



ST. AGATHA'S PARISH

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Fifth Sunday of Lent (Year C) - 7th April 2019

Readings

1st Reading: Isaiah 43:16-21; 2nd Reading: Philippians 3:8-14; Gospel: John 8:1-11

WEEKDAY MASSES

Monday 8 April: 6.30am
Wednesday 10 April: 9.00am
Thursday 11 March: 9am
Friday 12 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

APRIL

Monday 8th
2nd Rite of Reconciliation
6pm
Friday 12th
Stations of the Cross 9.45am
Saturday 13th
Reconciliation 1st Rite 9.30am
Monday 15th
SVDP Meeting
5pm Parish Office

**PLEASE NOTE
CHANGE OF
TIME FOR
2nd RITE OF
RECONCILIATION
MONDAY
8 APRIL
6.00PM**

Next Sunday is Palm Sunday of the Lord's Passion. It begins the week that we refer to as Holy Week. During that week we remember and celebrate the events in the life of Christ which have now become life for us in the events we live. The life, death and Resurrection of Jesus which is the heart of our faith are remembered in such a way that we immerse ourselves into the mystery and salvation they bring to us today. The sacred Triduum or sacred three days invite us into the Supper, the trial, the suffering, the death, and the time of waiting and the light of Resurrection. All of this we do with Christ not to simply re tell what he experienced but for this remembering to shed light on us and our journey of faith. These three days give direction and purpose to every day and every week.

I encourage every parishioner to participate in the meaning and hope of Holy Week. If possible please attend the ceremonies of the Triduum. Be aware that times for some ceremonies may be different to previous years. While the Easter Triduum is in fact one prolonged Liturgy each aspect highlights part of the mystery of our faith. Holy Thursday, Good Friday, and the Easter Vigil are wonderful opportunities to contemplate and celebrate the whole mystery of Christ who died and rose for us.

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Next Wednesday and Thursday the priests of the Archdiocese gather with Archbishop Mark Coleridge for the annual convocation. This time together enables +Mark and his co-workers to learn and share practical ways that assist in the mission of the Church of Brisbane. This year Ron Huntley from Canada who has been very involved in parish renewal will be leading the convocation. Please pray for us as we share this important time together.

The convocation concludes with the celebration of the Chrism Mass at the Cathedral of St Stephen on Thursday evening the 11th April at 7.00pm. You are all invited to attend the Chrism Mass and being so close to the city I hope some parishioners will be present.

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The Easter holidays commence this weekend for the school communities and we wish them a safe and relaxing time. Hopefully this holiday period will enable many of our families to gather with us for the Easter ceremonies. A happy holiday to all our school families.

God bless,
Fr Kevin.

Clayfield Conversations

Fifth Sunday of Lent

Isaiah and national restoration

The first reading, from what scholars call 'Second Isaiah' (chapters 40-55), was most likely written in the 540s C.E. by an anonymous prophet living in Babylon during the Exile (597-539). His mission was to offer comfort for his dispirited people (40:1-2) and to prepare them to return to their homeland (48:20; 55:12).

This Sunday's passage begins by recalling the greatest of all God's saving deeds: the Exodus when Moses led the people through the Red Sea. In Isaiah's words, 'the Lord ... made a way through the sea and a path in the great waters' (41:16). At that pivotal moment God destroyed the Egyptian army when they drowned in the Sea. This is the event that revealed the God of creation as the God of salvation without equal; this was the great event memorialised every year, even to the present day, in the Passover. This is the apex of Israel's saving history. Yet the prophet says, 'No need to recall the events of the past, what was done before' (43:18). Why? God is about to do something that makes the past insignificant. God will once again lead the people out of their captivity in a foreign land, but this time by not dividing a sea: instead, God will build a super-highway through the great Arabian desert that separated Judah from Babylonia (more than 500 miles). Of course, in a desert the greatest need is water, so the Lord will put 'water in the wilderness' (43:20).

This is God acting on behalf of the entire people. The future God has planned for them is to be restored as a people and a nation in the land God had promised to Abraham. Just as Judah's sin was corporate and merited the punishment of the entire people, deliverance is also corporate. The liberation and restoration Isaiah describes on a national scale is an image for what Jesus enacts on a personal scale for the woman caught in adultery... *Liturgia*

LIFE TEEN MASS - 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.

Enjoy food and friendship after Mass on the 1st and 3rd Sundays of each month.

NOTE: The third Sunday menu will be drinks and nibbles and first Sunday will remain as the usual supper. Volunteers eagerly accepted. Visit AggiesYouth: <https://www.facebook.com/aggiesyouth>



PROJECT COMPASSION

Salma featured in Project Compassion 2013. At the time she was pregnant with her first child, sick and terribly frightened. In distress, she sought the help of a midwife trained by Caritas' Safe Motherhood Program. Six years on, she's now a healthy mother of two strong, happy children. Salma is committed to giving her children the education they need to provide them with the future she hoped for. **Please donate to Project Compassion 2019 and help reduce infant mortality rates in countries like Bangladesh and provide hope to pregnant women in remote communities for happy and healthy families.**



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.

EASTER RAFFLE

\$2.00 a ticket or 3 tickets for \$5.00. Drawn Easter Sunday after 9.00am Mass



Riverbend Books and Walker Books Australia present

MEGAN McDONALD

Author of the *Judy Moody* and *Stink* series

In her ONLY public Queensland appearance.

6:00pm Monday 29th April
at St Agatha's Primary School,
6 Hunter Lane, Clayfield

Get your tickets from
<http://bit.ly/MeganMcDonald>



This weekend we welcome Fr John Sullivan for the 5pm and 9am Masses.



Vocation Brisbane "Event Cards" are available at the back of the Church.

In our prayers we remember



Those who have died recently:

Rosalba Borgna, Brian Cochrane, Johnny LaMotta, Ken Kirby, June Wood, Jennifer Letizia, Sandy Kidd, Fritz Yahr

Those whose anniversaries occur about now:

Judy Power, Sid Tynan, Ivy Devlin, Anthony Hoskins

Those who are sick:

John McKnoulty, Thea Hoffmann, 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.

ROSTERS FOR EASTER

We are still in need of Readers, Communion Ministers and Altar Servers. Please see roster sheets at the back of the Church.

CHRISM MASS Archbishop Mark Coleridge invites you to the Annual Chrism Mass to be held in the Cathedral of St Stephen on Thursday 11 April 2019 commencing at 7.00pm. This is a celebration for the entire Archdiocese and all are welcome.

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

AGGIES YOUTH CARITAS KITCHEN JOIN US TO RAISE FUNDS FOR CARITAS

Join us for a casual supper. We will be collecting any donations on the night or online:

<https://lent.caritas.org.au/stagathas-aggiesyouthaggiesyouth>

AFTER THE 5.30PM MASS / SUN 7 APRIL 2019 OUTSIDE UNDER THE UMBRELLA

We would be grateful for registrations via Sticky Tickets to help with catering.

<https://www.stickytickets.com.au/84421>



ST AGATHA'S CLAYFIELD Holy Week Masses 2019

Saturday 13 April

Reconciliation 1st Rite 9.30am

Monday 15 April - 6.30am Mass

Reconciliation 1st Rite 7.00am

Wednesday 17 April - 9.00am Mass

Reconciliation 1st Rite 9.30am

Holy Thursday 18 April

No 9.00am Mass

6.00pm Mass of the Lord's Supper

Good Friday 19 April

10.00am Stations of the Cross

3.00pm Celebration of the Lord's Passion

Holy Saturday 20 April

6.00pm Easter Vigil

Easter Sunday 21 April

7.00am and 9.00am Mass

Please Note: NO 5.30pm Mass

Easter Monday 22 April

9.00am Mass

 **MARY MACKILLOP COLLEGE**
OPEN DAY - Sunday 19 May, 10am - 1pm
www.mmc.qld.edu.au



MACKILLOPWOMENSHINE

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

5.00pm

7.00am

9.00am

5.30pm

READERS:

6/7 Apr	Jack Williamson Ann Goves	Annette Riba Kirsty Stevens	Joseph O'Brien Jane Arkinstall Eileen Duncan	Life Teen Mass
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13/14 Apr	Edward Foley <i>Volunteer</i>	<i>Volunteer</i> Annette Riba	Jane Arkinstall <i>Volunteer</i>	Life Teen Mass
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COMMUNION MINISTERS:

6/7 Apr	<i>Volunteer</i>	<i>Volunteer</i>	<i>Volunteer</i>	Life Teen Mass
13/14 Apr	Christine Iannarella	Paulette Archer	<i>Volunteer</i>	Life Teen Mass

"HOME" COMMUNION MINISTERS:

7 Apr	Marjorie Wessels
14 Apr	Anna Coventry

ORGANISTS:

6/7 Apr	<i>Volunteer</i>	<i>Volunteer</i>	Jenny McKeon	Life Teen Mass
13/14 Apr	<i>Volunteer</i>	<i>Volunteer</i>	Robyn Cuming	Life Teen Mass

ALTAR SERVERS:

6/7 Apr	<i>Volunteer/s</i>	<i>Volunteer/s</i>	<i>Volunteer/s</i>	<i>Volunteer/s</i>
13/14 Apr	<i>Volunteer/s</i>	<i>Volunteer/s</i>	<i>Volunteer/s</i>	<i>Volunteer/s</i>

CHILDREN'S LITURGY:

7 Apr	Ewan McPherson and Lisa Sos
14 Apr & 21 Apr	<i>No Children's Liturgy - School Holidays</i>

SANCTUARY CARERS:

20 Apr	Beverley O'Brien
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A VOCATION VIEW: Lent is a time of being serious about forgiveness and knowing that we too are loved. Who will step forward to tell of God's great love for us?

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.

2nd Rite of Reconciliation

Monday 8 April

6.00pm

1st Rite of Reconciliation

Saturday 13 April

9.30am

POSITION VACANT – SACRISTAN

Applications are open for a position at the Cathedral of St Stephen. A person with Cathedral or Parish experience in liturgical ministry is required for a full time position of Sacristan for 37.5 hours a week working on Wednesday, Thursday, Friday, Saturday and Sunday. Closing date 18th April 2019. For additional information, please visit the Archdiocese of Brisbane website <https://brisbanecatholic.org.au/> and to careers.

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.

ST AGATHA'S PARISH SACRAMENTAL PROGRAM - 2019
(For all children in Year 4 that have been Confirmed)

SACRAMENT OF FIRST HOLY COMMUNION

Parent Information Evening: 24th April, 6.30pm in APAC, St Agatha's School

Rite of Enrolment: 27th & 28th April at any of the Masses
Mass times: Saturday 5.00pm; Sunday 7.00am, 9.00am & 5.30pm

FIRST HOLY COMMUNION DATES

Saturday 25th May at 5.00pm

Sunday 26th May at 9.00am

Saturday 1st June at 5.00pm

Sunday 2nd June at 9.00am

For further information, call Jane Cameron at the Parish office: 3262 2859 or email: clayfield@bne.catholic.net.au

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/>



Readings - Palm Sunday of the Passion of the Lord (Year C) - 14 April 2019
1st Reading: Isaiah 50:4-7; 2nd Reading: Philippians 2:6-11; Gospel: Luke 22:14-23:56