



# ST. AGATHA'S PARISH

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## First Sunday of Lent (Year A) - 1 March 2020

Readings

1st Reading: Genesis 2:7-9, 3:1-7; 2nd Reading: Romans 5:12-19; Gospel: Matthew 4:1-11

*You are invited  
to celebrate*

### WEEKDAY MASSES

Monday 2 March 6.30am

Tuesday 3 March 9.00am

Wednesday 4 March 9.00am

No Thursday Mass

Friday 6 March 9am  
Stations of the Cross 8.30am

### WEEKEND MASSES

Saturday 5.00pm

(1st Rite of Reconciliation:

Saturday 4.30pm)

Sunday 7.00am

9.00am

5.30pm

### Parish Calendar

#### MARCH

##### Monday 2

SVDP Meeting 5pm

Parish Office

##### Friday 6

Stations of the Cross 8.30am

##### Sunday 8

Parish Children's Mass 9am

##### Monday 9

Community and Mission

Council Meeting 7pm Parish

Office

##### Sunday 29

Caritas Kitchen following

5.30pm Mass

## ARCHBISHOP'S LENTEN MESSAGE 2020

Lent is the time given to us to open our hearts to the power of Easter. On Ash Wednesday we take the ashes upon ourselves in recognition of the truth that we are often powerless and always fragile. But by the time we get to Easter, we have come to a deeper sense that we are empowered in our powerlessness, that we are made strong in our weakness. Knowing that we can walk from the tomb with Jesus; we can rise from the ashes with him to sing the song of Easter. Fires may rage and floods come, but the voice of hope is always heard. Nothing and no-one can silence the voice of Jesus risen from the dead.

*Mark Coleridge*

Archbishop of Brisbane

Message for Sunday March 1, 2020

(Copies of the full version of message, are available at the Church entrance)



## *A Beautiful Time...*

Truly Lent is a beautiful time... let us have some spiritual days...

Even though it is a preparation for the Easter celebration it is a time for personal renewal.

Lent is a time to purify our souls and become innocent persons with a life without any pangs of conscience.

Lent is an invitation to be healed by the grace of Jesus from all mistakes and wounds.

### *Happy mind and soul*

During Lent, let us pray more, praying alone with our own thoughts and style lead us to the peace and satisfaction of our mind and soul.

### *Empty stomach, filled mind*

During Lent many of us, imitating Jesus. Jesus spent forty days in the desert. Jesus fasted in the desert, and overcame the devil's temptations. Jesus never sinned but in the desert his human nature fought against the temptation.

During Lent let us say "no" to temptations, "no" to continuing to commit sin.

During Lent we help others more and become persons of love and generosity.

We pray because all goodness comes from God and when we pray we touch God.

*We may be too busy and we need to enjoy much, but a life without prayer is a life without the joy of the presence of God.*

## **CHILDREN'S MASS AND WELCOME MORNING TEA FOR FR BIJU Sunday 8 March 9am**

All children in Grade Prep to Year 6 are invited to participate in the Children's Mass at 9am on the 8 March 2020. At the Mass, children are asked to read, bring the gifts to the Altar, take up collections, Altar serve, welcome people as they arrive and assist with the morning tea. If your child/children would like to participate please email: [clayfield@bne.catholic.net.au](mailto:clayfield@bne.catholic.net.au) or phone the Parish office on 32622859 by 2 March 2020. We would further like to extend an invitation to our Parish community to morning tea after Mass to welcome Fr Biju Thomas to our Parish. We look forward to seeing you there.

## **CHANGES TO WEEKDAY MASSES**

Monday 6.30am; Tuesday 9.00am; Wednesday 9.00am; Friday 9.00am.

**WORLD DAY OF PRAYER** St Mark's Anglican Church Corner Bonney Avenue and Bellevue Terrace Clayfield Friday 6 March 2020 10.00am. Everyone welcome

**RECONCILIATION PREPARATION PROGRAM FOR 2020** Book review and practice Saturday 14 March 4pm - 5pm, Performing Arts Centre, St Agatha's Primary School. First Rite of Reconciliation Monday 16 March 6pm or Wednesday 18 March 6pm.

**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 for Prep 2021 have now closed. Interviews for Siblings will be held in May.

**CARITAS KITCHEN** Sunday 29 March 2020 following the 5.30pm Mass

**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> Please join us for supper this Sunday 1 March 2020

**LITTLE BLACK BOOKS** *Six-minute meditations on the Sunday Gospels of Lent (Cycle A)* are available for sale at the Piety Stall for \$4.00 each.

**VOLUNTEERS NEEDED** With busy lives, it can be hard to find time to volunteer. However, the benefits of volunteering can be enormous, it increases self-confidence, gives you a sense of purpose and connects you with your community plus you get to learn new skills. The Parish community rely heavily on the services of volunteers to assist in the successful running of the Parish. We have vacancies in the following ministries: **Eucharist Ministers, Readers, Welcomers** (greeting people as they arrive).

If you are able to commit a small amount of time over the year in one of the above ministries at the Mass of your choice, please contact the Parish office on 3262859. All relevant paperwork and training will be provided. New rosters will commence beginning of May. Please contact the parish office if you can assist in any way. *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.*

**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 contact the parish office, phone 3262 2859.

**CHILDREN'S LITURGY OF THE WORD** Pre-school to Grade 4 children are invited to attend Children's Liturgy of the Word held during the 9am Mass on the 1<sup>st</sup>, 3<sup>rd</sup> & 4<sup>th</sup> Sundays of each month (in school term only).

**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 2 March 2020.

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

## In our prayers we remember



### Those who have died recently:

Sr Mary Foster, Nora Alsula, Myrna Ducao, Flor Bacalla, Patrick Moore, Virendra Akhil

### Those whose anniversaries occur about now:

Thomas McVeigh, Mary, George, Ronald, Joe, Fraser Ross, Marg Jones

### Those who are sick:

Edward Chan, Chris Stevens, Duncan Pegg, Charlie Richards, Noreen Martin, Kateri Byrnes, 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.**

## HOW SACRAMENTS WORK - THERE'S MORE TO THIS THAN MEETS THE EYE

Fr Paul Turner from the United States, renowned teacher and speaker, liturgist and prolific author, will speak to us about how sacraments work. We can see, taste, feel the sacramental signs of water, bread and wine, oil and the human touch. But how do these sacramental signs open up for us the mysterious and powerful action of our loving God? Join us for this rich and inspiring exploration of how sacraments connect us to saving grace. **Brisbane:** Friday 6 March 5:30pm-7:30pm. **Maroochydore:** Saturday 7 March 9:30am-12:00pm. Individual \$10. Group \$40. <https://liturgybrisbaneworkshops.weebly.com/paul-turner.html>



**PROJECT COMPASSION Sunday 1 March** Shirley, 36, is an indigenous Manide woman living in a remote province in the Philippines. Shirley was struggling to support her family and keep their children in school. She faced regular discrimination and disadvantage, limiting her family's access to food, education, employment and healthcare. With Caritas Australia's support, Shirley trained to become an indigenous health worker. She has learnt to supplement her income and is able to feed her family. The program has also empowered Shirley to send her children to school.



**Please donate to Project Compassion 2020** to help people like Shirley, and her children gain confidence and respect within their community.

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

**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.stagathascayfield.qld.edu.au](http://www.stagathascayfield.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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|  | <b>Assembly</b><br>will be held at 8.45am in the Presentation Centre |  | <b>Visit classrooms</b><br>from Prep to Year 6 |
| <b>School tours</b><br>are available           | <b>Friday 6 March</b><br>8.45am-10.30am                              |  | <b>School choir</b><br>will perform            |
| <b>Meet the Principal</b><br>Ms Anne-Marie Maw | <b>Light refreshments</b><br>will be served during the Open Day      |  |  |



**We are called to be disciples of Christ**  
Could this be your Ministry?

Now in its thirty-fourth 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 6 May to 27 November 2020. Upon graduating the Pastoral Carers give a voluntary commitment of 8 hours per week in either one of the above ministries.

**Applications close Friday 17 April 2020.**

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](mailto:cppc@bne.catholic.net.au)  
Website: [www.cppc.net.au](http://www.cppc.net.au)

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## 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:**

|              |                             |                                  |                                 |                |
|--------------|-----------------------------|----------------------------------|---------------------------------|----------------|
| 29 Feb/1 Mar | Jenny Close<br>Edward Foley | Andrew Douglas<br>Kirsty Stevens | Don Macpherson<br>Eileen Duncan | Life Teen Mass |
| 7/8 Mar      | Katrina Murphy<br>Ann Goves | Dianne Eden<br>Nick Eden         | Children's Mass                 | Life Teen Mass |

**COMMUNION MINISTERS:**

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| 29 Feb/1 Mar | Ann Goves            |                 |  | Life Teen Mass |
| 7/8 Mar      | Christine Iannerella | Paulette Archer |  | Life Teen Mass |

**"HOME" COMMUNION MINISTERS:**

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| 1 Mar | Karen Birtles |
| 8 Mar | Georgia Allan |

**ORGANISTS:**

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| 29 Feb/1 Mar |  | Jenny McKeon                   | Life Teen Mass |
| 7/8 Mar      |  | Robyn Cuming &<br>Paul Fiumara | Life Teen Mass |

**ALTAR SERVERS:**

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| 29 Feb/1 Mar |  |  | Bart Marino<br>Amelia Marino |
| 7/8 Mar      | 5pm: Billy Crutcher, Dash Crutcher, Sam Crutcher |  | Alex Oliveri                 |

**CHILDREN'S LITURGY:**

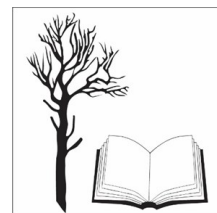
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| 1 Mar | Mel Ryan and Giulia Coorey              |
| 8 Mar | No Children's Liturgy - Children's Mass |

**THE PICTURES DISPLAYED ON OUR CHURCH WALLS**

Look at the beautiful pictures depicting the Way of the Cross that are displayed in our church. Our parents practised the Way of the Cross (Via Sacra). It was very dear to their hearts. It is a blessing that some of us also following our parents in practising the Way of the Cross.

The Way of the Cross, also known as the Stations of the Cross, is a way to pray and meditate on Christ's sacrifice for us. It is divided into fourteen stations from the time He was condemned to His burial.

It is prayed and meditated on particularly during Lent. The Stations can be performed with the community as well as privately, at any time, and even at home. We are fortunate to have the stations of the Cross **on every Friday morning at 8.30 during Lent in our church and let us all join together to recite the Way of the Cross and meditate the passion of Jesus Christ...** Fr Biju



**LENTEN NOTES - First Sunday of Lent**

The gospel reading for today describes how, after his baptism, Jesus went into the wilderness to spend time alone in prayer and fasting. While there, he was tempted by the devil. The first temptation focused on hunger: Jesus replied that it is not food, but the Word of God, which truly nourishes us.

**REFLECTION: First Sunday of Lent**

**Historical Context – Sin**

The Greek word translated as 'sin' in the New Testament literally means 'miss the mark'. Its origin may lie in archery where the object was always to hit the mark; to miss the mark was to not achieve at one's best. Jesus set about trying to re-define the Jewish notion of sin from being a transgression against God that deserves punishment to the more compassionate idea that sin is a wandering off course that can be rectified – a missing of the mark. When he encountered someone who was missing the mark, Jesus called them back into right relationship.

**Have you thought? – An invitation**

Lent is a season of invitation. It is an invitation to step into the desert with Jesus; to confront our own purpose and ministry and to renew our trust in God's vision for the world and for us individually. Seen in this light, Lent is so much more than fasting from meat and giving up ice cream for a few weeks. The whole idea of fasting and sacrifice is an attempt to simplify our lives. Through simplifying our life and removing some of the daily distractions, we can share in the desert experience of Jesus and then truly celebrate the hope reborn in the Easter season...*Liturgy Help*.

**Next Sunday Readings - (Second Sunday of Lent (Year A) - 8 March 2020)**

**1st Reading: Genesis 12:1-4; 2nd Reading: 2 Timothy 1:8-10; Gospel: Matthew 17:1-9**