



# ST. AGATHA'S PARISH

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APRE: Mr Jake Knowles

Outside School Hours Care Coordinator: Roxanne Grogan

## The Presentation of the Lord (Year A) - 2 February 2020

### Readings

1st Reading: Malachi 3:1-4; 2nd Reading: Hebrews 2:14-18; Gospel: Matthew 2:22-40

### WEEKDAY MASSES

No 6.30am Mass on Monday

No 9am Mass on Wednesday  
until further notice

Thursday 6 February 9am

Friday 7 February 9am

### WEEKEND MASSES

Saturday 5.00pm

(1st Rite of Reconciliation:

Saturday 4.30pm)

Sunday 7.00am

9.00am

5.30pm

### Parish Calendar

#### FEBRUARY

##### Monday 3

SVDP Meeting 5pm

Parish Office

##### Sunday 9

St Agatha's Feast Day Mass

9am and Celebrations (see  
inside newsletter for more  
information).

##### Sunday 16

Plenary Council - listening  
and discernment session

St Agatha's School APAC

10.00am

### THANK YOU

A huge thank you to  
everyone who donated  
to the Bush Fire Appeal  
last weekend.

An amazing total of

**\$1,452.00**

was raised.



The gospel writer has merged two different ritual events into one in this passage: a ritual of purification following childbirth and an act of redeeming a first-born son through tribute to the Temple. The ritual of purification referred to would take place forty days after childbirth and today's feast is the fortieth day from Christmas and the celebration of the birth of Jesus. It was a ritual for the mother, not the child. Mary and Joseph took the opportunity of attending the

Temple to bring Jesus into the presence of God who, according to tradition, dwelt in the Temple. The tradition associated with this purification of women after childbirth dictated that a lamb and a turtledove or pigeon be sacrificed. However, for the poor, an extra turtledove or pigeon could be substituted for the lamb. The gospel tells us that Mary and Joseph were sacrificing a pair of birds. This fact gives us an indication of the status of Mary and Joseph – they were sufficiently poor that they could not afford to sacrifice a lamb.

The other ritual alluded to in the passage relates to the tradition from Exodus 13:2 and Numbers 18:15 that every first-born son belonged to the Lord and had to be 'bought back' or 'redeemed' by payment to the Temple. The original command of the first-born belonging to the Lord meant that the child was destined to serve in the Temple. However, the child could be 'redeemed' from this service by payment to the Temple.

There is a great contrast between the forceful entry into the Temple by the Lord as foretold by Malachi in today's first reading and the humble entry of the baby Jesus into the Temple. It reinforces the way in which throughout his ministry Jesus confounded many of the expectations about the Messiah... © Greg Sunter

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Thank you very much to everyone at St Agatha's Parish for your farewell and best wishes as I complete my one year appointment at the Parish. Your kindness and generosity is very much appreciated. As you know I now commence a three month Scripture Course at Nemi in Italy organised by the Divine Word Missionaries. I wish Fr Biju Thomas all the best as he begins his appointment in the Parish in mid-February.

God bless,

Fr Kevin Smith

## The Presentation of the Lord (Year A)

### Have you thought? – The role of the observer

In today's gospel passage, it is the devout Simeon and the prophetess, Anna, who declare the greatness and far-reaching influence of the child that has been brought to the Temple. This is a common feature of the gospel accounts. It is not Jesus himself who proclaims his greatness but those who have observed him and recognised the revelation of God's presence amongst the people. It is a role that continues today. Those of us who believe and recognise the presence and influence of God in the world are challenged to proclaim it in both our actions and our words.

### Gospel Focus – A sword

Simeon's second pronouncement about Jesus is addressed to the child's mother, Mary. Having predicted the rejection that Jesus will endure, Simeon tells Mary, 'and a sword will pierce your own soul too.' He appears to be referring to the sacrifice that Mary will have to make in the future. On this day, Mary and Joseph have 'redeemed' their son from service to the Lord in the Temple. Despite this, Jesus is still destined for service to God and Mary will have to surrender him back to the Lord. Simeon suggests that Mary herself will be a sacrifice offered to God at this time. ...*Liturgy Help*



**St Agatha's**  
Parish School, Clayfield

**OPEN DAY**

Friday 6th March, 2020 • 8.45am - 10.30am

6 Hunter Lane, Clayfield Q 4011 | P 3326 9222 | [www.stagathasclayfield.qld.edu.au](http://www.stagathasclayfield.qld.edu.au)  
R.S.V.P. by Friday 28th February [pclayfield@bne.catholic.edu.au](mailto:pclayfield@bne.catholic.edu.au)

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| School tours are available                            | Assembly will be held at 8.45am in the Presentation Centre | Visit classrooms from Prep to Year 6 |
| Meet the Principal Ms Anne-Marie Maw                  | Friday 6 March 8.45am-10.30am                              | School choir will perform            |
| Light refreshments will be served during the Open Day |  |                                      |

## St Agatha's School Clayfield PREP 2021

If you have a child born between 1/7/15 – 30/6/16, they are eligible to commence Prep in 2021.

All enrolment applications are now submitted online via our school website

[www.stagathasclayfield.qld.edu.au](http://www.stagathasclayfield.qld.edu.au)

Please note only completed applications will be considered for a place in Prep 2021.

Non Sibling applications close for Prep 2021 on 13 March 2020 and interviews will take place for Non Siblings in April 2020.

Sibling applications close for Prep 2021 on Friday 14 February 2020.

Interviews for Siblings will be held in May.

## PLENARY COUNCIL

A listening and discernment session to be held at St Agatha's School APAC Centre Sunday 16 February 2020 at 10am following the 9am Mass.

## !!! DATE CLAIMER !!!

**Caritas Kitchen** Sunday 29 March 2020 following the 5.30pm Mass

## Mount Alvernia College, Kedron



is currently accepting enrolment applications for Year 7, 2023.

Closing date for applications is 8 February.

Enrolment Application Forms are available from the website

([www.mta.qld.edu.au](http://www.mta.qld.edu.au)) or by

contacting Camilla Horn

([enrolments@mta.qld.edu.au](mailto:enrolments@mta.qld.edu.au))

phone 3632 8599).



March 2020

Pray for Zimbabwe

World Day of Prayer



**WORLD DAY OF PRAYER** | St Mark's Anglican Church

Cnr Bonney Avenue and Bellevue Terrace Clayfield

Friday 6 March 2020 10.00am. Everyone welcome

## THE LITTLE KING'S MOVEMENT APPEAL

"The Little King's Movement" once a year conducts a Parish Appeal, a Door Knock supported by some Catholic Schools. The Movement caters for people with disabilities in social and spiritual activities.

There is no Government funding and the Movement is staffed by volunteers. Each year the calls for their services are increasing. The Movement, though based on Catholic beliefs is truly ecumenical, and all members are welcomed and respected for their own beliefs. There is no charge for any of the services provided by the Movement.

**The Little King's Movement Appeal is being held this weekend 1/2 February.**

**Please find envelopes on seats.**

A VOCATION VIEW: A child's handful of pulled dandelions will bring joy to a mother. A small act of kindness will surprise a lonely heart. Who will bring joy and kindness today?



## *In our prayers we remember*

### *Those who have died recently:*

Maria Graham

### *Those whose anniversaries occur about now:*

Helen Richards, Sr May Claffey, Francis McCabe, Mary McCabe, Maureen Williams

### *Those who are sick:*

Duncan Pegg, Charlie Richards, Noreen Martin, Kateri Byrnes, Virendra Akhil, Dhirend Akhil, Patrick (Paddy) Ryan, Nick Newton, Eugene Gaynor, Lauren Carney, Patricia Beveridge, Janice Lewis, Michael Blanchard, Colleen Smythe, Flynn Crowley, Lyndell Sawyer, Ray Pavey, Michael Cashman, Donald Morrisson, Joseph Tam, Bryan Weaver, Alexander Clark, Rosemary Douglas, Danielle Johnson, Gordon Hodge, Maureen Long, 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, Regina Hwan, Deanne Du Bour, Melissa Waka, Agnes Tam, Kerri Smith, Mel Purwo, Patrick Gallagher, Hellen Passente

**Reminder to let us know when names are no longer required to be shown on the sick list.**



## **ST AGATHA'S FEAST DAY MASS & CELEBRATIONS**

Sunday 9 February 9am Mass followed by  
a Family Fun Day at the Presentation Centre,  
St Agatha's School.

Cost: \$15 per family or \$5 per person.

Coffee & Tea purchased from Coffee Van.  
Food, Jumping Castle, games, face painting,  
Hendra Fire Brigade with truck coming along  
to support our cake & lemonade stall to raise  
money for the Bushfire Appeal.

**ONLY 5 DAYS LEFT  
TO PURCHASE YOUR TICKETS**

**via the following link:**

**<https://www.trybooking.com/BGUIJ>  
Everyone Welcome**

### **RELIGIOUS INSTRUCTION IN STATE SCHOOLS**

Children in State Schools are allowed to receive  
half an hour of Religious Instruction per week.  
We are in great need of volunteers who are able  
to bring the Joy of Christ to them. Handbooks and  
materials are provided. There is free training this  
Monday, 3<sup>rd</sup> February, 9.30am-1.15pm at  
North East Baptist Church, Chapel St, Nundah.

Interested people should call  
Genevieve 0434 284 251 even if you can't  
attend that training.

### **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>

Next supper will be held this Sunday 2 February 2020



## **Villa Maria Open Day**

22nd February 2020

10am - 2pm

171 St Pauls Terrace,  
Fortitude Valley

**RSVP**

1300 951 501

This weekend we welcome  
Fr John Sullivan 5pm and 7am Masses  
Fr Bavin Clarke 9am Mass  
Fr Stephen Byrnes 5.30pm Mass



## **ST AGATHA'S OUTSIDE SCHOOL HOURS CARE CLAYFIELD**

**Before School Care 6.45am - 8.45am After School Care 2.45pm - 6.00pm**

**Vacation Care 7.00am - 6.00pm**

Phone 07 3326 9208

Email [clayfieldoshc@catholicearlyedcare.qld.edu.au](mailto:clayfieldoshc@catholicearlyedcare.qld.edu.au)



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

**5.00pm**

**7.00am**

**9.00am**

**5.30pm**

**READERS:**

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|---------|------------------------------|------------------------------------|--------------------------------|----------------|
| 1/2 Feb | Jenny Close<br>Edward Foley  | Andrew Douglas<br>Sr Cecily Foster | Phil Ryan<br>Wilma O'Connell   | Life Teen Mass |
| 8/9 Feb | Jack Williamson<br>Ann Goves | Dianne Eden<br>Nick Eden           | Luke Sutton<br>Clare Smethurst | Life Teen Mass |

**COMMUNION MINISTERS:**

|         |                      |                 |              |                |
|---------|----------------------|-----------------|--------------|----------------|
| 1/2 Feb | Ann Goves            | Paulette Archer | Amrita Moss  | Life Teen Mass |
| 8/9 Feb | Christine Iannarella |                 | Erin Bledsoe | Life Teen Mass |

**"HOME" COMMUNION MINISTERS:**

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| 2 Feb | Georgia Allan       |
| 9 Feb | Geraldine Swindells |

**ORGANISTS:**

|         |  |              |                |
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| 1/2 Feb |  | Robyn Cuming | Life Teen Mass |
| 8/9 Feb |  | Jenny McKeon |                |

**ALTAR SERVERS:**

|         |             |             |                                    |             |
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| 8/9 Feb | Volunteer/s | Volunteer/s | Daniel Benjamin<br>Thomas Benjamin | Volunteer/s |
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**CHILDREN'S LITURGY:**

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| 16 Feb | Ewan McPherson and Lisa Sos |
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**BAPTISMS** at St Agatha's are celebrated 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.

**SVDP** meetings are held every second Monday at 5pm (except Public Holidays).

New members are always welcome.  
Any enquiries phone John 0408 985 709.  
Next meeting Monday 3 February 2020

**SVDP CLOTHING BIN** located behind the Church with easy access.



Every 1st, 3rd & 4th Sunday of each month during school term, a small team of us conduct Children's Liturgy during the 9am Mass. We are seeking more volunteers to

assist with this very rewarding ministry particularly if you have small children of your own. You would take on role as assistant only and move to leader only if you feel confident to do so. Please contact the Parish Office for any further details.

Our parish has implemented the Archdiocesan Safeguarding Children and Vulnerable Adults policy. We are committed to high standards of recruitment, screening and selection of all of our employees and volunteers and undertake intentional strategies to maintain a safe and healthy ministry environment for all.



**Volunteers needed for the following ministries:**

Altar Servers (must be Confirmed)  
Children's Liturgy  
Eucharist Ministers  
Hospitality  
Readers (7am Mass in particular)  
Welcomers (Mass)

All relevant paperwork and training will be provided. New rosters will commence beginning of February. Please contact the parish office if you can assist in any way.

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**LENTEN REFLECTION GROUPS**  
(26 February - 8 April)

"Be Opened: A Journey to New Life" is the title of this year's Lenten program.

The Lenten reflection group will commence on Wednesday 26 February 7pm Parish Office, and will continue each week until 8 April.

**Please call or email Parish Office by MONDAY 10 FEBRUARY** if you are interested in attending.

**Readings - Fifth Sunday in Ordinary Time (Year A) - 9 February 2020**  
1st Reading: Isaiah 58:7-10; 2nd Reading: 1 Corinthians 2:1-5; Gospel: Matthew 5:13-16