



ST. AGATHA'S PARISH

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First Sunday of Lent 20/21 February 2021

Scripture reflection by Dianne Bergant CSA

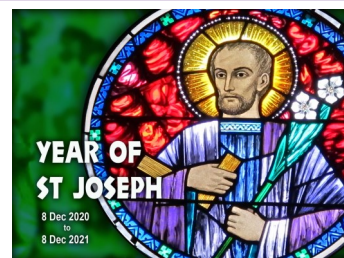
Today's readings show us that Lent is a time for us to receive God's grace. We are not the ones who, through our penance, are meant to accomplish great things. Rather, it is God who acts; it is God who makes the sacrifice; it is God who accomplishes great things for us.

Each reading describes a different kind of conflict within which we might find ourselves: a world-wrenching upheaval, such as happens during social discord, war or natural disaster; the struggle between right and wrong, between fidelity and disobedience; the struggle with temptation.

In the midst of the conflicts of life, God initiates a covenant with us. God saves the world from the chaos into which it was thrown, makes a covenant with all living things and with the earth, and sets a bow in the heavens as a perpetual reminder of the covenant.

Christ dies for sinners, and offers them baptism that will save them from the chaos of their lives. The Spirit drives Jesus into the desert, there to be tested, but to emerge triumphant. His victory is not for him alone, but for all who will heed his words and follow his example.

The bow in the sky is a sign of the good news of the covenant; baptism is both the good news of salvation for us and our pledge of fidelity to God; Jesus' proclamation is that the reign of God is at hand. With the psalmist we praise God for inviting us into this covenant relationship.



Saint Joseph, Pray for us...

You were chosen by God to be the foster father of Jesus, the most pure spouse of Mary, and the head of the Holy Family.

We ask your intercession...

Protect our Pope and all who labor for souls amid the trials and tribulations of this life, and grant that all peoples of the world may follow Christ.

Protect us from the disease present in our world.

Remove all fear from our hearts.

Fill us with confidence.

Dear St. Joseph, accept the offering I make to you. Be my father, protector, and guide in the way of salvation.

Amen.

Reconciliation

(Published by Liturgy Brisbane)

...The Sacrament of Penance is often referred to as "Reconciliation". In the past, it was usually called "Confession". These different titles are all aspects of the meaning of the Sacrament. The Sacrament of Penance is a celebration of God's love and mercy. It celebrates the call to repentance after a process of conversion of heart. This includes confessing our sins and receiving the forgiveness of God through the ministry of the priest. Through this process, a person is reconciled with the Church and continues to live as a disciple of Jesus Christ.

There are three forms of the celebration of penance.

Reconciliation for Individual Penitents, or "**First Rite of Reconciliation**", is celebrated by an individual in the presence of the priest. The place where this happens is usually a Reconciliation Room (what used to be called a "Confessional"). A bible, a crucifix and candle are placed on a table in the centre of the space. The person may choose to sit facing the priest or to

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sit behind a screen and remain anonymous.

The liturgy begins with a greeting followed by words of encouragement from the priest.

After a short reading from the scripture, the person reflects on his/her circumstances and confesses his/her sins and seeks reconciliation. The priest offers advice and gives a penance that is meant to help in starting a new life and to remedy any weakness. The priest pronounces absolution and the rite concludes with a short thanksgiving.

The “**Second Rite of Reconciliation**” is often celebrated in parishes during **Advent and Lent**. This communal form of the Sacrament of Penance begins with a celebration of the Word – readings from scripture, hymns, prayers, a homily and an examination of conscience, followed by a call to repentance. Private confession and reconciliation follow. The Rite concludes with a short thanksgiving and a blessing and dismissal of the gathered assembly.

The “Third Rite of Reconciliation” follows the same pattern as the Second Rite but does not include individual confession and reconciliation. Instead there is a communal prayer of confession and general absolution. The use of this form is restricted to emergencies and other special circumstances.

Baptized members of the Roman Catholic Church who feel called to be reconciled with God and with the faith community can take part in the Sacrament of Penance. This call to conversion and reconciliation occurs when one considers, judges and changes one’s life in the light of God’s love revealed in the person of Jesus Christ.

Prayer and participating in the Eucharist are the regular means of asking for forgiveness and being reconciled with God and the community. However, there are times when the faithful need the Sacrament of Penance/Rites of Reconciliation in their struggle to be forgiven and forgiving, to discover anew the gift of God’s saving action in their lives and to be strengthened to continue living as disciples of Jesus.

Have a cuppa with the Parish Priest

As I complete one year of my life in this parish as the parish priest, I am so happy to have a cuppa with you. I feel it is so great that I already have been invited to have a cuppa with some of our parishioners and have been able to listen to various stories of Clayfield.

Fr Biju

THE FOURTEEN STATIONS OF THE CROSS

1 Station - Jesus is condemned to Death

O Jesus! so meek and uncomplaining, teach me resignation in trials.

2 Station - Jesus is made to bear His Cross

My Jesus, this Cross should be mine, not yours; my sins crucified You.

3 Station - Jesus falls the first time under His Cross

O Jesus! by this first fall, never let me fall into mortal sin.

4 Station - Jesus meets His Mother

O Jesus! may no human tie, however dear, keep me from following the road of the Cross.

5 Station - Simon the Cyrene helps Jesus carry His Cross

Simon assisted you; may I with patience suffer all for you.

6 Station - Veronica wipes the face of Jesus

O Jesus! You did imprint your sacred features upon Veronica's veil; stamp them also indelibly upon my heart.

7 Station - Jesus falls the second time

By your second fall, preserve me, dear Lord, from relapse into sin.

8 Station - Jesus speaks to the daughters of Jerusalem

My greatest consolation would be to hear you say: "Many sins are forgiven because you have loved much."

9 Station - Jesus falls the third time

O Jesus! when weary upon life's long journey, be my strength and my perseverance.

10 Station - Jesus is stripped of His garments

My soul has been robbed of its robe of innocence; clothe me, dear Jesus, with the garb of penance and contrition.

11 Station - Jesus is nailed to the Cross

You forgave your enemies; my God, teach me to forgive injuries and FORGET them.

12 Station - Jesus dies on the Cross

You are dying, my Jesus, but your Sacred Heart still throbs with love for your sinful children.

13 Station - Jesus is taken down from the Cross

Receive me into your arms, O Sorrowful Mother; and obtain for me perfect contrition for my sins.

14 Station - Jesus is buried in the tomb

When I receive you into my heart in Holy Communion, O Jesus, make it a fit abiding place for your adorable Body. Amen.

In our prayers we remember

Those who have died recently:

Isaac Limas

Those whose anniversaries occur about now:

Sr Mary Foster, Thomas McVeigh, Pat Gallagher, Veronica Gallagher, René Ramaekers, Jean Moran

And those who are unwell:

Celso Limas, Lorraine Mary Lamond, Sr Maureen Martin FCJ, Delphine Schulz, Shelley Winter, Margot Gooding, Duncan Pegg, Charlie Richards, Noreen Martin, Kateri Byrnes, Patrick (Paddy) Ryan, Nick Newton, 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, El Purwo, Patrick Gallagher, Hellen Passente.

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

Don't wanna book online...?!

When can we go to Church without booking...?!

Fortunately, we can accommodate 250 people in our Church for the Holy Mass. If you forget to book online you can register at the entrance of the church.

As of March, you will no longer need to book for any weekend Masses. When you arrive, just write your name and phone number in the folder kept at the entrance of the Church (there will be marshals to help you), and then, please move to the front or centre of the Church, therefore those who are late may get a seat easily.

Parking

Parking is available up at the school for weekend Masses.

Boom gate times

Saturday - boom gate goes up at 4.30pm, down at 5.15pm

Sunday - boom gate goes up at 6.30am, down at 9.00am and boom gate goes up at 4.30pm, down at 5.45pm Please note that when you are ready to leave the boom gate will **automatically** come up as you approach it.



Special programme for children

During 9 am Holy Mass, there will be a special liturgy for children. **The Children's liturgy team will be running special sessions over the next 4 weekends to bring greater meaning and understanding to the season of Lent through discussion and activity in preparation for Holy week.**

Before the penitential act, children will come to the sanctuary to get the Holy Bible and process to the liturgy room with the children liturgy catechists. They will return before the Lord's prayer.

This weekends catechists are: Erin Bledsoe, Sally Bledsoe and Jane Cameron.

Children's Liturgy is held every Sunday during the 9am Mass throughout the school term and is coordinated by Jane Cameron, the assistant Parish secretary. Children's liturgy helps the children to know more about Jesus as well as encouraging them to come to Church. Father will call the children forward at the very beginning of Mass and the catechists will take them to the Children's Liturgy room located to the right of the sanctuary. They will return and remain on the sanctuary to join everyone in saying the Lord's prayer and to receive a blessing from Father. They can then return to their seats.

Holy Thursday 1 April

6.30pm Mass of the Lord's Supper

Good Friday 2 April

10.00am Stations of the Cross

3.00pm Celebration of the Lord's Passion

EASTER

Saturday 3 April

6.00pm Easter Vigil

Easter Sunday 4 April

7.00am and 9.00am Mass

Please Note: NO 5.30pm Mass

You will be required to book online for each of the Masses during Holy Week that you wish to attend.

Singers/Musicians

If you love to sing or can play an instrument, why not join our Choir. We are always looking for new members. If you are interested please contact the Parish Office (3262 2859 or email: clayfield@bne.catholic.net.au) and we can get you started.

Rehearsals are held before the Easter and Christmas Masses and any other major Church event. Please come along... we would like to see you.

Readings - Second Sunday of Lent - 28 February 2021

1st Reading: Genesis 22:1-2, 9-13, 15-18; 2nd Reading: Romans 8:31-34; Gospel: Mark 9:2-10

Weekend roster for Ministers of the Word: February 2021

Readers

DATE	5.00pm	7.00am	9.00am	5.30pm
20/21 Feb	Jenny Close	Andrew Douglas	Jane Arkinstall	Jo Hayes
	Annette Riba		Chanelle Simpson	Bernadette O'Connor
27/28 Feb	Jack Williamson	Sr Cecily Foster	Erin Bledsoe	Max Van Balen
	Ann Goves	Marie Flynn	Dan Butler	
6/7 Mar	To be confirmed	To be confirmed	To be confirmed	To be confirmed
13/14 Mar	To be confirmed	To be confirmed	To be confirmed	To be confirmed

Leaders/ Marshals

DATE	5.00pm	7.00am	9.00am	5.30pm
20/21 Feb	K. McEwan	M. Maher	S. Bledsoe	J. Perkins
27/28 Feb	L. Crowe	K. McEwan	H. Dalisay	J. Perkins
6/7 Mar		M. Maher	D. MacGinley	
13/14 Mar				
20/21 Mar				
27/28 Mar				

If you have any queries regarding volunteering in the church please contact the office.

The Parish secretary prepares the rosters for all the ministries.

You are invited to celebrate...

WEEKEND MASSES

Saturday 5.00pm
Reconciliation 4.15pm-4.45pm

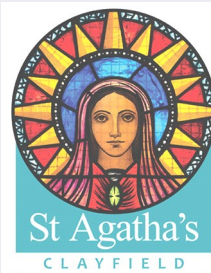
Sunday 7.00am
9.00am
5.30pm

The "Trybooking" link is:

<https://www.trybooking.com/BKFQD>

WEEKDAY MASSES

Monday 22nd 9.00am
Tuesday 23rd 9.00am
Rosary 9.30am
Wednesday 24th 9.00am
Friday 26th 9.00am
Stations of the Cross 9.30am
No Adoration during Lent
Saturday 27th 9.00am



*A warm,
open and
welcoming
Church*

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Community and Mission Council Chair: Manus Maher

Aggies Youth: Ewan McPherson

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APRE: Mr Jake Knowles

Outside School Hours Care Coordinator: Roxanne Grogan

THANK YOU...

Thank you so much for your generous contributions to the church.

The offerings from weekend 13/14 February 2021

1st Collection \$383.00

2nd Collection \$388.00

If you are not part of the Planned Giving Program and would like to contribute via online internet banking, details are as follows: **PLEASE NOTE NEW BANK DETAILS**

Account name: St Agatha's Parish

BSB number: 064 786 Account number: 100006157

World Day of Prayer 2021

10.00 am Friday, 5th March

Our Lady Help of Christians Church, 9 Bowman St, Hendra