphy and Naoko Leotta Jane Cameron and Giulia Coorey
24 Mar	

SANCTUARY CARERS:

6 Apr	Victor Podesta
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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.

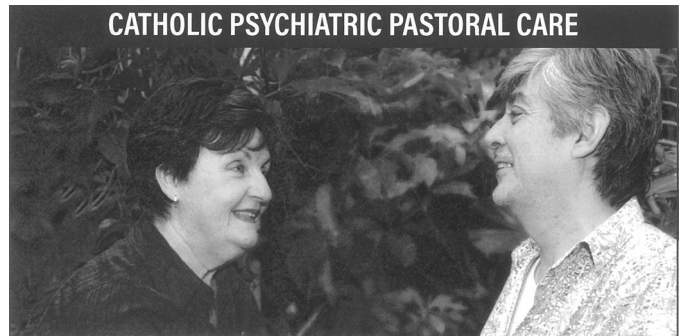


Position Vacant – Youth Ministry Coordinator

Applications are open for a position at St Mary's, South Brisbane and Dutton Park Parishes. A person who is interested in coordinating and supporting youth programs is required for a part time position of youth ministry coordinator for 15 hours per week. For additional information, please visit the Archdiocese of Brisbane website: <https://brisbanecatholic.org.au/> and to careers. Applications close: 29 March 2019

The Archdiocese of Brisbane has standards of conduct for employees and volunteers to maintain a safe and healthy environment. Our commitment to these standards requires that we conduct background referencing for all persons who will engage in direct and regular involvement with children, young people and/or vulnerable adults.

BURNIE BRAE The Burnie Brae not-for-profit community organisation at Chermside 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.



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



Readings - Third Sunday of Lent (Year C) - 24 March 2019

1st Reading: Exodus 3:1-8, 13-15; 2nd Reading: 1 Corinthians 10:1-6, 10-12; Gospel: Luke 13:1-9