



ST. AGATHA'S PARISH

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Second Sunday of Easter (Year C) - 28th April 2019

Readings

1st Reading: Acts 5:12-16; 2nd Reading: Revelation 1:9-13, 17-19; Gospel: John 20:19-31

WEEKDAY MASSES

Monday 29 April: 6.30am
Wednesday 1 May: 9am
Thursday 2 May: 9am
Friday 3 May: 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 29th

SVDP Meeting
5pm Parish Office

Tuesday 30th

Community and Mission
Council Meeting
6.15pm Parish Office

MAY

Tuesday 7th

First Communion
Preparation Program -
Liturgy of God's Mercy
6pm Church



Happy Easter to everyone once again. This Sunday concludes the Octave of Easter. It is the experience of eight days as if they were one. The joy, hope and light of Easter Sunday spills over into the entire week; and it is not even the usual week. This week has eight days. The old life symbolic in the seven days of creation has now been surpassed by the dawn of the day of eternity, the eighth day made possible through Christ's resurrection and a day we now face with hope. This eighth day of the new creation is the promise of everlasting life in Christ our Risen Lord.

The Easter season continues until the feast of Pentecost. The forty days of fasting is also now surpassed by these fifty days of feasting. The Easter season is a perfect time for the celebration of the Easter sacraments, namely Confirmation and Holy Communion and here in our Parish we will be celebrating first Holy Communion at the end of May. In the meantime we keep the young people preparing for Holy Communion and their families in our prayers. A Parish faith community has no more important task than to educate and pass on the Sacraments for these are our life and celebration of the Risen Lord among us.

A very sincere thank you to all who made the Easter Triduum celebrations possible. Undoubtedly this most important celebration of our faith is also a busy time for many and celebrating these mysteries with the dignity they deserve demands much from the faith community. Many ministers served the community quite a few times over those days and I am very grateful for their generosity and willingness to be so available. The ceremonies would never be what they were without their attendance. To all proclaimers of God's Word, Holy Communion Ministers, Servers, church environment people, fire attenders, slide operators, welcomers, the office staff who prepared ceremonies, musicians and singers please accept our thanks and Easter good wishes.

Happy Easter Season and God bless,

Fr Kevin.

Clayfield Conversations

Second Sunday of Easter

New life

Though the exact expression 'new life' does not occur in the New Testament, we frequently use it as a kind of 'shorthand' to describe both the kind of life to which Jesus was raised and what believers have because of Jesus. This Sunday's well-known gospel story conveys the idea of 'new life' using different images and vocabulary.

Jesus' new life is described by his ability to come to the disciples despite the locked doors. Though the marks of his death are clear, he is alive nevertheless. The risen Jesus greets the disciples with 'Peace', fulfilling his promise: 'Peace I leave with you; my peace I give to you' (John 14:27). Seeing him, the disciples rejoice, fulfilling another promise of Jesus: 'I will see you again, and your hearts will rejoice' (16:22). Finally, Jesus commissions them by sending them into the world, fulfilling yet again another promise he made when speaking to his Father: 'As you sent me into the world, so I sent them into the world' (17:18). The reliability of Jesus' word is stressed for a reason, as we shall soon see.

Then the risen Jesus imparts life to them when 'he breathed on them' (20:22) and gave them the Holy Spirit. In the story of creation God breathed the breath of life into the clay man to make him a living being (Gen 2:7; the same Greek word (*emphusao*) is used in John 20:22 and the Greek version of Genesis). The disciples, then, are made anew, or are a new creation, infused with the Holy Spirit. The presence of the Spirit is both the sign of, and the power behind, their extraordinary mission: to forgive sins. Sent, as Jesus was sent, the disciples continue his work by forgiving sins. In the same way that all that Jesus had spoken has been proved true, the disciples (and readers!) are assured that the forgiveness of sins is accomplished.

The abundant signs of new life are these: peace, recreation by the gift of the Holy Spirit, the mission ('sent'), and the forgiveness of sins...*Liturgia*

ALL HALLOWS' SCHOOL OPEN DAY

Sunday 26 May 2019

Time: 11:00am

To register your attendance and to view the program for Open Day, please visit www.ahs.qld.edu.au

Music at St Rita's College presents the

St Agatha's Concert

Thursday 16 May 2019

6:30pm-7:30pm, St Agatha's Parish
Gold Coin donation entry

Featuring Nano's Chorale, St Rita's Voices, Show Choir.
With a special performance by the St Agatha's School Choir



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EASTER RAFFLE - drawn this Sunday 28 April after 9.00am Mass.

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at St Agatha's Prim
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POLICY STATEMENT

The Archdiocese of Brisbane holds that children, young people and vulnerable adults are a gift from God with an intrinsic right to dignity of life, respect and security from physical and emotional harm. They are to be treasured, nurtured and safeguarded by all.

"Jesus said to them again, 'Peace be with you. As the Father has sent me, so I send you.'" (John 20:21)

In our prayers we remember



Those who have died recently:

Stephen Higgins

Those whose anniversaries occur about now:

Bill Bygott, Mary McBride, Ray Logan, Bell Logan, Ethel Wallin, Jim See, Lily Chinn

Those who are sick:

Flynn Crowley, Lyndell Sawyer, John McKnoulty, Thea Hoffmann, Ray Pavey, Michael Cashman, Donald Morrisson, James McKeon, Joseph Tam, 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.

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

MACKILLOPWOMENSHINE



Little White Books \$4.00 each
for sale at the Piety Stall.
*Six-minute meditations on the
Sunday Gospels of Easter (Year C).*

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.acecqa.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.

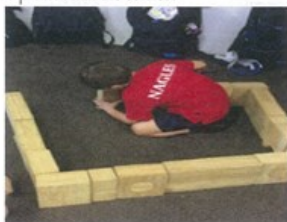
The OSHC environment, resources and equipment provide opportunities for children to engage in self initiated and spontaneous play. Activities may include art and craft, science, sports and games, indoor and outdoor activities, music, dance, drama and cooking.

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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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:

stagathacentenarybook@gmail.com



With great joy we welcome
**Spencer Ellis and
Adelaide Russell**
who will be
baptised this weekend.



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SESSION**

SUNDAY
MAY 19
3.30PM – 5PM

COMMUNITY MEETING ROOM
BRISBANE SQUARE LIBRARY
266 GEORGE STREET

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

5.00pm

7.00am

9.00am

5.30pm

READERS:

27/28 Apr

Cate Barrett
Edward Foley

Annaliese Beckmann
Jeanine Bygott

Lauren Mitchell
Don Macpherson
Tim Hancock

Life Teen Mass

4/5 May

Jenny Close
Ann Goves

Andrew Douglas
Aleira Egan

Joseph O'Brien
Wilma O'Connell

Life Teen Mass

COMMUNION MINISTERS:

27/28 Apr

Ann Goves

Volunteer

Amrita Moss

Life Teen Mass

4/5 May

Edward Foley

Volunteer

Volunteer

Life Teen Mass

"HOME" COMMUNION MINISTERS:

28 Apr

Tom & Jeannine Treston

5 May

Karen Birtles

ORGANISTS:

27/28 Apr

Volunteer

Volunteer

Robyn Cuming

Life Teen Mass

4/5 May

Volunteer

Volunteer

Jenny McKeon

Life Teen Mass

ALTAR SERVERS:

27/28 Apr

Volunteer/s

Volunteer/s

Volunteer/s

Volunteer/s

4/5 May

To be advised

CHILDREN'S LITURGY:

28 Apr

No Children's Liturgy

5 May

Mel Ryan & Erin Bledsoe

SANCTUARY CARERS:

4 May

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.

Peace – the first gift of the risen Lord. Just as Jesus sent the apostles out into the world, so too, He sends us. As disciples of Jesus, we are called to be grateful and generous. Look for opportunities to share His peace, not only within our local parish boundaries, but outside of them as well. In giving, we receive the peace of Jesus Christ.

**POSITION VACANT
PARISH MANAGER**

Applications are open for a position at the Upper Mount Gravatt Wishart Parish. A person with excellent Office Management experience as well as administration and secretarial skills is required for a full time position of Parish Manager for 37.5 hours a week Monday to Friday.

For additional information, please visit the Archdiocese of Brisbane website <https://brisbanecatholic.org.au/> and to careers.

Closing date: Friday 17 May 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.

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

Liturgy of God's Mercy

Tuesday 7 May, 6pm in the Church

1st Group Session Saturday 11 May, 4.30pm followed by 5pm Mass
Sunday 12 May, 8.30am followed by 9am Mass

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

Feast in Honour of the Martyred Three Saints Brisbane

Sunday 5 May 2019, Holy Cross Church Woolloowin | 9.30am Solemn Mass
11.30am Food stalls | Street procession and entertainment

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.



Readings - Third Sunday of Easter (Year C) - 5 May 2019

1st Reading: Acts 5:27-32, 40-41; 2nd Reading: Revelation 5:11-14; Gospel: John 21:1-19