



ST. AGATHA'S PARISH

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

Readings

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

WEEKDAY MASSES

Monday 25 March: 6.30am
The Annunciation of the Lord
Wednesday 27 March: 9.00am
Thursday 28 March: 9am
Friday 29 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 29th

Stations of the Cross 9.45am

APRIL

Monday 1st

SVDP Meeting

5pm Parish Office



Some parishioners have made enquiries regarding the change of procedures that have occurred during Mass. These changes affect those who proclaim the Word of God at Mass. Well I'm glad that you have noticed. Those who are Readers at Mass go to some trouble to prepare their reading and to proclaim it in a way that is both meaningful and prayerful. We will understand the Readings when we give our best attention to listening and when we free ourselves from as many distractions as possible. Sometimes of course the mind will still wander. However the last thing we should be doing is adding needless instructions and directions. After the Vatican Council when the Mass changed quite dramatically many parishes developed the ministry of Leader or Commentator who gave some directions as to when to stand or sit as well as leading us in the Creed and other prayers all of which were now said in English.

After more than 50 years we don't need those directions but old habits die hard. Do we need to be reminded as to whether we are listening to a first or second reading? We know the Psalm follows the Old Testament Reading so informing the congregation is unnecessary. In fact if the reader just announces the response without instructions we know that we repeat the verse and off we go. Do we have to be told to stand for the Gospel? We rarely, if ever, sit for it. The verse that is meant to be sung before the Gospel is intended to accompany a simple procession to the Ambo by the priest and servers. It is not intended "to welcome the Gospel". Hopefully our faith filled hearts and participation at Mass will help us welcome the Lord.

In short we try to cut down on unnecessary wordiness so as to listen closely to The Word. The Word of God which is ever new and full of Life.

Some people may think that this is being pedantic and there are bigger issues to worry about in the Church today and they may have a point. But for many people I speak to in this parish and many others the issue of Mass and Mass attendance is often mentioned. Our worship is a wonderful gift to us and many people are drawn to God and to the community of faith on the quality of Sunday Mass as well as the friendliness of the community. Sunday Mass has a now familiar flow to it and as we listen to the Word and allow the symbols and actions to speak to us we may find that those old distractions disappear and we will have a new appreciation for the beauty and depth of our Church's praise and worship of God.

On your behalf I thank most sincerely those parishioners who serve us so willingly and well in the various ministries at Mass each and every Sunday.

God bless, Fr Kevin

ANNUNCIATION OF THE LORD - As the title of the solemnity suggests, this is a festival of the Lord. The various titles and descriptions of Jesus are, therefore, noteworthy: he will be called 'Son of the Most High,' and 'holy, the Son of God'; he will inherit the 'throne of David his father,' 'he will rule over the house of Jacob,' and 'of his king-dom there will be no end.' All these statements are rich with Old Testament references. The 'Most High' is a title used by Abraham for God (Gen 14:22); the use of 'the house of Jacob' and the 'house of David' place this passage firmly within the ancient and sacred traditions of Israel. Further, the 'sonship' of Jesus, especially in light of the frequent references to David, could suggest the divine adoption of the Davidic heir, i.e., the ancient tradition that saw the King of Judah as God's own adopted son (see Pss 2:7; 110:2-3; cf. also Ps 89:27). This royal aspect is reinforced by the references to his eternal 'rule' and his 'kingdom.' Even on this rich referential level, the message to Mary is astounding: the long mori-bund kingship of David which apparently ended with Zerubbabel in the sixth century B.C.E. is about to be re-vived! But for readers of the Gospel, something even greater is about to unfold. Luke signals this with the un-paralleled virgin birth. The uniqueness of the conception and birth befit, not primarily the privilege of Mary, but the status of Jesus as the Son of God Most High.

Clayfield Conversations

Third Sunday of Lent

The barren fig tree

This parable, found only in Luke, is introduced by the report of two strange events which only Luke recounts. The first seems to be an act of political violence committed by Pilate against some Galileans; the second is a freak accident at a tower being built at Siloam which is in Jerusalem. What both stories have in common is that a group of people met a quick, unexpected end. Jesus doesn't address the moral issues - whether their sinfulness made them worthy of such a fate; instead, he seizes a teachable moment and warns his hearers to repent lest they perish suddenly and unprepared.

In this context - repent now before disaster overtakes you - Jesus gives this parable of the barren fig tree. The owner has been patient, checking for three years to see if this tree would produce fruit. Now, suddenly and without warning, he announces his decision: 'Cut it down!' So far, this is a story that recalls the fiery preaching of John the Baptist: 'Produce good fruits as evidence of your repentance ... Even now the axe lies at the root of the trees. Therefore every tree that does not produce good fruit will be cut down and thrown into the fire' (Luke 3:8-9). But in the ministry of Jesus there is a gift of mercy and unexpected postponement of the judgment: the gardener pleads for one more year. He will take extraordinary steps: fertilising a fig tree was not common practice. But after this short delay and after these exceptional measures, if there is still no fruit, then judgment will fall. The time is short! This situation is urgent! Repent now!

It is possible that there are veiled references to Jesus' approaching fate. He speaks this parable while he is on his journey to Jerusalem; the references to Pilate and violent death certainly alert readers to Jesus' violent death at the hands of Pilate. Jesus' preaching on the way to Jerusalem represents that last period of grace during which his hearers may repent. Soon it will be too late. ... *Liturgia*

St Agatha's Reconciliation Preparation Program

Reconciliation dates

Monday 25 March 3.30pm

Thursday 28 March 6.00pm

Saturday 30 March 3.45pm



With great joy we welcome
Ayla Ball, Liam and Lucas de Silva,
Rosie Graham and
Odhran O'Brien
who will be baptised this weekend.



PROJECT COMPASSION

Peter goes to a boarding school in the Solomon Islands which has experienced water shortages for 60 years. Previously, students would have to walk kilometres each day in search of clean water, which was particularly challenging for Peter who is living with a disability. With Caritas Australia's support, the school has created a new reliable water system. With more free time and fewer illnesses caused by dirty water, Peter can fulfil his hope of focusing on his studies, providing him with brighter future.

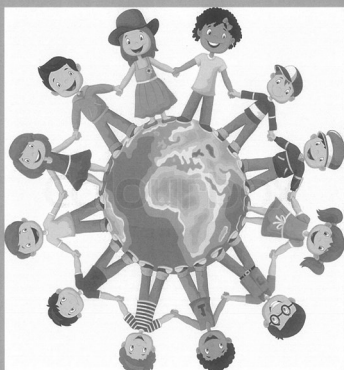


Please donate to Project Compassion 2019 and help lift communities in Indonesia out of poverty, and give them hope to protect our common home

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.

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.

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.

"He said to the gardener, 'For three years now I have come in search of fruit on this fig tree but have found none.'" (Luke 13:7)

In our prayers we remember



Those who have died recently:

Frank English, Gary Cierlitz, Edward O'Malley

Those whose anniversaries occur about now:

Reg Shun Wah (Snr), Albert Tesch, Sally Tesch, James Delahunty, Kathleen Delahunty

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.

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:

stagathascenentarybook@gmail.com

A one-day retreat on *"The Grace of Baptism"* will be held at Kedron's Little Flower Church Hall, 80 Turner Road, Kedron on Saturday 13 April 2019, 9.30am to 4.30pm. Presented by the Catholic Charismatic Renewal Brisbane Mission Team. Morning and afternoon teas provided, BYO lunch. Everyone is invited.

Enquiries: Len Airey 0421 977 849

"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".

ST AGATHA'S PARISH CHILDREN'S MASS SUNDAY 31 MARCH 9AM

All children in grades Prep to Year 6 are invited to participate in the Children's Mass at 9am on 31 March.

At the Mass, children are asked to bring the gifts to the Altar, collecting, altar serve and welcome people as they arrive.

We will be having a traditional Devonshire Tea afterwards and there will be a coffee cart available for you to purchase coffee.

If your child/children would like to participate please phone the Parish office on 3262 2859 or email:

clayfield@bne.catholic.net.au by no later than the Tuesday 26 March. We look forward to seeing you there. All welcome.

Position Vacant – Parish Coordinator

Applications are open for a position at the *Loganholme Catholic Parish*. A person with excellent administration and secretarial skills is required for a part time position of Parish Coordinator for 21 hours per week with the times and days to be negotiated with selected candidate. Closing date Friday 19 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.

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

5.00pm

7.00am

9.00am

5.30pm

READERS:

23/24 Mar Graham Gibson
Julie-Anne Gibson

Nick Eden
Dianne Eden

Amrita Moss
Clare Smethurst
Trish Ryan

Life Teen Mass

30/31 Mar Katrina Murphy
Marian Nolan

Aleira Egan
Anne O'Connor

Chanelle White
Ryan Smethurst
Dan Butler

Life Teen Mass

COMMUNION MINISTERS:

23/24 Mar Edward Foley
30/31 Mar Deborah Hall

Paulette Archer
Volunteer

Amrita Moss
Erin Bledsoe

Life Teen Mass
Life Teen Mass

"HOME" COMMUNION MINISTERS:

24 Mar Tom & Jeannine Treston
31 Mar Karen Birtles

ORGANISTS:

23/24 Mar *Volunteer*
30/31 Mar *Volunteer*

Volunteer
Volunteer

Robyn Cuming
Robyn Cuming &
Paul Fiumara

Life Teen Mass
Life Teen Mass

ALTAR SERVERS:

23/24 Mar Xavier Coorey
Dominic Coorey

Joseph Douglas

Sophia Perkins
Max Elliott

Tia Manuel

30/31 Mar Ella Shepherd
Sofia Iannarella

Lachlan Hinneberg

Bridget Birchley
Chelsy Waller

Caitlin Marshall
Alex Oliveri

CHILDREN'S LITURGY:

24 Mar Jane Cameron and Giulia Coorey
31 Mar *Children's Mass - No Children's Liturgy*

SANCTUARY CARERS:

6 Apr Victor Podesta

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.



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.

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



Life's Journey

exhibition & luncheon
with guest speaker
Dr Rhyl Hinwood AM
1st of May
11:30am to 2pm
Hanly Room
Francis Rush Centre
Cathedral of St Stephen
249 Elizabeth St
\$55 per head

for tickets email: cossagart@gmail.com



sculpture pictured:
Water
(front & back)
Cathedral of St Stephen

hosted by COSSAG



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

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

