



# ST. AGATHA'S PARISH

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## Third Sunday of Lent (Year A) - 15 March 2020

Readings

1st Reading: Exodus 17:3-7; 2nd Reading: Romans 5:1-2, 5-8; Gospel: John 4:5-42

*You are invited  
to celebrate*

### WEEKDAY MASSES

Monday 16 March 6.30am

Tuesday 17 March 9.00am

Wednesday 18 March 9.00am

No Thursday Mass

Friday 20 March 9am  
Stations of the Cross 8.30am

### WEEKEND MASSES

Saturday 5.00pm

Sunday 7.00am

9.00am

5.30pm

### **1st Rite of**

### **Reconciliation:**

- \* 4.30pm every Saturday
- \* by appointment, or
- \* before Mass on weekdays

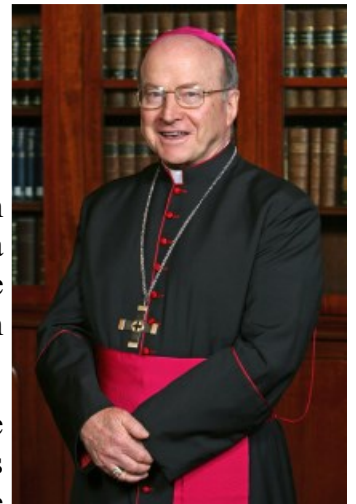
## Eternal rest, grant unto him, O lord

The retired Archbishop of Brisbane, John Bathersby, died on Monday March 9, following a recent stroke. Archbishop John led the Archdiocese from 1991 until 2011, retiring upon reaching 75 years of age.

With his passing we recall with gratitude the episcopal ministry of our sixth bishop, which was characterised by a deep desire to know and love Jesus and to share this with all. It is also a time of thanksgiving as now he is released from the debilitating illness that has been with him in these latter years.

The liturgies that will usher Archbishop John into eternal life are being held at the Cathedral with a Funeral Vigil Liturgy at 5.00pm on Sunday March 15, Morning Prayer for the Dead in the Blessed Sacrament Chapel of the Cathedral at 8am on Monday morning, and a Solemn Funeral Mass and Rite of Committal at 11.00am on Monday March 16 (**n.b:** no public parking available on this business weekday). A number of tributes will be offered at the Sunday night Vigil.

Webcasts of the Vigil and the Mass can be watched live at  
[www.archbne.org/bzw](http://www.archbne.org/bzw)



## Our blessings and prayers...

Our 40 young parishioners have been preparing for the Sacrament of Reconciliation, and they are ready to receive the sacrament... Congratulations to Mrs Jane Cameron and team for preparing them for the sacrament.

The Sacrament of Reconciliation for the children will be held on Monday 16 March 6pm and Wednesday 18 March 6pm. Let us assure our prayers for them.

## UPDATE ON CORONAVIRUS

There has been a lot of discussion about Coronavirus 2019 (COVID-19) in the media and it is understandable that many people feel concerned. The Archdiocese of Brisbane is monitoring the development of Coronavirus closely, and has plans in place to support the safety, health and wellbeing of our parish communities, as well as the many people we engage with through church agencies. The Archbishop has also issued a set of protocols relevant to Masses and other liturgies which are to remain in effect until further notice, namely refraining from distributing communion from the chalice

- the removal of Holy Water from fonts in churches (but it is available privately. Please ask Parish Office)
- at the Sign of Peace, saying 'peace be with you' and smiling or waving, rather than shaking hands
- All ministers of Holy Communion, including the priest, are required to wash their hands before and after distributing Communion

Please note as at Thursday March 5 Archbishop Mark did not preclude receiving communion on the tongue, the right of which remains with the communicant, however you are encouraged to receive communion on the hand. He may still revisit this in light of new events.

We will continue to follow the advice of public health authorities, particularly in relation to gatherings of people. All members of our community are encouraged to protect themselves and others from infection by practicing good hand and respiratory hygiene.

### How can I prevent the spread of COVID-19 away from the parish?

Coronavirus is transmitted from person to person, usually when an infected person coughs or sneezes. Transmission may occur from contaminated surfaces, so it is important to frequently wash your hands. Please be understanding if fellow parishioners do not wish to shake hands during the sign of peace.

To protect yourself and others from infection practice good hand and respiratory hygiene including:  
• cleaning your hands with soap and water or alcohol-based hand rubs • covering your nose and mouth with a tissue or flexed elbow when coughing or sneezing • avoiding contact with others, such as touching • staying home if you are unwell. If you have been overseas in the last 14 days and feel unwell please call 13HEALTH, your GP or local hospital to arrange an assessment.

More information from the health authorities You can access the latest information and advice from the Queensland Government (please google Queensland Government Novel-Coronavirus) and Australian Government. The Archdiocese of Brisbane will also provide regular updates to parishes and via our website. ([archbne.org/zhz](http://archbne.org/zhz))

## Parish Matters...

### We join together in faith and its celebration

We are so happy to welcome Brooke Gordon who is preparing to receive the sacrament of baptism at the Easter Vigil. As part of the preparation Brooke will be specially welcomed during the Holy Mass at 9am this Sunday.

### Community and Mission Council and Finance Council meetings

On Monday 16 March at 7pm, the Community and Mission Council Meeting will be held and the Finance Council Meeting will be held on Tuesday 17 March at 6.30pm.

### Awesome day...

Last Sunday, 8 March was a blessed day; many families came together to celebrate the Holy Mass with their children. Children took the leadership in most of the ministries of the church guided by Jane, Peter and team. Every second Sunday of the month (during school term) we will be continuing the celebration. Let us promote the children to take more participation in church activities

### Celebrating Holy Eucharist with year 4 students

On Friday 20 March, the Year 4 students will be joining us for the celebration of Holy Eucharist. All are welcome.

### Chrism Mass With Archbishop

Archbishop Mark Coleridge invites all our parishioners at Clayfield to the Annual Chrism Mass to be held in the Cathedral of St Stephen on Thursday 2 April 2020 commencing at 7.00pm. This is a celebration for the entire Archdiocese and all are welcome.

### Volunteers are ready to help the parish

Our volunteers are ready at the entrance of the church selling tickets for our Easter Raffle \$2.00 each or 3 for \$5.00. Raffle will be drawn Sunday 5 April. All monies raised will go towards Parish needs. Please support the Parish.

## In our prayers we remember

### Those who have died recently:

Archbishop John Bathersby

### Those whose anniversaries occur about now:

Gary Cierlitza, Gene Bartels, Lou Bartels, Mary McDonald

### Those who are sick:

Edward Chan, 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.**



## Parish Calendar

### **MARCH**

#### **Monday 16**

SVDP Meeting 5pm

Parish Office

#### **Friday 20**

Stations of the Cross 8.30am

**Sunday 29** Caritas Kitchen following 5.30pm Mass

## Easter Timetable

### **Saturday 4 April**

Reconciliation 1<sup>st</sup> Rite 4.30pm

### **Monday 6 April - 6.30am Mass**

Reconciliation 1<sup>st</sup> Rite 7.00am

### **Tuesday 7 April – 9.00am Mass**

Reconciliation 1<sup>st</sup> Rite 9.30am

### **Wednesday 8 April -9.00am Mass**

### **Holy Thursday 9 April**

No 9.00am Mass

6.30pm Mass of the Lord's Supper

### **Good Friday 10 April**

10.00am Stations of the Cross

3.00pm Celebration of the Lord's Passion

### **Holy Saturday 11 April**

6.00pm Easter Vigil

### **Easter Sunday 12 April**

7.00am and 9.00am Mass

Please Note: NO 5.30pm Mass

## **BAPTISMS**

St Agatha's celebrate baptisms 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.

## **SAINT VINCENT DE PAUL**

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 16 March 2020.

## **SVDP CLOTHING BIN**

Located behind the Church with easy access.

## **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).

## **All are most welcome...**

### **Our parish youth gather every Sunday and celebrate Life teen Mass at 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 refreshments this Sunday 15 March.

## **Act of Charity**

There will be Caritas Kitchen on Sunday 29 March 2020 following the 5.30pm Mass. All monies raised will go towards Caritas charity works. Please join and support us.

## **Receiving Communion on the tongue...**

For those who would like to receive Holy Communion on the tongue, please go to Fr Biju during Holy Communion, as he is well experienced to give Communion on the tongue. If necessary he will use hand sanitiser.

## **Experience the lent by meditation**

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

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

**5.00pm**

**7.00am**

**9.00am**

**5.30pm**

**READERS:**

14/15 Mar Jack Williamson Annaliese Beckmann Wilma O'Connell Life Teen Mass  
Ann Goves Jeanine Bygott Phil Ryan

21/22 Mar Edward Foley Annette Riba Clare Smethurst Life Teen Mass  
Jenny Close Chanelle Simpson

**COMMUNION MINISTERS:**

14/15 Mar Deborah Hall Paulette Archer Amrita Moss Life Teen Mass

21/22 Mar Ann Goves Paulette Archer Life Teen Mass

**"HOME" COMMUNION MINISTERS:**

15 Mar Geraldine Swindells

22 Mar Karen Birtles

**ORGANISTS:**

14/15 Mar Catriona McPherson Life Teen Mass

21/22 Mar Robyn Cuming Life Teen Mass

**ALTAR SERVERS:**

14/15 Mar 5pm: Milla Fogg 9am: Daniel Benjamin, Thomas Benjamin, Dian Butler Keshi Butler, Eshan Butler  
5.30pm: Bart Marino, Amelia Marino

21/22 Mar 9am: Henry McEwan 5.30pm: Alex Oliveri

**CHILDREN'S LITURGY:**

15 Mar Erin Bledsoe, Sally Bledsoe

22 Mar Julie Kordic, Lucy Crowe

**LENTEN NOTES - Third Sunday of Lent** In the gospel today we hear the story of the Samaritan woman who met Jesus at Jacob's well. Jesus transgressed cultural norms by asking the woman for a drink. This unnamed woman was very practical and down to earth when she spoke about water; but Jesus switched the conversation from earthly to heavenly realities. Here, we see Jesus as the living water.



**PRAYER TO JESUS DURING COVID-19**

(Courtesy of Fr Gerry Hefferan)

We pray to you, Jesus for an increased awareness of, and commitment to, health and communal safety measures for coronavirus COVID-109 in Australia and in our world, in our parish community and in our Archdiocese, in our families, social groups and with our friends, in our rural and urban communities, in our workplaces, businesses, means of transport and social activities, in our schools, daycare centres and playgrounds, in our shopping, travel and leisure, in our love of neighbour.

We pray to you, Jesus that we work together as a community to heed the health alerts and not ignore them, to be calm and not panic, to uplift each other's spirits and not be pessimistic, to be open to further change as needed, to love our neighbour.

We pray to you, Jesus for the many ways in which we care in our respect of others, in our conversations and activities, in our willingness to adapt our lifestyles, in our gifts of patience and tolerance, in our use of social media, in our personal and communal prayer for others and ourselves, in our love of neighbour.

We pray to you, Jesus for people affected in any way by coronavirus, for people who have died and their families, for people who have coronavirus and those who have recovered, for people who are in isolation at home, for people working in hospitals, clinics and medical centres, for people in nursing homes and other community centres, for doctors, nurses, medical staff and medical scientists, for ambulance, emergency service and information technology personnel, for carers, counsellors and pastoral care ministers. for our love of neighbour.

We pray to you, Jesus as family. Give us the courage to work together as family. We ask your blessing upon us. Amen

JOIN AGGIES YOUTH AT  
ST AGATHA'S PARISH CLAYFIELD  
TO RAISE FUNDS FOR CARITAS

**CARITAS  
KITCHEN**

**SUN 29 MARCH 2020  
AFTER 5.30PM MASS**

OUTSIDE UNDER THE UMBRELLA

**PLEASE JOIN US FOR A CASUAL  
SUPPER.**

**THERE WILL ALSO BE TAKEAWAY  
TREATS TO PURCHASE.**

Donations collected on the night and online at:

<https://lent.caritas.org.au/stagathas-aggiesyouth>

Please register to assist with catering

<https://www.stickytickets.com.au/B9BBX>

THANK YOU!

**Next Sunday Readings - (Fourth Sunday of Lent (Year A) - 22 March 2020)**

**1st Reading: 1 Samuel 16:1, 6-7, 10-13; 2nd Reading: Ephesians 5:8-14; Gospel: John 9:1-41**