



ST. AGATHA'S PARISH

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Second Sunday of Lent 27/28 February 2021

Scripture Reflection for Second Sunday in Lent

St Thomas Aquinas famously said: 'If only my soul is saved, I am not saved.' And yet many Christians do think that our ultimate goal is, by the grace of God, to end up as souls in Heaven.

No, I am a human being, bodysoul. If I am to be saved, then this stardust, this fraction of material creation, this earthling, needs to be immersed into Divine energy and light.

The Transfiguration of Jesus Christ, especially as recounted in the other gospels, shows what happens when human nature is in total communion with God. Every molecule of his body was evidently pulsing with Divine energy and light. The amazing truth is that God ardently desires that each one of us should share in the transfigured life of Our Lord Jesus Christ.

For this to occur, we must play our part, accepting that Jesus of Nazareth is indeed the Beloved Son of God, listen to him, and put into practice what we hear.

We could take a moment to pray that after the "repose of the soul" after death, we may participate as bodysouls in the transfigured humanity of the Risen Lord.

Fr Michael Tate

The Chair of St. Peter the Apostle

Last Monday we celebrated the feast of the Chair of St. Peter the Apostle, and it points to two fundamental and important aspects of the Church.

Firstly, the Church is founded by Jesus Himself as He says in the gospel, "You are Peter and on this rock I will build my Church." So the Church is divine as it is built by Jesus and He is the Head and the Church are members of His Body.

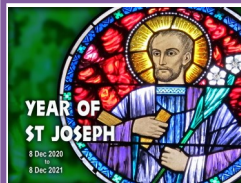
Secondly, the Church is also human and Jesus bestowed His authority on Peter and his successors.

But very often, the human dimension of the Church seems to come out more frequently in the media. And with that the focus is often on the flaws and failings of the Church, besides the other sensational stories.

Still, we must believe that the Church is divine. Let us pray that Jesus will continue to watch over the Church, to protect it from evil, and to bless it so that it will fulfil its mission of being a means of salvation for the world.

Baptismal Joy!!

This weekend we welcome with great joy one new member of Christ's faithful people: William Patterson, son of Nicholas Patterson and Tara-Lee Griffith. May he always know God's love and the support of this Christian Community.



**St. 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 labour 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.

Reconciliation for Easter

As we prepare to celebrate the Paschal feast of Easter it is important to remember as part of our Lenten observance to make our sacrament of reconciliation. Lent offers us a perfect opportunity to do so, since of its very nature we enter a penitential time. Therefore if you would like to make your reconciliation before Easter and can't attend the times advertised below, then you can make a time with Fr. Biju that suits you to come. I am always available to celebrate the sacrament of penance with anyone who asks.

1st Rite of Reconciliation:

Monday 29 March 9.30am

2nd Rite of Reconciliation:

Tuesday 23 March 6.00pm

A Blessed time for Children

Last Sunday, we began the children's Lenten liturgy, helping the children to celebrate the great feast of Holy Easter.

It was so great to see a lot of children attend the liturgy and they enjoyed their time learning and having a lot of fun. After the liturgy, they joined the altar servers, standing around the altar, saying the Lord's prayer together. This will continue for the next 3 weeks so that our children can understand the greater meaning of the season of Lent through discussion and activity. Parents are most welcome to join.

This weekend's catechists are: Jane Cameron and Katrina Murphy.

Please join us for Stations of the Cross

Stations of the Cross will be prayed on next Friday, at 9.30 am, after the Holy Mass (there will be no adoration during Lent).

Mission of Home Return

During this time of year, we are inviting all Baptised Catholics to consider their baptismal call to join the mission of the church. The messages will particularly be reaching out to those who are disconnected from the Church and their faith.

All parishes and communities in the Archdiocese are invited to get involved by: giving fliers to loved ones who have become disconnected from the Church, signing up for the prayer campaign to pray for those who will respond, volunteer to accompany those who respond to the call to go on the journey, and be a welcoming presence to new faces in the pews. To find out more, go to

<https://evangelisationbrisbane.org.au/baptisedcatholic>

Aveo Prayer Session

There will be a prayer session at Aveo (469 Sandgate Road, Albion) on March 10th at 10.30am.



Word Day of Prayer 2021 – Vanuatu

10.00 am Friday, 5th March

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



**You are invited to join us
for prayer followed by morning tea**

Contacts for further information:

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Mary Nicholls m. 0408080723

Registration:

OLHC Parish Office - email hendra@bne.catholic.net.au

- phone 3268 3040

The World Day of Prayer is a global ecumenical movement. It is run under the motto "Informed Prayer and Prayerful Action," and is celebrated annually in over 170 countries on the first Friday in March. The movement aims to bring together people of various races, cultures and traditions in a yearly common Day of Prayer, as well as in closer fellowship, understanding and action.

St Agatha's Primary School Open Day

On Friday 5th March our school will open the doors to prospective St Agatha's families at the annual Open Day. Our Year Six students are looking forward to taking tour groups around the school and our school choir has been busy preparing for their first performance piece of 2021. We look forward to seeing you all in the Presentation Centre (where the St Agatha's Feast Day was held) on Friday 5th March.

Outside School Hours Care

Can you believe that we are almost half way through the term, with this in mind we are starting to develop our vacation care program.

We would love your support and love to see what ideas you would like to see on the program.

Some of the ideas we have are:

Going to a park, going to the movies, nature walk cooking day, learn a new skill day, zoo, carnival day, Easter craft, wild life sanctuary, magic trick day, pet rock day, bike and scooter day.

For bookings and availability please call 3326 9208.

200TH ANNIVERSARY OF CATHOLIC EDUCATION IN AUSTRALIA.

The Catholic Bishops have written a pastoral letter to school leaders, staff, students and families to mark the 200th Anniversary of Catholic Education in Australia.

Entitled 200 Years Young, the letter recognises the contribution of religious, clergy and lay people to the foundation of Catholic education, and the distinctive role Catholic schools play in educating and forming young people of faith and service in their communities.

The letter was released at today's national launch of the 200th anniversary by the National Catholic Education Commission (NCEC).

Today, there are 1,751 Catholic schools educating 768,000 students and employing 98,000 staff. Nearly 40 per cent of Catholic schools are located outside metropolitan cities in regional, rural and remote communities.

Archbishop Anthony Fisher OP, Chair of the Bishops Commission for Catholic Education, has called on all those involved in Catholic education to acknowledge this significant milestone in the life of the Church.

'From very humble beginnings with the opening of the first official Catholic school educating just 31 students located on Hunter Street in Parramatta, Catholic schools have grown to educate more than one in five Australian students, with many others attending Catholic pre-schools, colleges and universities',

Archbishop Fisher said. 'We are fortunate to have Catholic schools in most towns and suburbs, and university campuses in most capital cities, serving students from diverse backgrounds and beliefs. 'While they are no longer all from poorer families, as so many were in the first century-and-a-half of Catholic education, we continue to welcome and ensure our schools are accessible to Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islanders, refugees, those with disabilities and students who are financially disadvantaged.'

In our prayers we remember

Those who have died recently:

Ron Fingleton, Fr Patrick Dowd, Louisa Murphy, Ronald Wedmaier, Rosalind Gundelich, Isaac Limas

Those whose anniversaries occur about now:

Guido Mattiazzi, Sr Mary Foster

And those who are unwell:

Garry Dennien, Joseph Meese, John Hohn, 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.

Have you noticed the interview of Jo Hayes in the catholic leader.

The freelance reporter for 7News Brisbane and former radio newsreader is the host of Untold, a Catholic news program that aims to provide coverage of stories that hardly make the press, including the pro-life movement, Christian persecution and religious freedom.



Jo Hayes is an extra ordinary minister for Holy Communion and a special minister of the Word at the 5.30pm Holy Mass in our church. Please have a look at the Catholic Leader kept at the entrance of the church.

Katie and Koco, with plenty of stories...

Caitlin (Katie) is in the Shalom world TV with plenty of stories of Saints for children. You may see her programs on our Facebook page or in YouTube. She is part of our community.



St Agatha's Facebook Page; please join, like and follow



St Agatha's Catholic Parish Clayfield invited you to [like this page](#)

Prayer for the sick

Almighty and Everlasting God,
the eternal salvation of those who believe in You,
hear us on behalf of Your servants who are sick,
for whom we humbly beg the help of your mercy,
so that, being restored to health, they may render thanks to you in your Church.
Through Christ our Lord.
Amen



Palm Sunday

Saturday 5.00pm

Sunday 7.00am, 9.00am and 5.30pm

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.

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

Preparing for the next Sunday's Readings - Third Sunday of Lent, 7 March 2021

1st Reading: Exodus 20:1-17; 2nd Reading 1 Corinthians 1:22-25; Gospel: John 2:13-25

Weekend roster for Ministers of the Word: February/March 2021

Readers

DATE	5.00pm	7.00am	9.00am	5.30pm
27/28 Feb	Jack Williamson	Sr Cecily Foster	Erin Bledsoe	Max Van Balen
	Ann Goves	Paul Marshall	Dan Butler	
6/7 Mar	Graham Gibson	Chris Maher	Dan Butler	Amelia Marino-Cebulski
	Julie-Anne Gibson	Kirsty Stevens	Joseph O'Brien	
13/14 Mar	Jenny Close	Andrew Douglas	Children's Mass	Max Van Balen
	Nik Kure	Karen Birtles		Giselle Hossinger
20/21 Mar	Edward Foley	Kirsty Stevens	Phill Ryan	
	Annette Riba	Chris Maher	Luke Sutton	

Leaders/ Marshals

DATE	5.00pm	7.00am	9.00am	5.30pm
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				
10/11 April				

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...

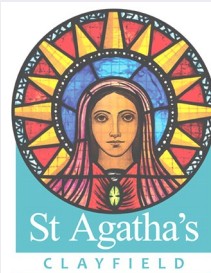
WEEKEND MASSES

Saturday 5.00pm
Reconciliation 4.15pm-4.45pm
Sunday 7.00am
9.00am
5.30pm

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 provided (marshals will be there to assist you).

WEEKDAY MASSES

Monday 1st 9.00am
Tuesday 2nd 9.00am
Rosary 9.30am
Wednesday 3rd 9.00am
Friday 5th 9.00am
Stations of the Cross 9.30am
No Adoration during Lent
Saturday 6th 9.00am



*A warm,
open and
welcoming
Church*

Parish Administration

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Mrs Jane Cameron

Finance Council Chair: Jodi Sutton

Community and Mission Council Chair: Manus Maher

Aggies Youth: Ewan McPherson

Local Safeguarding Children and Vulnerable Adults Representative:
Georgia Allan (0456 441 717)

St Agatha's Catholic Primary School

6 Hunter Lane Clayfield Qld 4011.
Phone: 3326 9222

School Principal: Ms Anne-Marie Maw

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 20/21 February 2021

1st Collection \$694.00

2nd Collection \$244.00

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

New parishioners are encouraged to complete the census form, which is included in the New Parishioner Pack, located at the entrance of the Church. Once completed please submit it to the parish office, so that we can enter your details in the parish register.