



# ST. AGATHA'S PARISH

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School Principal: Mrs Carol Sayers APRE: Mr Nick Fogarty Outside School Hours Care Coordinator: Roxanne Grogan

## Fourth Sunday of Lent (Year C) - 31st March 2019

Readings

1st Reading: Joshua 5:9-12; 2nd Reading: 2 Corinthians 5:17-21; Gospel: Luke 15:1-3, 11-32

### WEEKDAY MASSES

Monday 1 April: 6.30am  
Wednesday 3 April: 9.00am  
Thursday 4 March: 9am  
Friday 5 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 1st  
SVDP Meeting  
5pm Parish Office  
Friday 5th  
Stations of the Cross 9.45am  
Monday 8th  
2nd Rite of Reconciliation  
7pm



Over the forty years that the Israelites journeyed through the desert, God provided them with manna to eat. As soon as they were able to enjoy the fruits of the Promised Land the manna ceased. Likewise, God's blessings to us may change over the years but it is important to trust that God will always provide us with all that we need.

Congratulations to the young members of our community who have celebrated the Sacrament of Penance for the first time. These children have already experienced the Sacrament in a simple form and in a communal rite as they prepared for First Holy Communion. This was a more formal time of preparation and the children experienced the usual way of celebrating the Sacrament, that is, the first rite or individual confession.

While most had a few nerves which is completely normal the children were all well prepared and they knew the prayers and format of the Sacrament. Importantly too they are old enough to know how important it is to say sorry, accept forgiveness and be forgiving. These are vital learnings for the children and this is where parents and guardians have a most important role to play. I would like to thank all those who participated in the home preparation of their children as the feedback we receive is very positive. For many families this time is not only about preparing for a church ritual it is also an opportunity for parents and guardians to speak with children about important values for life. Thank you also to the Sacramental team who offer so much support to parents and children at this significant time in the faith growth of our young people and their families.

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I noticed during the week that the Baptismal font at St Agatha's will be 100 years old in October 2023. This beautiful Font has been in St Agatha's for 96 years and is a magnificent tribute to the significance we place on the Sacrament. To simply look at the font is to appreciate the unique and wonderful event that is baptism. It is an outstanding symbol of the beauty and eternal nature of the Sacrament. Many parishioners would know the history of this gift entrusted to the Parish and perhaps the individuals and families who donated the font. The name Duhig seems to ring a bell!!

Sadly, the font is rarely used. The hinge mechanism which opens the ornate cover or 'roof' of the font is broken and opening the cover has now caused a rut to be scraped into the marble. The positioning of the font in the side chapel also means that when more than one child is baptised which is usually the case those gathered cannot be seated in the smaller chapel.

To get around these issues a solution albeit a very poor one has been sought. A second font has been in use for some time and it is moved from the same side chapel into the nave when baptism is celebrated. A second baptismal font in a church is the same as having two front doors to your home. Nothing wrong just extremely odd. For a Parish with a history extending into a second century I think it is a shame those following generations who return to St Agatha's for baptism do not celebrate the sacrament around the font of their forbears which was given to the Parish and which has served and still could serve the parish very well.

There is no reason for the font to become a museum piece. It can be repaired and refurbished including the treatment of the copper, brass and silver "roof". The more delicate and complex issue is the position in which the font is placed. This will take further discussion and explanation but given the significance of baptism and the respect we all ought have for the gifts entrusted to the Parish all our efforts will be worthwhile. If you have any ideas as to how to address these matters and would like to be in an on-going discussion you are most welcome to contact me.

God bless, Fr Kevin

## Clayfield Conversations

### Fourth Sunday of Lent

#### Repentance

Repentance, announced so urgently in last Sunday's parable of the barren fig tree, is illustrated more tenderly in this Sunday's familiar story of the 'prodigal son'. Repentance is presented under a number of images. It is dramatised geographically: sin is going away from home to 'a distant country'; repentance is returning. It is presented metaphorically in two sets of images: sin is being lost and dead; repentance is being found and coming back to life. Repentance is also described psychologically: it is coming to one's senses.

This last expression, 'came to his senses' (15:17) in Greek is 'he came to himself'. It implies that the son's disdain for his father's property, his departure from home, his foolish management of the funds, his life of dissipation, and his employment herding swine (according to the rabbis, a forbidden profession), result in alienation from himself. Today we might say that he'd lost his identity, his sense of self. Moreover, as he himself acknowledges, he no longer deserves to be called his father's son. Cut off from self, father, family, and homeland, his alienation is complete. This is a rather good existential description of sin. But Luke, the storyteller, uses visual images to convey the desperate lad's plight: the measure of how low he has sunk is that even pigs eat better than he!

Thus, when the story informs us that 'he came to his senses (= himself)', we are at a dramatic turning point. Though he no longer has any financial, legal, or moral claim on his father, and though he has abandoned his ties of kinship, he realises that his father is the kind of man who might mercifully hire him as a servant. Sin has effects. It changes relationships. No longer worthy to be a son, 'he comes to himself' as a servant. Even in this reduced circumstance, 'coming to his senses' holds out the hope of change repentance and a return to self and home is possible. The measure of the Father's mercy is that he restores his identity as 'this son of mine'...

*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 1<sup>st</sup> and 3<sup>rd</sup> 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

**Michaela** is a 21-year-old trainee at Purple House, a dialysis center in the Central Desert for people suffering from kidney disease. With the support of Caritas partners, Michaela is helping to build a social enterprise, a connection to culture and a new outlook for the chronically ill.

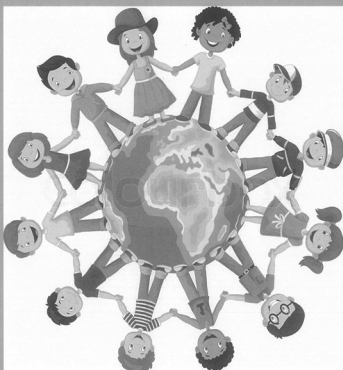
**Please donate to Project Compassion 2019 and help provide essential health care, employment and training for First Australians like Michaela.**

**Lives change when we all give 100%.**

You can donate through Parish boxes and envelopes, or by visiting [www.caritas.org.au/projectcompassion](http://www.caritas.org.au/projectcompassion) or phoning 1800 024 413.



### CHILDRENS LITURGY OF THE WORD



All Children from Prep to Year 4 are invited to attend Children's Liturgy of the Word held during term only on the 1st, 3rd & 4th Sundays of every month at the 9.00am Mass.

Any Children of pre-school age must be accompanied by an adult.

### EASTER RAFFLE

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

Drawn Easter Sunday  
after 9.00am Mass

### 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:

Fritz Yahr

### Those whose anniversaries occur about now:

Reg Shun Wah (Snr),

### Those who are sick:

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**

Are you available to be on roster for Palm Sunday or at any of the Easter Masses?

Please fill in the sheets on the clipboard 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](mailto:stagathascentenarybook@gmail.com)

“We would love some helpers for cooking and serving at our Caritas Kitchen. Please contact the parish office or Anne O’Connor on 3256 6013 if you can assist”.

## **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**

### **Outside School Hours Care**



#### *Outside School Hours Care*

Our program is based on Australia's first National Quality Framework, designed specifically for OSHC (for full version [www.aqicqa.gov.au](http://www.aqicqa.gov.au)) which aims to extend and enrich children's wellbeing and development in school age settings.

Our activity program reflects and values the importance of play in middle childhood. Activities are provided to support children's social, emotional and life skill development.

Children are encouraged to grow and develop in a safe, caring and supportive environment where friendship, cooperation and mutual respect is encouraged.

The OSHC environment, resources and equipment provide opportunities for children to engage in self initiated and spontaneous play. Activities may include art and craft, science, sports and games, indoor and outdoor activities, music, dance, drama and cooking.

Opportunities for children to complete homework are provided.



#### *Health and Nutrition*

The service encourages positive learning experiences during snack times where good food habits are developed in a happy, social environment. Should snacks be provided by the service they will be healthy, balanced and varied. The service provides opportunities for children to experience food from different cultures. Menus are provided at the service.

#### *Staffing*

Centacare Child Care Services work cooperatively with key stakeholders to develop a team of child care professionals that support and respect the uniqueness and individuality of children and families.

The day to day operations of each OSHC centre is managed by a Service Coordinator and supported by an Area Supervisor.



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**FLYERS AVAILABLE AT THE  
BACK OF THE CHURCH**

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

**5.00pm**

**7.00am**

**9.00am**

**5.30pm**

**READERS:**

30/31 Mar Katrina Murphy Aleira Egan Chanelle White Life Teen Mass  
Marian Nolan Anne O'Connor Ryan Smethurst Dan Butler

6/7 Apr Jack Williamson Annette Riba Joseph O'Brien Life Teen Mass  
Ann Goves Kirsty Stevens Jane Arkinstall Eileen Duncan

**COMMUNION MINISTERS:**

30/31 Mar Deborah Hall Volunteer Erin Bledsoe Life Teen Mass  
6/7 Apr Volunteer Volunteer Volunteer Life Teen Mass

**"HOME" COMMUNION MINISTERS:**

31 Mar Karen Birtles  
7 Apr Marjorie Wessels

**ORGANISTS:**

30/31 Mar Volunteer Volunteer Robyn Cuming & Life Teen Mass  
Paul Fiumara

6/7 Apr Volunteer Volunteer Jenny McKeon Life Teen Mass

**ALTAR SERVERS:**

30/31 Mar Ella Shepherd Lachlan Hinneberg Bridget Birchley Caitlin Marshall  
Sofia Iannarella Chelsy Waller Alex Oliveri

6/7 Apr Volunteer/s Volunteer/s Volunteer/s Volunteer/s

**CHILDREN'S LITURGY:**

31 Mar Children's Mass - No Children's Liturgy  
7 Apr Ewan McPherson and Lisa Sos

**SANCTUARY CARERS:**

20 Apr Beverley O'Brien

**BAPTISMS**

We celebrate baptisms on the 3<sup>rd</sup> and 4<sup>th</sup> Sundays of the month. For bookings and further information, please phone the parish office on 3262 2859.

**2nd Rite of Reconciliation**  
Monday 8 April  
7.00pm

**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

*Congratulations to Aidan Bowker and Danielle Marr who were married this weekend.*

**THE CATHOLIC MAN BREAKFAST SERIES**



Hosted by  
Archbishop Mark Coleridge  
Archbishop of Brisbane

7.00 - 9.00 am

Thursday 23 May  
Tattersall's Club  
215 Queen Street, Brisbane

Hear

**Matt Fradd**  
tell his story



**Matt's Manhood Messages**

Matt Fradd speaks to tens of thousands of people every year. He is the best-selling author of several books, including *Does God Exist? A Socratic Dialog on the Five Ways of Thomas Aquinas* and *The Porn Myth: Exposing the Reality Behind the Fantasy of Pornography*. Matt earned his master's and undergraduate degree's in philosophy from Holy Apostles College, and is pursuing a master's degree in theology from The Augustine Institute. Matt's podcast *Pints With Aquinas* receives over half a million downloads every month. Matt lives with his wife, Cameron, and their children in Georgia.

**Bookings**  
des@menalive.org.au  
(credit card and eft available)

**Enquiries**  
mail@menalive.org.au

**RSVP: 20 May**  
**Cost: \$48 per person**  
(\$450 per table of 10)

We encourage fathers to bring their sons to this event.

**Dress Code:** Long-sleeved button-up shirt & trousers (no jeans, shorts or sneakers)

The Catholic Man Breakfast Series is an opportunity for men to gather and be encouraged and inspired in their faith.



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God is glorified when men are fully alive  
St Irenaeus

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

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

